

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4093–S4118*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2754–2756. **Page S4107**

**Medical Care Access Protection Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 22, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the order of May 5, 2006, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, May 8, 2006.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Monday, May 8, 2006, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that the time from 1:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. be under the control of the minority, and that the time from 2 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. be under the control of the majority, and that the time until 5 p.m. rotate under this format; provided further, that the time from 5 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. be under the control of the majority.

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**Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 23, to improve women's access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services. **Page S4095**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the order of May 5, 2006, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, May 8, 2006, if cloture is not in-

voked on motion to proceed to consideration of S. 22 (listed above). **Page S4095**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S4095**

**Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace. **Page S4095**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 Tuesday, May 9, 2006, if cloture is not invoked on the motions to proceed to consideration of S. 22 and S. 23 (both listed above).

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S4095**

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

Kevin Owen Starr, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009.

Katherine M.B. Berger, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

Karen Brosius, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 6, 2006.

Karen Brosius, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

Ioannis N. Miaoulis, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

Christina Orr-Cahall, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

Sandra Pickett, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010. **Pages S4117–18**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S4107–08**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Page S4108**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S4108**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:09 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, May 8, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4117.)

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 8 in pro forma session and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 for Morning Hour debate.

## *Committee Meetings*

No Committee meetings were held.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 8 through May 13, 2006

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 22, Medical Care Access Protection Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to occur at 5:15 p.m.; if cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 22, Senate will resume consideration of S. 23, Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to occur thereon.

On *Tuesday*, Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, if cloture is not invoked on the motions to proceed to consideration of S. 22, and S. 23.

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

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* May 10, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the sugar provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, 10 a.m., SH–216.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Department of Agriculture's national response plan to detect and control the potential spread of Avian Influenza into the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 9, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for military construction, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on the Budget:* May 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* May 9, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine CAFE standards, 10 a.m., SD–562.

May 9, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine Department of Transportation's notice of proposed rulemaking, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* May 8, to hold hearings to examine issues associated with the implementation of the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 addressing licensing of hydroelectric facilities, 3 p.m., SD–366.

May 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior, 11:30 a.m., SD–366.

May 10, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 906, to promote wildland firefighter safety, S. 2003, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements, H.R. 585, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies, and H.R. 3981, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the Tahoe National Forest in the State of California, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.