

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2231–2239, S. Res. 363–364, and S. Con. Res. 79. **Pages S446–47**

Measures Passed:

Palestinian Authority: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 79, expressing the sense of Congress that no United States assistance should be provided directly to the Palestinian Authority if any representative political party holding a majority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel. **Page S459**

Go Direct Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 363, designating February 2006 as “Go Direct Month”. **Pages S459–60**

Honoring Catholic Schools: Senate agreed to S. Res. 364, honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. **Page S460**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 332, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S460**

High Risk Health Insurance Extension: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4519, to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for the operation of State high risk health insurance pools, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S460**

Montana Indian Water Rights: Senate passed S. 1219, to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc. **Pages S460–61**

Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4297, to provide for

reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006. **Pages S387–S436**

A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2006; that there be 3 hours and 30 minutes remaining for each side under the statute; and that the bill be subject to debate only until the Majority Leader is recognized at 10:45 a.m. **Page S461**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps. **Pages S461–64**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 2, 2006. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S461.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WOMEN IN SPORTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the importance of promoting and advancing opportunities for women in physical activity and sports, after receiving testimony from Dorothy G. Richardson, Vice-Chair, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services; Dominique Dawes, Women's Sports Foundation, and Jenni Finch, both of East Meadow, New York; Christine H.B. Grant, University of Iowa Department of Health and Sport Studies, Iowa City; Judith M. Sweet, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Washington, D.C.; Tara Erickson, University of Oregon Department of Athletics, Eugene; Lynette Mund, West Fargo High School, Fargo, North Dakota; Donna de Varona, Greenwich, Connecticut; and Catherine Reddick, Durham, North Carolina.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on managing the crisis and evacuating New Orleans, and the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), receiving testimony from Vincent Pearce, National Response Program Manager, Department of Transportation; Brigadier General Mark A. Graham, Deputy Commanding General, Fifth United States Army; Mayor C. Ray Nagin, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Dwight David Brashear, Capital Area Transit System, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, February 2.

GAMING APPLICATIONS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine off-reservation gaming issues, focusing on the process for considering gaming applications, the role of, and impact on, county governments, and the advent of "reservation shopping", receiving testimony from George T. Skibine,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs for Policy and Economic Development; Penny J. Coleman, National Indian Gaming Commission, Washington, DC; Philip Harju, Cowlitz Indian Tribe of Washington, Longview; Alvin Alexanderson, on behalf of the Citizens Against Reservation Shopping, Stand Up for Clark County, and the American Land Rights Association, Battleground, Washington; Duane Kromm, Solano County Board of Supervisors, Fairfield, California, on behalf of the California State Association of Counties; and Liz Thomas, Taxpayers of Michigan Against Casinos, Union Pier.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

ENERGY MARKETS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine consolidation in the energy industry, focusing on factors that contribute to higher gasoline prices, receiving testimony from William E. Kovacic, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; James Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; R. Preston McAfee, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena; Tyson Slocum, Public Citizen, Washington, DC; and Timothy A. Hamilton, Automotive United Trades Organization, Seattle, Washington.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

DEATH PENALTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights held a hearing to examine the death penalty in the United States, focusing on innocent people convicted and sent to death row and racial disparity in the application of punishment, receiving testimony from John McAdams, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Stephen B. Bright, Southern Center for Human Rights, and Paul H. Rubin, Emory University, both of Atlanta, Georgia; Jeffrey Fagan, Columbia Law School, New York, New York; Ann Scott, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Vicki A. Schieber, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.