

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5384, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4923–S5043

Measures Introduced: Sixty-nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2925–2993, S. Res. 489–490, and S. Con. Res. 96.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 359, concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania.

S. Res. 456, expressing the sense of the Senate on the discussion by the North Atlantic Council of secure, sustainable, and reliable sources of energy.

S. Res. 469, condemning the April 25, 2006, beating and intimidation of Cuban dissident Martha Beatriz Roque.

S. 633, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2125, to promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

S. 2784, to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding.

S. 2803, to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve the safety of mines and mining, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

National Safety Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 450, designating June 2006 as National Safety Month, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Relative to Death of Former Senator Lloyd Bentsen: Senate agreed to S. Res. 489, relative to the death of Lloyd Bentsen, distinguished member of the United States Senate.

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Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 490, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Lannak v. Biden, et al.

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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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Adopted:

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 140), Grassley Amendment No. 4177, to provide a substitute to title III, Unlawful Employment of Aliens.

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Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 138), Feinstein/Harkin Modified Amendment No. 4087, to modify the conditions under which aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States are granted legal status.

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Leahy Amendment No. 4117, to amend section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act regarding restrictions on the admission of aliens. (By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 139), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Kennedy Amendment No. 4106, to enhance the enforcement of labor protections for United States workers and guest workers. (By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 141), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Durbin Amendment No. 4142, to authorize the waiver of certain grounds of inadmissibility or removal where denial of admission or removal would result in hardship for a spouse, parent, or child who is a citizen or permanent resident alien. (By 63 yeas

to 34 nays (Vote No. 142), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain first-degree amendments; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the bill, and if any of the amendments have not been offered prior to the expiration of time under rule XXII, then it be in order to call up any such amendment prior to third reading of the bill; and that it be in order to consider a manager's amendment, which has been cleared by both managers.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, that Senator McConnell be recognized to offer amendment No. 4085, with the time until 9:30 a.m., equally divided between Senators McConnell and Reid or his designee, followed by a vote in relation to the amendment, with no second-degree amendments in order prior to the vote; that following that vote, Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; provided further, that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, the next first degree amendment in order be Lieberman Amendment No. 4036.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that second-degree amendments be filed no later than 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, under rule XXII.

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Legislative Transparency and Accountability: Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Lott, Stevens, McConnell, Dodd, and Inouye.

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Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency, Ehud Olmert, Prime Minister of Israel, to the House Chamber for the joint meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—142) **Pages S4936, S4952, S4953–54, S4954, S4955**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Lloyd Bentsen, former United States Senator from the State of Texas, in accordance with S. Res. 489, adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5030.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BIODEFENSE AND PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine bio-defense and pandemic influenza preparedness issues, after receiving testimony from John M. Clerici, McKenna Long, and Aldridge, LLP, and Frank J. Cilluffo, George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Scott R. Lillibridge, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health; and Paul Offit, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of financial literacy and financial education in the United States, focusing on the importance of financial literacy, both as a source of better decision-making by consumers and as a means of improving the functioning of financial markets, including initiatives to promote financial education and address opportunities and challenges that policymakers and financial educators face as they seek to improve financial literacy, after receiving testimony from Senator Akaka; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of