

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4119–S4162

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 2757–2764, S.J. Res. 36, and S. Res. 469–470. **Pages S4155–56**

Measures Passed:

National Anthem: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 458, affirming that statements of national unity, including the National Anthem, should be recited or sung in English, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S4161–62**

Medical Care Access Protection Act: Senate resumed 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. **Pages S4123–46**

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

By 48 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 115), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4146**

Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act: Senate resumed 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. **Pages S4146–47**

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

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 116), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S4146–47**

Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at

9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, Senate resume 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; that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member, or their designees, of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; and that at 10 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed. **Page S4162**

Engrossment Correction Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to correct the engrossment of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4939, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, to reconcile the texts of amendments 3728 and 3789 to the bill. **Page S4162**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the continuation of an Executive Order blocking the property of certain persons and prohibiting the export of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47) **Page S4154**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

W. Stuart Symington IV, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Troy R. Justesen, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education. **Page S4162**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S4156–57**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Page S4157****Additional Statements:****Pages S4153–61****Notices of Hearings/Meetings:****Page S4161****Authorities for Committees to Meet:****Page S4161****Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—116)**Pages S4146–47****Adjournment:** Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 9, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4162.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HYDROELECTRIC FACILITIES LICENSING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine issues as-

sociated with the implementation of the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 addressing licensing of hydroelectric facilities, after receiving testimony from J. Mark Robinson, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Lawrence Finfer, Acting Director, Office of Policy Analysis, Department of the Interior; and Daniel M. Adamson, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, on behalf of the National Hydropower Association, and Andrew Fahlund, American Rivers, on behalf of the Hydropower Reform Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 5311 was introduced.**Page H2180****Additional Cosponsors:****Page H2180****Reports Filed:** Reports were filed on Thursday, May 4, 2006 as follows:

H.R. 4127, to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–453, Pt. 1); and H.R. 3997, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for secure financial data, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–454, Pt. 1).

A report was filed on Friday, February 5, 2006 as follows:

H.R. 5122, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2007, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–452).

Pages H2179–80**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.**Page H2177****Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H2177.**Senate Referrals:** S. 1086 was held at the desk.**Page H2177****Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 370)

S. 592, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska. Signed on May 5, 2006. (Public Law 109–219)