

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3933–S3995*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 22–23, 2701–2708, S. Res. 462–464, and S. Con. Res. 93.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 1773, to resolve certain Native American claims in New Mexico, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–252)

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#### Measures Passed:

*Israel's 58th Independence Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 463, recognizing the 58th Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel.

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*National Hunger Awareness Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 464, designating June 7, 2006, as “National Hunger Awareness Day” and authorizing the Senate offices of Senators Gordon H. Smith, Blanche L. Lincoln, Elizabeth Dole, and Richard J. Durbin to collect donations of food during the period beginning May 8, 2006, and ending June 7, 2006, from concerned Members of Congress and staff to assist families suffering from hunger and food insecurity in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

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*Honoring Murdered Victims in Mexico:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 90, conveying the sympathy of Congress to the families of the young women murdered in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and encouraging increased United States involvement in bringing an end to these crimes.

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**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

Menendez Modified Amendment No. 3777, to fund a United Nations Peacekeeping force in Darfur and to address the shortfall in the United States Contributions to the United Nations for international peacekeeping missions in 13 countries.

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Cochran (for McConnell) Modified Amendment No. 3612, to provide a national security interest waiver on prohibitions on assistance for the Office of the President of the Palestinian Authority.

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Cochran (for Biden) Modified Amendment No. 3719, to provide that not less than \$250,000 of the amount appropriated for Diplomatic and Consular Programs assistance shall be made available for the establishment and support of an office of a special envoy for Sudan.

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Cochran (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3823, to provide urgent assistance to support the demobilization process in Colombia.

**Pages S3940–41**

Cochran (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3798, to honor Eli Segal's contribution to AmeriCorps by providing that the national service educational awards provided, from available resources, to AmeriCorps members on completion of their terms of service shall be known as “Segal awards.”

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Cochran (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 3746, to make a technical amendment.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 3699, to establish a floor to ensure that States that contain areas that were adversely affected as a result of damage from the 2005 hurricane season receive at least 3.5 percent of funds set aside for the CDBG program.

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Burr Modified Amendment No. 3713, to allocate funds to the Smithsonian Institution for research on avian influenza.

**Pages S3937, S3945**

Cochran (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 3686, to provide funds to support democracy assistance programs in Iraq that promote the long term

development of civil society, political parties, election processes, the rule of law, reconciliation activities, and parliament in that country. **Pages S3945–48**

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 107), Murray (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 3688, to provide funding to compensate individuals harmed by pandemic influenza vaccine.

**Pages S3937, S3942–43, S3948**

Biden Amendment No. 3855 (to Amendment No. 3717), to provide that no funds made available by title I of this Act may be made available to establish permanent United States military bases in Iraq or to exercise control by the United States over the oil infrastructure or oil resources of Iraq.

**Pages S3949, S3952**

Biden Amendment No. 3717, to provide that none of the funds made available by title I of this Act may be made available to establish permanent military bases in Iraq or to exercise control over the oil infrastructure or oil resources of Iraq.

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Cochran (for Lott) Amendment No. 3605, to designate the Navy, acting through the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, as the agent for all matters relating to the construction of a new Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Mississippi.

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Cochran (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 3657, to address a shortfall in funding for international disaster and famine assistance and for hurricane relief.

**Pages S3963–64**

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 110), Inouye Amendment No. 3601, to provide assistance relating to assessments and monitoring of waters in the State of Hawaii.

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Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 108), McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3616, to strike a provision that provides \$74.5 million to states based on their production of certain types of crops, livestock and or dairy products, which was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request.

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By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 109), Inouye Amendment No. 3673, to increase funds made available for assessments of critical reservoirs and dams in the State of Hawaii.

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Withdrawn:

Coburn Amendment No. 3641 (Division XIX), relative to the construction of the Sacramento Riverbank Protection Project in California.

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Coburn Amendment No. 3817, to strike a provision relating to the Office of Job Corps, Department of Labor.

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McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3618, to strike \$15 million for a seafood promotion strategy that was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request.

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McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3619, to strike the limitation on the use of funds for the issuance or implementation of certain rulemaking decisions related to the interpretation of "actual control" of airlines.

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Murray (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3714, to increase by \$8,500,000 the amount appropriated for Economic Support Fund assistance, to provide that such funds shall be made available to the United States Institute of Peace for programs in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to provide an offset.

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Murray (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3716, to provide funds to promote democracy in Iraq.

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Pending:

Thune Amendment No. 3704, to provide, with an offset, \$20,000,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for Medical Facilities.

