

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13599–S13687

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2105–2118, S. Res. 334, and S. Con. Res. 70–71. **Pages S13659–60**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006.” (S. Rept. No. 109–207)

S. 1312, to amend a provision relating to employees of the United States assigned to, or employed by, an Indian tribe. (S. Rept. No. 109–208)

Report to accompany S. 572, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to give additional biosecurity responsibilities to the Department of Homeland Security. (S. Rept. No. 109–209)

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Measures Passed:

Honoring Former Senator William Proxmire: Senate agreed to S. Res. 334, relative to the death of William Proxmire, former U.S. Senator from the state of Wisconsin. **Pages S13683–84**

Real Property Jurisdiction Transfer: Senate passed S. 2116, to transfer jurisdiction of certain real property to the Supreme Court. **Page S13684**

Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 1390, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13684–86**

McConnell (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2677, to make it clear that damage from derelict fishing gear and vessel anchors and anchor chains warrants emergency response action. **Page S13685**

McConnell (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2678, to strike references to certain laws. **Page S13685**

State Department Authorities: Senate passed H.R. 4436, to provide certain authorities for the Department of State, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13687**

Philippines Immigration Centennial: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 218, recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States and acknowledging the contributions of our Filipino-American community to

our country over the last century, after agreeing to the following amendment: **Page S13687**

McConnell (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2679, of a technical nature. **Page S13687**

Predisaster Mitigation Program Reauthorization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4324, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster mitigation program, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13687**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany 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. **Pages S13600–08**

U.S. Patriot Act Reauthorization—Conference Report: Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism. **Pages S13608–27**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, December 16, 2005, that there be 60 minutes for debate, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 11 a.m. **Page S13687**

Deficit Reduction Act—Motions to Instruct Conferees: Senate continued consideration of the message from the House of Representatives to accompany S. 1932, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95), taking action on the following motions to instruct conferees proposed thereto: **Pages S13630–35**

Adopted:

By 71 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 354), Senate agreed to DeWine Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that any conference report shall not include the provisions contained in section 8701 of the House amendment relating to the repeal of section 754 of the Tariff Act of 1930. **Pages S13630–32**

By 75 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 355), Senate agreed to Kohl Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that any conference report shall not include any

of the provisions in the House amendment that reduce funding for the child support program established under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.), and to insist that the conference report shall not include any restrictions on the ability of States to use Federal child support incentive payments for child support program expenditures that are eligible for Federal matching payments. **Pages S13632–33**

By 83 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 356), Senate agreed to Kennedy Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the Senate provisions increasing need based financial aid in the bill S. 1932, which were fully offset by savings in the bill S. 1932, be included in the final conference report and that the House provisions in the bill H.R. 4241 that impose new fees and costs on students in school and in repayment be rejected in the final conference report. **Pages S13633–34**

By 63 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 357), Senate agreed to Reed Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist on a provision that makes available \$2,920,000,000 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.), in addition to the \$2,183,000,000 made available for such Act in the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006. **Pages S13634–35**

The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Gregg, Domenici, Grassley, Enzi, Allard, Sessions, Stevens, Shelby, Specter, Chambliss, McConnell, Conrad, Murray, Harkin, Sarbanes, Inouye, Bingaman, Baucus, Kennedy, and Leahy. **Page S13635**

Senator Corzine Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators be permitted to submit tributes to Senator Corzine for the Congressional Record until December 29, 2005, and that the tributes be printed as a Senate document. **Page S13687**

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 export of accelerometers to the People's Republic of China's Ministry of Railways; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–33) **Page S13655**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Stephen G. Larson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Terrance P. Flynn, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for the term of four years. **Page S13687**

Messages From the House: **Page S13655**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S13655**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S13682**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S13682–83**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S13683**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—357) **Pages S13631–32, S13632–33, S13634, S13635**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator William J. Proxmire, former United States Senator for the State of Wisconsin, in accordance with S. Res. 334, adjourned at 7:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, December 16, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13687.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2012, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce for the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for fiscal years 2006 through 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1608, to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against illegal spam, spyware, and cross-border fraud and deception; and

The nomination of one officer in the Coast Guard.

