

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 376, Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4647–S4726

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2818–2829, and S. Res. 482. **Pages S4695–96**

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2611, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4648–87**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 125), Kyl Amendment No. 4027, to make certain aliens ineligible for adjustment to lawful permanent resident status or Deferred Mandatory Departure status. **Pages S4648–51**

By 83 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 126), Sessions Amendment No. 3979, to increase the amount of fencing and improve vehicle barriers installed along the southwest border of the United States. **Pages S4651–65, S4675**

Obama Modified Amendment No. 3971, to amend the temporary worker program. **Pages S4674–75**

Leahy (for Stevens) Amendment No. 4018, to extend the deadline given to the Secretary of Homeland Security for the implementation of a new travel document plan for border crossings to June 1, 2009. **Pages S4675–77**

Santorum Amendment No. 4000, to allow additional countries to participate in the visa waiver program under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act if they meet certain criteria. **Pages S4677–80**

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 128), Cornyn/Kyl Modified Amendment No. 3965, to modify the conditions under which an H–2C nonimmigrant may apply for an employment-based immigrant visa. **Pages S4680–83, S4686–87**

Rejected:

By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 127), Vitter Amendment No. 3963, to strike the provisions related to certain undocumented individuals. **Pages S4665–74, S4676**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 4064, to amend title 4 United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the United States and to promote the patriotic integration of prospective U.S. citizens. **Pages S4685–86**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2006; provided further, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of an amendment to be offered by Senator Kennedy and that there be 20 minutes for debate equally divided; and that the Senate then resume consideration of Inhofe Amendment No. 4064 (listed above). **Page S4725**

Appointments:

NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, during the 109th Congress: Senators Leahy and Wyden. **Page S4725**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—128) **Page S4651, S4675, S4676, S4687**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, May 18, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S4725–26.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE BROADBAND LOAN PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service Broadband Loan and Loan Guarantee Program, after receiving testimony from Jim Andrew, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; Larry Sevier, Rural Telephone Service Company, Lenora, Kansas; Mark Pagon, Pegasus Communications Corporation, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; and Tom Simmons, Midcontinent Communications, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; and General Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

NATIONAL GUARD

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the roles and missions of the National Guard in support of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, after receiving testimony from Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense; Lieutenant General James T. Conway, USMC, Director of Operations, J–3, The Joint Staff; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum,

USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and Chief David V. Aguilar, Office of Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dale Klein, of Texas, to be Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Molly A. O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PHYSICIAN-OWNED SPECIALTY HOSPITALS

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the quality of patient care and services at physician-owned specialty hospitals, receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael W. Wilson, Sellwood Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon; Cindy Morrison, Sioux Valley Health System, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on behalf of the Coalition of Full Service Hospitals; John M. House, Irving, Texas, on behalf of the American Surgical Hospital Association; Dan Mulholland, Horty, Springer and Mattern, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and James C. Cobey, Washington, DC.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held a hearing to examine Iran's political and nuclear ambitions and the enrichment of uranium, focusing on United States policy options, the possibility of unilateral sanctions targeting European and Asian corporations, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), receiving testimony from Robert J. Einhorn, Center for Strategic and International Studies, David Albright, Institute for Science and International Security, Kenneth M. Pollack, Brookings Institution, Karim Sadjadpour, International Crisis Group, Patrick Clawson, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Geoffrey Kemp, Nixon Center, all of Washington, DC.

Hearing will continue on tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of April H. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, who was introduced by Representative Kelly, Michael D. Kirby, of Virginia, to