Vitter/Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 3728, to provide for flood prevention in the State of Louisiana, with an offset.

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

Chair sustained a point of order under rule XXII, that the following amendments were not germane, and the amendments thus fell:

Warner Amendment No. 3620, to repeal the requirement for 12 operational aircraft carriers within the Navy.

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Vitter Modified Amendment No. 3628, to base the allocation of hurricane disaster relief and recovery funds to States on need and physical damages.

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Wyden Amendment No. 3665, to prohibit the use of funds to provide royalty relief for the production of oil and natural gas.

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Santorum Modified Amendment No. 3640, to increase by \$12,500,000 the amount appropriated for the Broadcasting Board of Governors, to increase by \$12,500,000 the amount appropriated for the Department of State for the Democracy Fund, to provide that such funds shall be made available for democracy programs and activities in Iran, and to provide an offset.

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Salazar/Baucus Amendment No. 3645, to provide funding for critical hazardous fuels and forest health projects to reduce the risk of catastrophic fires and mitigate the effects of widespread insect infestations.

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Vitter Amendment No. 3668, to provide for the treatment of a certain Corps of Engineers project.

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Coburn (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 3693, to reduce wasteful spending by limiting to the reasonable industry standard the spending for administrative overhead allowable under Federal contracts and subcontracts.

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Coburn (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 3694, to improve accountability for competitive contracting in hurricane recovery by requiring the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to approve contracts awarded without competitive procedures.

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Coburn (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 3695, to improve financial transparency in hurricane recovery by requiring the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to make information about Federal contracts publicly available.

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Coburn (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 3697, to improve transparency and accountability by establishing a Chief Financial Officer to oversee hurricane relief and recovery efforts.

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Menendez Amendment No. 3675, to provide additional appropriations for research, development, acquisition, and operations by the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, for the purchase of container inspection equipment for developing countries, for the implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential program, and for the training of Customs and Border Protection officials on the use of new technologies.

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Conrad/Clinton Amendment No. 3715, to offset the costs of defense spending in the supplemental appropriation.

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Levin Amendment No. 3710, to require reports on policy and political developments in Iraq.

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Schumer/Reid Amendment No. 3723, to appropriate funds to address price-gouging and market manipulation and to provide for a report on oil industry mergers.

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Schumer Amendment No. 3724, to improve maritime container security.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 3722, to provide for immigration injunction reform.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 3672, to require that the Secretary of Labor give priority for national emergency grants to States that assist individuals displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

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Murray (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3708, to provide additional amounts for emergency management performance grants.

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Landrieu Amendment No. 3750, to direct the Secretary of the Army to develop a comprehensive plan for the deauthorization of deep draft navigation on the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet and address wetland losses and other issues relating to that Outlet.

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Landrieu Amendment No. 3752, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to provide a grant to the Port of New Orleans to mitigate increased costs resulting from the loss of deep draft navigation access to certain facilities at the Port in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on Thursday, May 4, 2006, Senate proceed to consider votes on or in relation to Thune Amendment No. 3704 and Vitter Amendment No. 3728, as modified (both listed above), provided further, that the bill then be read a third time and the Senate proceed to a vote on final passage; that following passage, Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Mark Myers, of Alaska, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Page S3995**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

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**Measures Referred:** **Page S3982**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S3982**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—110) Pages S3948, S3964, S3967, S3968

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 4, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3995.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE MEDICAL HEALTH PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Defense Medical Health Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Kevin C. Kiley, Surgeon General, and Major General Gale S. Pollock, Chief, Nurse Corps, both of the U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Donald C. Arthur, Surgeon General, and Rear Admiral Christine M. Bruzek-Kohler, Director, Nurse Corps, both of the U.S. Navy; and Lieutenant General George Peach Taylor, Jr., Surgeon General, and Major General Melissa A. Rank, Assistant Surgeon General for Nursing Services, both of the Air Force.

### MARRIAGE PENALTY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine ways to eliminate penalties for marriage for low income families, focusing on the Healthy Marriage Initiative, after receiving testimony from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Children and Families; Kate Jesberg, District of Columbia Department of Human Services, and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution, Curtis Watkins, East Capitol Center for Change, and Winston and Sandra Graham, all of Washington, D.C.

### APPROPRIATIONS: OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE/GPO/CBO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Office of Compliance, Government Printing Office and Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Susan S. Robfogel, Chair, Tamara E. Chrisler, Acting Executive Director, and Peter Eveleth, General Counsel, all of the Office of Compliance; Bruce R. James, Public Printer of the United States, Government Printing Office; and Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on tomorrow.