

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5385, Military Construction, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2007.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4819–S4846

Measures Introduced: Sixty-two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2857–2918. **Pages S4835–36**

Measures Reported:

S. 457, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance for, and provide oversight of, the management of micro-purchases made with Governmentwide commercial purchase cards, with amendments. **Page S4835**

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

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Pending:

Ensign/Graham Modified Amendment No. 4076, to authorize the use of the National Guard to secure the southern border of the United States. **Page S4820**

Chambliss/Isakson Amendment No. 4009, to modify the wage requirements for employers seeking to hire H–2A and blue card agricultural workers.

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

Cornyn Amendment No. 4038, to require aliens seeking adjustment of status under section 245B of the Immigration and Nationality Act or Deferred Mandatory Departure status under section 245C of such Act to pay a supplemental application fee, which shall be used to provide financial assistance to States for health and educational services for non-citizens, previously agreed to on Thursday, May 18, 2006, was modified by unanimous consent.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Monday, May 22, 2006. **Page S4845**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2011.

Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

Vince J. Juaristi, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2009.

George McDade Staples, of Kentucky, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Jerry Gayle Bridges, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

J.C.A. Stagg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 17, 2011.

11 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

26 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Additional Statements: **Pages S4834–35**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4842–43**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 1:13 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, May 22, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4845.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NIH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Institutes

of Health, after receiving testimony from Elias A. Zerhouni, Director, John E. Niederhuber, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute, Francis Collins, Director, National Human Genome Research Institute, Elizabeth Nabel, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and sundry witnesses representing health groups and organizations.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5426, 5428–5437; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 86; H. Con. Res. 407–410; and H. Res. 823–829 were introduced. **Pages H2961–62**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2962**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4356, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds (H. Rept. 109–473); and

H.R. 5427, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–474). **Page H2961**

Military Construction, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2007:

The House passed H.R. 5385, to make appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 176. **Pages H2984–H2943**

Rejected:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds in the bill to implement Paragraph 4.F of “Public Affairs Guidance on Casualty and Mortuary Affairs in Military Operations”; and

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Blumenauer amendment that sought to increase the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 1990 by \$27,500,000; to decrease the Department of Defense Base Closure Account by \$440,000,000; and to increase the account for Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Defense Sites by \$50,000,000

(by a recorded vote of 151 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 175). **Pages H2918–20, H2942–43**

Withdrawn:

DeLauro amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce the account for Department of Defense Base Closure 2005 by \$10 million and to increase the account for Defense Health Program by \$5 million; **Pages H2920–22**

Lynch amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section expressing the sense of the Congress that the Department of Veterans Affairs should cooperate with NIH in facilitating research on management of medial issues associated with hepatitis C; and **Page H2930**

Tiahrt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit use of funds to promulgate regulations without consideration of the effect of such regulations on the competitiveness of American businesses. **Page H2940**

Point of Order sustained against:

Edwards amendment which sought to reduce the taxcut for taxpayers earning in excess of \$1 million by 1.78 percent, beginning in calendar year 2007;

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Farr amendment that sought to increase funding for various veteran health care accounts and is offset by a reduction in the rate of tax reduction for taxpayers earning more than \$1 million in calendar year 2007;

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Moore of Wisconsin amendment that sought to increase funding for the Construction, Major Projects account by \$32.5 million;

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Obey amendment that sought to offset spending for various programs in the bill by providing a reduction in the taxcut for taxpayers earning in excess of \$1 million beginning in 2007, by 1.23 percent;

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