

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3058, Transportation/Treasury/HUD/District of Columbia Appropriations.

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11061–S11700

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1898–1905, and S. Res. 282–283. **Pages S11664–65**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1736, to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer Program for disasters and emergencies. (S. Rept. No. 109–158)

S. 443, to improve the investigation of criminal antitrust offenses.

S. 1086, to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1326, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft.

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Measures Passed:

Transportation/Treasury/HUD/DC Appropriations: By 93 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 264), Senate passed H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Stabenow Amendment No. 2149, to provide resources to the Administration so that the Administration can enforce existing trade agreements and obligations, related to trade violations involving cur-

rency manipulation, counterfeiting of manufactured products, and pirating of intellectual property.

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Coburn Amendment No. 2087, to limit the Department of Housing and Urban Development's funding for conferences. **Pages S11607–08**

Grassley/Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2160, to require the division of the court to release the Henry Cisneros independent counsel investigation report and terminate the investigation by the independent counsel. **Pages S11621–22, S11627–33**

Bond (for Reed) Amendment No. 2162, to require a legal basis for the application of arbitrage bond regulations to reserve funds held by the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State revolving funds.

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Bond/Murray Amendment No. 2174, to provide that the Administrator of General Services require all credible sustainable building rating systems that award credits for certified wood products in the rating system be included in the published building design criteria or specifications of any solicitation for offers issued by the General Services Administration for construction of a Federal building or courthouse.

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Bond (for Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 2146, to provide for free individual tax electronic preparation and filing services by the Internal Revenue Service. **Page S11634**

Bond (for Clinton/Schumer) Amendment No. 2105, to modify the designation relating to a certain project in the State of New York. **Page S11634**

Bond (for Clinton/Schumer) Amendment No. 2106, to modify the designation relating to a certain project in the State of New York. **Page S11634**

Bond (for Voinovich) Modified Amendment No. 2108, to modify certain projects relating to highways in the State of Ohio. **Page S11634**

Bond (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 2120, to make technical corrections to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. **Page S11634**

Bond/Murray Amendment No. 2175, of a technical nature. **Page S11634**

Bond/Murray Amendment No. 2176, of a technical nature. **Page S11634**

Bond Amendment No. 2177, of a technical nature. **Page S11635**

Bond (for Reid) Amendment No. 2178, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada for use as a heliport. **Page S11635**

Bond (for Durbin/Obama) Amendment No. 2179, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to report to Congress on certain properties located in Joliet, Illinois. **Page S11635**

Bond (for Murray) Amendment No. 2180, of a technical nature. **Pages S11635–36**

Bingaman Amendment No. 2065, to extend certain apportionments to primary airports. **Pages S11616–17, S11638**

Bond (for Levin) Amendment No. 2182, to prohibit the use of funds for Federal contracts with expatriated entities. **Page S11640**

Bond (for Santorum) Amendment No. 2080, to modify provisions relating to certain Federal contracts. **Page S11640**

Bond (for Schumer) Amendment No. 2122, to allow disabled and non-disabled tenants to keep their section 8 contracts on their properties post foreclosure. **Page S11640**

Bond (for DeWine) Modified Amendment No. 2083, to appropriate an additional \$6,000,000 for the New Car Assessment Program with a corresponding offset in Department of Transportation salaries and expenses. **Page S11640**

Bond (for Frist) Amendment No. 2183, to fund Habitat for Humanity. **Page S11640**

Bond (for Murray) Amendment No. 2184, to make available funds to the Washington State Department of Transportation for track and grade crossing improvements under the Bridging the Valley project between Spokane County, Washington and Kootenai County, Idaho. **Page S11640**

Bond Amendment No. 2185, to eliminate GSA authority to retain proceeds from sale or other conveyance of real and personal property. **Page S11640**

Bond (for Nelson (FL)/Smith) Amendment No. 2186, to provide the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Treasury should place al-Manar on the Specially Designated Global Terrorist list. **Pages S11640–41**

Bond (for Lott/Lautenberg) Amendment No. 2187, to modify the provisions on grants to the National Passenger Rail Corporation. **Page S11640**

