

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3435–S3525

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2636–2651, S.J. Res. 34, and S. Res. 441–445. **Page S3506**

Measures Passed:

Relative to the Death of Francis R. Valeo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, relative to the death of Francis R. Valeo, former Secretary of the Senate. **Pages S3523–24**

Commemorating American Jewish Committee: Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Jewish Committee. **Page S3524**

Holocaust Remembrance Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, expressing the sense of the Senate in commemorating the Holocaust Remembrance Day. **Pages S3524–25**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and that the bill as amended be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S3444–92**

Pending:

Gregg Modified Amendment No. 3594, to provide, with an offset, emergency funding for border security efforts. **Pages S3476–83, S3492**

Harkin/Grassley Amendment No. 3600, to limit the compensation of employees funded through the Employment and Training Administration. **Pages S3483–86**

Reid Amendment No. 3604, to provide, with an offset, emergency funding for border security efforts. **Pages S3490–92**

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

Chair sustained a point of order against Menendez Amendment No. 3598, to provide a highway fuel tax holiday funded by the repeal of certain produc-

tion incentives, as being in violation of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on appropriation matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3486–87**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, Senate proceed to a vote on Gregg Modified Amendment No. 3594 (listed above), to be followed by a vote on Reid Amendment No. 3604 (listed above); provided further, that no second degree amendments be in order to the amendments, and that when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on Wednesday, all debate time until the votes occur be equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. **Page S3492**

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 109th Congress: Senators Leahy and Akaka. **Page S3523**

U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, and as further amended by Public Law 107–228, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Preeti D. Bansal of Nebraska, for a term of two years (May 15, 2006–May 14, 2008). **Page S3523**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 93), Gray Hampton Miller, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S3442–43**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sue C. Payton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2006.

April H. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Lawrence A. Warder, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education.

Frances Marie Tydingco-Gatewood, of Guam, to be Judge for the District Court of Guam for the term of ten years.

Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:46 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Francis R. Valeo, former Secretary of the Senate, in accordance with S. Res. 443, adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3525.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current securities issues, focusing on improving financial disclosure for individual investors, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine activities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, focusing on space exploration, scientific discovery, and aeronautics research, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

METHAMPHETAMINE

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the social and economic effects of the methamphetamine epidemic on America's child welfare system, receiving testimony from Kevin T. Frank, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services, Billings; Nancy K. Young, Children and Family Futures, Inc., Irvine, California; Frederick Aigner, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Des Plaines; and certain other witnesses.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the scope of illicit activity funding the current regime of North Korea, focusing on narcotics trafficking, manufacturing and trading in counterfeit cigarettes, and the Supernote family of counterfeit currency notes, after receiving testimony from Peter A. Prahar, Director, Office of Africa, Asia and Europe Programs, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Michael Merritt, Deputy Assistant Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Kim Seung Min, Free North Korea Radio, Seoul, South Korea; David Asher, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; and Marcus Noland, Institute for International Economics, and Chuck Downs, both of Washington, D.C.

IMMIGRATION AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine immigration issues, focusing on economic impacts relating to trade and capital flows and policies that affect trade and capital that alter immigration, after receiving testimony from Richard B. Freeman, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Dan Siciliano, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Barry R. Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago; and Harry J. Holzer, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.