NEW ORLEANS LEVEES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine New Orleans (Louisiana) levees relating to Hurricane Katrina, focusing on storm damage reduction projects in metropolitan New Orleans, federal, state, and local responsibility for operation, maintenance, and inspection of the levees, the role of the Army Corps of Engineers in response to a hurricane, and support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, receiving testimony from Colonel Richard P. Wagenaar, Commander and District Engineer, Alfred C. Naomi, Senior Project Manager, and Gerard A. Colletti, Operations Manager for Completed Works, all of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Edmond J. Preau, Jr., Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Baton Rouge; and James P. Huey and Max L. Hearn, both of New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Orleans Levee District.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1445, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the “William H. Emery Post Office”;

S. 1792, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the “Grant W. Green Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3770, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the “Grant W. Green Post Office Building”;

S. 1820, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma as the “Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office”;

S. 2036, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the “Raymond J. Salmon Post Office”;

S. 2064, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the “Malcolm Melville ‘Mac’ Lawrence Post Office”;

S. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the “Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2113, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the “John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2346, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the “John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the “Lillian McKay Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the “J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex”;

H.R. 2894, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 102 South Walters Avenue in Hodgenville, Kentucky, as the “Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3256, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3368, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the “Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office”;

H.R. 3439, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the “Ava Gardner Post Office”;

H.R. 3548, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Franklin Avenue in Pearl River, New York, as the “Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr. Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3703, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the “Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office”;

H.R. 3825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Trumbull Drive in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the “Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office”;

H.R. 3830, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida as the “United States Cleveland Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4053, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 545 North Rimsdale Avenue in Covina, California as the “Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office”;

H.R. 3989, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37598 Goodhue Avenue in Dennison, Minnesota, as the “Albert H. Quie Post Office”; and

The nominations of George W. Foresman to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Preparedness, and Mary M. Rose to be a Member, Merit Systems Protection Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4549–4565; 1 private bill, H.R. 4566; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 317–318; and H. Res. 611–618 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H11880–81

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 612) expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to achieving victory in Iraq (H. Rept. 109-348);

H. Res. 620, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109-349); and

H. Res. 621; providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4437) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security (H. Rept. 109-350).

Pages H11877–78

Pension Protection Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules by a recorded vote of 294 ayes to 132 noes, Roll No. 635.

Pages H11678–H11798

Rejected the Miller motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 200 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 634, after agreeing to the previous question.

Pages H11770–97

Pursuant to the rule, in lieu of the amendments reported by the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Ways and Means now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–346 shall be considered as adopted.

H. Res. 602, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 633, after agreeing to order the previous question.

Pages H11660–70, H111678

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, December 14th: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be protected: H. Res. 579, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be

protected, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 22 nays with 5 voting “present”, Roll No. 637;

Pages H11799–H11800

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be protected for those who celebrate Christmas.”

Page H11800

Urging the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month: H. Con. Res. 315, to urge the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 638; and

Page H11800

Urging the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw or modify proposed legislation that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation: H. Con. Res. 312, amended, to urge the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw or modify proposed legislation that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 641.

Pages H11858–59

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “Urging the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw the first draft of the proposed legislation as passed in its first reading in the State Duma that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic, international, and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation, or to modify the proposed legislation to entirely remove these restrictions.”

Page H111859

Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005: The House began consideration on H.R. 4437, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security. Further consideration will continue at a later date.

Pages H11800–58

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–347, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as read.

Pages H11820–37

Agreed to:

Carter amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that requires the Secretary of Homeland

Security to include satellite communications in the plan authorized by Section 106 of H.R. 4473;

Pages H11837–38

Gohmert amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) which directs the Inspector General to refer any instances of misconduct or wrongdoing on a contract to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security or other appropriate official for the purpose of evaluating whether or not suspension or debarment of the contractor is warranted;

Pages H11838–39

Johnson, Sam, of Texas amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that expresses the sense of Congress that the President, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Secretary of Homeland Security and other Department Secretaries should immediately use every tool available to them to enforce the immigration laws of the U.S., as enacted by Congress;

Pages H11839–42

Renzi amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) which states that all uniforms procured for use by Border Patrol agents are to be made in the United States;

Pages H11842–43

Castle amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that requires DHS to submit a timeline for: (1) equipping all land borders with the US-VISIT entry/exit system; (2) developing and deploying the exit component of the US-VISIT system at all land borders; and (3) making all border screening systems operated by the Department interoperable;

Pages H11843–45

Campbell amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that amends Section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 by replacing “Immigration and Naturalization Service” with “Department of Homeland Security” and enforces Section 642 by stating that the Attorney General shall not provide any grant amount to any Federal, State, or local government agency or entity that violates the Act (which states that any government official or entity may not be prohibited from sending information to DHS regarding the citizenship or immigration status of any individual);

Pages H11846–47

Castle amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) which requires the Department of Homeland Security to report to Congress on: (1) the number of illegal aliens from noncontiguous countries who are apprehended at or between ports of entry; (2) the number of such aliens that have been deported; and (3) the number of such aliens from countries identified as sponsors of terrorism. Also encourages the Department to develop a strategy for entering the appropriate background information of illegal aliens from countries sponsoring terrorism into appropriate security screening watch lists;

Pages H11850–51

Brown-Waite, Ginny of Florida amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that inserts a new section declaring that Congress condemns rapes by

smugglers along the international land border of the U.S. and urges in the strongest possible terms the government of Mexico to work in coordination with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security to take immediate action to prevent such rapes from occurring;