Bond (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 2188, to ensure that airports improve their runway safety areas. **Page S11641**

Bond (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 2168, to make available funds for the conduct of a study and submission of a report relating to catastrophic hurricane evacuation plans. **Page S11641**

Bond (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 2167, to set aside funds to provide grants to local governments in the State of Louisiana to address increased transportation demands in communities that have experienced significant population growth from hurricane evacuees. **Page S11641**

Bond (for Coleman) Amendment No. 2189, to improve the safety of all-terrain vehicles in the United States. **Page S11641**

Coburn Amendment No. 2084, to require that any limitation, directive, or earmarking contained in either the House of Representatives or Senate report accompanying this bill be included in the conference report or joint statement accompanying the bill in order to be considered as having been approved by both Houses of Congress. **Page S11607**

Bond (for Burns) Amendment No. 2103, to extend the suspended service ticket honor requirement. **Page S11641**

Bond (for Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 2119, to amend section 40128(e) of title 49, United States Code, to clarify the Lake Mead exemption to the prohibition of commercial air tour operations over national parks. **Page S11641**

Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2190, to ensure fiscal integrity of the payments made by Federal agencies and to prohibit the use of funds until the Department of Housing and Urban Development has reported specific actions taken to estimate improper payments in the community development block grant program as required under the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002. **Pages S11641–42**

Bond (for Snowe) Amendment No. 2150, to assist certain flight service station employees of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page S11642**

Bond (for Coleman) Amendment No. 2173, to require that purchase card payments to Federal contractors be subjected to the Federal Payment Levy Program and to require improved reporting of air travel by Federal Government employees. **Page S11642**

Rejected:

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 2093, to prohibit any funds under the Act from being used for a parking facility as part of the Joslyn Art Museum Master Plan, in Omaha, Nebraska, for Stand Up for

Animals in Westerly, Rhode Island for building construction, and for the Seattle Art Museum in Seattle, Washington for the construction of the Olympic Sculpture Park. (By 86 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 260), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11613–16**

By 15 yeas to 82 nays (Vote No. 262), Coburn Modified Amendment No. 2165, relative to the reconstruction of the Twin Spans Bridge.

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By 33 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 263), Stevens Amendment No. 2181, to ensure reconstruction of the Twin Spans Bridge. **Pages S11636–37**

Withdrawn:

Dorgan Amendment No. 2133, to restrict enforcement of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations with respect to travel to Cuba. **Pages S11623–24**

Coburn Amendment No. 2091, to prohibit any funds under the Act from being used for the Seattle Art Museum in Seattle, Washington for the construction of the Olympic Sculpture Park.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 261), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion, under section 402(b)(6) of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, to waive provisions of said concurrent resolution with respect to the emergency designation provision in Reed Amendment No. 2077, to provide for appropriations for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 402(b)(5) of H. Con. Res. 95 was sustained and the provision was stricken. Also, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment would exceed the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation and the amendment thus falls.

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Ensign Amendment No. 2158 (to Amendment No. 2133), to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, fell when Dorgan Amendment No. 2133 (listed above) was withdrawn.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Bond, Shelby, Specter, Bennett, Hutchison, DeWine, Brownback, Stevens, Domenici, Burns, Allard, Cochran, Murray, Byrd, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Durbin, Dorgan, Leahy, Harkin, Landrieu, and Inouye. **Page S11696**

Foreign Service Grievance Board: Senate passed S. 1905, to clarify Foreign Service Grievance Board procedures. **Page S11699**

Azerbaijan Elections: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 260, calling for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S11699–S11700**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 21, 2005, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, that the committee reported amendment be agreed to as original text for the purpose of further amendment, that no points of order be waived by virtue of this agreement, and that on Friday, October 21, 2005, the bill be considered for debate only. **Page S11700**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S11660–63**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S11673–95**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S11695–96**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—264) **Pages S11615–16, S11623, S11637, S11653**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 21, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11700.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXON-FLORIO AMENDMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Exon-Florio provision by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), Department of the Treasury, which