

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1859–S1923

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2384–2392 and S. Res. 392–393. **Page S1893**

Measures Passed:

Trademark Dilution Revision Act: Senate passed H.R. 683, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1921–23**

Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1861**

Adopted:

Dodd/Santorum Modified Amendment No. 2942, to strike the meals and refreshments exception for lobbyists. **Pages S1866, S1869–70, S1871–72**

Inhofe Amendment No. 2934, to deny Members who oppose cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) the increase. **Pages S1870–71**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 35), Reid Amendment No. 2932, to provide additional transparency in the legislative process. **Pages S1866–68**

Pending:

Wyden/Grassley Amendment No. 2944, to establish as a standing order of the Senate a requirement that a Senator publicly disclose a notice of intent to object to proceeding to any measure or matter. **Pages S1872–81**

Schumer Amendment No. 2959 (to Amendment No. 2944), to prohibit any foreign-government-owned or controlled company that recognized the Taliban as the legitimate government of Afghanistan during the Taliban's rule between 1996–2001, may own, lease, operate, or manage real property or facility at a United States port. **Page S1881**

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 may occur on Thursday, March 9, 2006. **Page S1881**

Senate expects to continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 9, 2006.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—35) **Page S1868**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 9, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1923.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued hearings to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist the Gulf Coast region in its recovery from hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005, receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security; Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works.

Hearings will continue tomorrow.

DC FLAT TAX

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine potential effects of a flat Federal income tax in the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from former Representative Richard K. Armey, FreedomWorks, Daniel J. Mitchell, Heritage Foundation, Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, and Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

DOD QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense quadrennial defense review, after receiving testimony from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary, and Christopher Ryan Henry, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense; and Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine the proposed reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, focusing on a new claims reconsideration procedure at the Bank, and technology upgrades, after receiving testimony from James H. Lambright, Chairman and President (Acting), Export-Import Bank of the United States; Gerald F. Rama, PNC Bank, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Bankers' Association for Finance and Trade; Al Merritt, MD International, Inc., Miami, Florida; and John Matthews, Boeing Capital Corporation, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of sundry organizations.

2007: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2007 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

PIRACY AND COUNTERFEITING IN CHINA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development concluded a hearing to examine impacts of piracy and counterfeiting of American goods and intellectual property in China, after receiving testimony from Chris Israel, Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement, Department of Commerce; Franklin J. Vargo, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, D.C.; Andy York, Leupold and Stevens, Inc., Beaverton, Oregon; and

William P. Alford, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. 1131, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land within the State of Idaho, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1288, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, with amendments;

S. 1346, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of maritime sites in the State of Michigan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1378, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, with amendments;

S. 1913, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center for use as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1970, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2197, to improve the global competitiveness of the United States in science and energy technology, to strengthen basic research programs at the Department of Energy, and to provide support for mathematics and science education at all levels through the resources available through the Department of Energy, including at the National Laboratories, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2253, to require the Secretary of the Interior to offer the 181 Area of the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas leasing;

S. Con. Res. 60, designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, with amendments;

S.J. Res. 28, approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower;

H.R. 318, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System;

H.R. 326, to amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area;

H.R. 409, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1129, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1728, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System; and

H.R. 2107, to amend Public Law 104–329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Alexander (Chairman), Burr, Martinez, Talent, Allen, Bunning, Murkowski, Craig, Thomas, Burns, Dorgan, Akaka, Johnson, Landrieu, Feinstein, Cantwell, Salazar, and Menendez.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests: Senators Craig (Chairman), Burns, Thomas, Talent, Smith, Alexander, Murkowski, Allen, Wyden, Akaka, Dorgan, Johnson, Landrieu, Feinstein, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Thomas (Chairman), Alexander, Allen, Burr, Martinez, Smith, Akaka, Wyden, Landrieu, Salazar, and Menendez.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Murkowski (Chairman), Smith, Craig, Burr, Martinez, Burns, Bunning, Talent, Johnson, Dorgan, Wyden, Feinstein, Cantwell, Salazar, and Menendez.

HEALTH CARE TAX POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the health care tax policy of the United States, focusing on health savings accounts, employer-provided health care, and consumer-centric health plans, receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, former Secretary of the Treasury; Leonard E. Burman, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Robert W. Lane, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois, on behalf of the Business Roundtable.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard T. Miller, of Texas, to be U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be U.S. Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SERVICEMEMBERS' PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the American Servicemembers' Protection Act on Latin America, after receiving testimony from Peter DeShazo, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Adam Isacson, Center for International Policy, and Ruth Wedgewood, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on recommendations for reform, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Bruce P. Baughman, Alabama State Emergency Management Agency, Montgomery, on behalf of the National Emergency Management Association; Frank J. Cilluffo, George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Herman B. Leonard, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CRIME VICTIMS FUND RESCISSION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the proposed rescission of Crime Victims Fund balances relative to the President's budget request for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony from Paul R. Corts, Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice; Ed Meese, The Heritage Foundation, and Steve Derene, National Association of

VOCA Assistance Administrators, both of Washington, D.C.; and Marsha Kimble, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1902, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children; and,

The nominations of Mitchell C. Clark, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education, Jean B. Elshtain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, George Perdue, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Anne-Imelda Radice, of Vermont, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Craig T. Ramey, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Sarah M. Singleton, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, Richard Stick-

ler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and certain nominations in the Public Health Service.

INDIAN GAMING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2078, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to clarify the authority of the National Indian Gaming Commission to regulate class III gaming, to limit the lands eligible for gaming, after receiving testimony from Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Paul A. Bullis, Arizona Department of Gaming, Phoenix; Ron His Horse Is Thunder, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota; and Norman H. DesRosiers, Viejas Tribal Government Gaming Commission, Alpine, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began markup of proposed legislative providing for comprehensive immigration reform, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4898–4910; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 353–354; and H. Res. 714 were introduced. **Page H790**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H790–91**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 713, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2829) to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act (H. Rept. 109–387). **Pages H789–90**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Ricky Atkins, Pastor, Courtney Baptist Church, Yadkinville, North Carolina. **Page H647**

Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Kline to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy. **Page H651**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Redesignating the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant": H.R. 2383, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant"; **Page H561**