Pages H11851–52

DeFazio amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that directs Customs and Border Protection (CPB) to conduct a pilot program to evaluate the use of automated systems for immediate prescreening of individual airline passengers bound for the U.S. before they board a plane. Pilot would use at least one airline in two foreign airports and evaluate up to three automated systems. CBP would be required to report to Congress no later than 30 days after completion of the pilot and provide a plan to fully deploy the most preferable prescreening system no later than January 1, 2007; and

Pages H11856–57

Hunter amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that mandates the construction of specific security fencing, including lights and cameras, along the Southwest border for the purposes of gaining operational control of the border. Fencing has been designated in sectors that have the highest number of immigrant deaths, instances of drug smuggling and illegal border crossings. The amendment includes a requirement for the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study on the use of physical barriers along the Northern border (by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 159 noes, Roll No. 640).

Pages H11852–56, H11857–58

Rejected:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that sought to provide guidelines for implementing the secured alternatives to detention provision in section 402(a) (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 639).

Pages H11848–50, H11857

Withdrawn:

Gingrey amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, which sought to suspend the Visa Waiver Program until the automated entry-exit program is operational and until ports of entry have functional biometric machine readers.

Pages H11845–46

H. Res. 610, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 636, after agreeing to order the previous question.

Pages H11670–78, H11798–99

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1815, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of

the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H11859–67**

The House debated the Skelton motion to instruct conferees, the Chair announced that further consideration will be postponed. **Pages H11859–67**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President in accordance with the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105–261). Certifying the export of 36 accelerometers to the People's Republic of China—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–74). **Page H11868**

Succession of the Speaker of the House: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Blunt to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate or his designee in the event of the death or inability of the Speaker, to notify Members of the House and Senate of any reassembly. **Page H11875**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11845 and H11867–68.

Senate Referrals: S. 1390 was referred to the Committee on Resources and S. 2116 was held at the desk. **Page H11878**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11678, H11797, H11798, H11798–99, H11799, H11800, H11857, H11858, and H11858–59. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 12:04 a.m. and reconvened at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, December 16th. **Pages H11875, H11877**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 a.m. on Friday, December 16th.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4167, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005; and without recommendation H.R. 3699, amended, Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2005.

OVERSIGHT—DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight and Administration of the 340B Drug Discount Program: Improving Efficiency and Transparency." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Stuart Wright, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluation and Inspections; and Dennis Williams, Deputy Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration; and public witnesses.

LOUISIANA RECOVERY CORPORATION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4100, Louisiana Recovery Corporation Act.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Government Reform: Approved the following Investigative Reports "Bringing Communities into the 21st Century: A Report on Improving the Community Development Block Grant Program;" and "The Methamphetamine Epidemic: International Roots of the Problem, and Recommended Solutions."

The Committee also approved other pending Committee business.

RESOLUTION—IRAQ WAR DOCUMENT REQUEST

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, without recommendation H. Res. 549, Requesting the President of the United States provide to the House of Representatives all documents in his possession relating to his October 7, 2002, speech in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his January 28, 2003, State of the Union address.

OVERSIGHT—HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA EFFECTS ON GULF FISHING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Fishing Resources, the Fishing Industry and Fishing Communities in the Gulf of Mexico. Testimony was heard from William T. Hogarth, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTION—EXPRESSING HOUSE COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING VICTORY IN IRAQ

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H. Res. 612, Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to achieving victory in Iraq, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit, which may not contain instructions. Section 2 of the rule provides that on the first legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, the House shall not conduct organization or legislative business. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ros-Lehtinen and Lantos.

BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4437, Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005. The rule provides that no further general debate is in order, and the remaining proceedings under House Resolution 610 shall be considered as subsumed by this resolution. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying this resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report accompanying this resolution may be offered only in the order printed in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the questions in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of December 16, 2005, or December 17, 2005.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS AFFAIRS FLU VACCINATION/PANDEMIC PREPARATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' flu vaccination program, and preparations for a possible Avian Flu Pandemic. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief Consultant, Public Health Strategic Health Care Group; and Robert Muder, M.D., Staff Physician, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Health Care System; and Denise Cardo, M.D.,

Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

RADICAL ISLAM IN THE UNITED STATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "Radical Islam in the United States." Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1281, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, and for other purposes, for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing regarding future naval force structure requirements, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

House

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, executive, briefing on announced changes to the prohibited items list that would allow airline passengers to board an aircraft with scissors, pliers and wrenches, 11:30 a.m., HC-9 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Mismanagement of the Border Surveillance System and Lessons for the New Secure Border Initiative," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, December 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, December 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, US PATRIOT Reauthorization Act, with a vote to occur on the motion to invoke cloture thereon. Also, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Continue consideration of H.R. 4437—Border protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 (Subject to a Rule, Complete Consideration).



Congressional Record

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