

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3347–S3404

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2596–2620, S. Res. 438–440, and S. Con. Res. 88.

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Measures Passed:

National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 439, designating the third week of April 2006 as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week”.

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Congratulating U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Team Members: Senate agreed to S. Res. 440, congratulating and commending the members of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams, and the United States Olympic Committee, for their success and inspired leadership.

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Native American Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3351, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 3587, in the nature of a substitute.

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Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 382, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Congratulating NASA: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 366, to congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America’s space program for their

accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people.

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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:

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Pending:

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

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

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

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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.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 3223 (to Amendment No. 3192), to allow United States citizens under 18 years of age to travel to Canada without a passport, to develop a system to enable United States citizens to take 24-hour excursions to Canada without a passport, and to limit the cost of passport cards or similar alternatives to passports to \$20.

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Mikulski/Warner Amendment No. 3217 (to Amendment No. 3192), to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

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Santorum/Mikulski Amendment No. 3214 (to Amendment No. 3192), to designate Poland as a program country under the visa waiver program established under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 3220 (to Amendment No. 3192), to use surveillance technology to protect the borders of the United States.

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Sessions Amendment No. 3420 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3192), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3348**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 3421 (to Amendment No. 3420), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3348**

Frist Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (Frist Amendment No. 3424). **Pages S3357–58**

Frist Amendment No. 3425 (to the instructions to the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary), to establish an effective date. **Page S3358**

Frist Amendment No. 3426 (to Amendment No. 3425), of a technical nature. **Page S3358**

Frist Motion to Reconsider the vote (Vote No. 89) by which the motion to invoke cloture on Frist Motion to Commit failed. **Page S3358**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 89), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the Frist motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary (listed above). **Page S3358**

By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 90), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S3358**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3400**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at a time to be determined. **Page S3400**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S3363–66**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 92), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3366**

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 of 1997 Amending MARPOL Convention (Treaty Doc. 108–7); and

Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Japan (Treaty Doc. 108–12). **Page S3400**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S3403**

Authority for Committees A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all committees were authorized to file legislative and executive matters on Thursday, April 20, 2006, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. **Page S3403**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, and Senator Dole be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions. **Page S3404**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 59 yeas 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 91), Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S3359–63, S3366**

(Prior to the vote on confirmation of the nomination, Senate vitiated the vote on the motion to invoke cloture.)

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.) **Page S3404**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total–92) **Pages S3358, S3366**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 8:30 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res 382, adjourned at 2:34 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 24, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3404.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES BUILDING CAPACITY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on building the capacity of foreign military forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ambassador Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary, Policy; and GEN James L. Jones, USMC, Commander, U.S. European Command; and John Hillen, Assistant Secretary, Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

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Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Out at Home: Why Most Nats Fans Can't See Their Team on TV." Testimony was heard from Mayor Anthony Williams, District of Columbia; Peter V. Franchot, Delegate, Maryland House of Delegates; Douglas M. Duncan, Montgomery County Executive, State of Maryland; Sean Connaughton, Chairman, Prince William County Board of Supervisors, State of Virginia; Bob Dupuy, President and Chief Operating Officer, Major League Baseball; Peter Angelos, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Baltimore Orioles; David L. Cohen, Executive Vice President, Comcast Corporation; Gary McColum, Vice President and Regional Manager, Cox Northern Virginia; and Ian Koski, Editor NationalsPride.Com.