

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2677–S2698

Measures Introduced: One bill and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2487 and S. Res. 416–419. **Page S2689**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing Hurricane Rita Victims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 416, recognizing the victims of Hurricane Rita 6 months after the disaster, commending the resiliency of the people of Southwest Louisiana and Southeast Texas, and committing to stand by them in their relief and rebuilding efforts. **Page S2696**

Honoring the National Association of State Veterans' Homes: Senate agreed to S. Res. 417, honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health-care system of the Nation. **Page S2696**

Week of the Young Child: Senate agreed to S. Res. 418, designating the week beginning April 2, 2006, as "Week of the Young Child". **Pages S2697–98**

Securing America's Borders Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2681–86**

Pending:

Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2681**

Kyl/Cornyn Amendment No. 3206 (to Amendment No. 3192), to make certain aliens ineligible for conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status. **Page S2681**

Cornyn Amendment No. 3207 (to Amendment No. 3206), to establish an enactment date. **Page S2681**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3210 (to Amendment No. 3192), to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders. **Page S2681**

Alexander Amendment No. 3193 (to Amendment No. 3192), to prescribe the binding oath or affirmation of renunciation and allegiance required to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States, to encourage and support the efforts of prospective citizens of the United States to become citizens. **Page S2681**

Isakson Amendment No. 3215 (to Amendment No. 3192), to demonstrate respect for legal immigration by prohibiting the implementation of a new alien guest worker program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to the President and the Congress that the borders of the United States are reasonably sealed and secured. **Pages S2685–86**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, April 3, 2006, Senator Mikulski be recognized to offer an amendment in the first-degree. **Page S2698**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2006; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member, of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees. **Page S2698**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with France (Treaty Doc. 109–4);

Tax Convention with Bangladesh (Treaty Doc. 109–5);

Protocol Amending Tax Convention on Inheritances with France (Treaty Doc. 109–7); and

Protocol Amending the Convention with Sweden on Taxes on Income (Treaty Doc. 109–8). **Page S2696**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics. **Page S2698**

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Additional Statements: Pages S2688–89

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:17 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 3, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2698.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

Nominations

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Uttam Dhillon, of California, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, and Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PRESIDENTIAL CENSURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. Res. 398, relating to the censure of George W. Bush, after receiving testimony from John W. Dean, former White House Counsel to President Richard Nixon; John Schmidt, Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw, Chicago, Illinois, former Associate Attorney General; Robert F. Turner, University of Virginia Center for National Security Law, Charlottesville; and Bruce Fein, Fein and Fein, and Lee A. Casey, Baker and Hostetler, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Committee Meetings

SILICOSIS STORY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "The Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 3 through April 8, 2006
Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 2454, Securing America's Borders Act. Also, at 4 p.m., Senator Mikulski will be recognized to offer a first-degree amendment. Votes are expected beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including the debt-limit.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 4, business meeting to mark up H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

April 5, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and Capitol Guide Service, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-192.

April 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

April 6, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.