

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11777–S11851

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1913–1920, S. Res. 286–287, and S. Con. Res. 60. **Page S11823**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing the Grand Ole Opry: Senate agreed to S. Res. 286, commending the Grand Ole Opry on the occasion of its 80th anniversary for its important role in the popularization of country music and for its 8 decades of musical and broadcast excellence.

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Honoring the Life of Rosa Parks: Senate agreed to S. Res. 287, honoring the life of, and expressing the condolences of the Senate on the passing of Rosa Parks.

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Antitrust Criminal Investigative Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 443, to improve the investigation of criminal antitrust offenses.

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Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Specter Amendment No. 2197, to reduce administrative costs in the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 267), **Durbin Amendment No. 2196,** to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit to Congress a plan for changing the numerical identifier used to identify Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

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Inouye/Cochran Amendment No. 2222, to rename certain buildings within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Salazar Amendment No. 2226, to provide that certain local educational agencies shall be eligible to receive a fiscal year 2005 payment under section

8002 or 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Pages S11804–05

Salazar Amendment No. 2224, to require the Secretary of Education to conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness of violence prevention programs receiving funding under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

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Salazar Amendment No. 2225, to provide for a study of national service programs in the rural United States.

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Pending:

Sununu Amendment No. 2214, to provide for the funding of the Low-Vision Rehabilitation Services Demonstration Project.

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Sununu Amendment No. 2215, to increase funding for community health centers.

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Reed Modified Amendment No. 2194, to provide for appropriations for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

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Gregg Amendment No. 2253, to increase appropriations for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program by \$1,276,000,000, with an across-the-board reduction.

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Thune Modified Amendment No. 2193, to provide funding for telehealth programs.

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

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 268), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget act of 1974, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of **Kennedy Amendment No. 2213,** to increase the maximum Federal Pell Grant award by \$200 to \$4,250. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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Senate rejected the motion, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of **Salazar Amendment No. 2223,** to increase funding for the safe and drug-free schools and communities program. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment

would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S11806–07**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 27, 2005. **Pages S11814–15**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. **Pages S11850–51**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–28) **Page S11819**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Aida M. Delgado-Colon, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S11851**

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Measures Referred: **Page S11819**

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Privilege of the Floor: **Page S11846**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total–268) **Pages S11785, S11793**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11851.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine oil and gas activities by the Bureau of Land Management including impact of recently passed energy legislation, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Clarke, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Logan Magruder, Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, Denver, Colorado; and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, and Ford B. West, The Fertilizer Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, who was introduced by Senator Stevens and Representative Don Young, Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command, and Commander, United States Forces Korea, and Lieutenant General Lance L. Smith, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Matthew Slaughter, of New Hampshire, and Katherine Baicker, of New Hampshire, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Orlando J. Cabrera, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who was introduced by Senator Martinez, and Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Rodney E. Hood, of North Carolina, who was introduced by Senators Dole and Burr, each to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.