

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)

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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**

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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.