

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2611, Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5135–S5301

Measures Introduced: Two hundred and six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3035–3240, and S. Res. 494–495. **Pages S5226–30**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2066, to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–257)

S. 2127, to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Virginia as the “Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge”. (S. Rept. No. 109–258)

S. 3237, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 109–259)

S. Res. 312, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments, and with an amended preamble.

S. 559, to make the protection of vulnerable populations, especially women and children, who are affected by a humanitarian emergency a priority of the United States Government, with amendments.

S. 1950, to promote global energy security through increased cooperation between the United States and India in diversifying sources of energy, stimulating development of alternative fuels, developing and deploying technologies that promote the clean and efficient use of coal, and improving energy efficiency, with amendments.

S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 2200, to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, with amendments.

S. 2560, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2566, to provide for coordination of proliferation interdiction activities and conventional arms disarmament, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2697, to establish the position of the United States Ambassador for ASEAN, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act: By 62 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 157), Senate passed S. 2611, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5135–91**

Adopted:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 152), Bingaman Amendment No. 4131, to limit the total number of aliens, including spouses and children, granted employment-based legal permanent resident status to 650,000 during any fiscal year. **Pages S5141–46**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 153), Feingold Amendment No. 4083, to strike the provision prohibiting a court from staying the removal of an alien in certain circumstances. **Pages S5146–53, S5188**

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 155), Ensign Amendment No. 4136, to ensure the integrity of the Earned Income Tax Credit program by reducing the potential for fraud and to ensure that aliens who receive an adjustment of this status under this bill meet their obligation to pay back taxes without creating a burden on the American public.

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By 56 yeas to 41 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 156), Specter/Kennedy Amendment No. 4188, to make certain revisions to the bill. **Pages S5189–90**

Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 151), Cornyn Amendment No. 4097, to modify the requirements for confidentiality of certain information submitted by an alien seeking an adjustment of status under section 245B. **Pages S5135–41**

By 37 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 154), Sessions Amendment No. 4108, to limit the application of the Earned Income Tax Credit. **Pages S5153–60, S5188–89**

A unanimous-consent request was granted permitting Senator Landrieu to change her aye vote to a nay vote on Vote No. 131, changing the outcome of the vote to 62 yeas to 35 nays relative to Inhofe Further Modified 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, agreed to on Thursday, May 18, 2006. **Page S5190**

National Vigil for Lost Promise: Senate agreed to S. Res. 495, designating June 8, 2006, as the day of a National Vigil for Lost Promise. **Page S5272**

Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act: Senate passed S. 2856, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions. **Pages S5272–83**

Cuban Dissident: Senate agreed to S. Res. 469, condemning the April 25, 2006, beating and intimidation of Cuban dissident Martha Beatriz Roque. **Page S5283**

National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 236, recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5283–84**

San Francisco Old Mint Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1953, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco otherwise known as the “Granite Lady”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5284**

American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed 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. **Pages S5284–85**

Fourteenth Dalai Lama Congressional Gold Medal Act: Senate passed S. 2784, to award a congressional gold medal to the Fourteenth Dalai Lama in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding. **Pages S5284–85**

Lewis and Clark Commemorative Coin Correction Act: Senate passed H.R. 5401, to amend section 308 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act to make certain clarifying and technical amendments, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5284–85**

Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 1235, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and extend housing, insurance, outreach, and benefits programs provided under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to improve and extend employment programs for veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Labor, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5285–95**

Kavanaugh Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S5191–S5208**

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

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 158), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5191**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2006, Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh (listed above) and that following the disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of General Michael V. Hayden, USAF, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; provided further, that if the nomination of General Michael V. Hayden is confirmed, the Senate then immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination of Michael V. Hayden for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601, to be General; that following those votes Senator Nelson (FL) be recognized to speak for up to five minutes and the Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior; provided further, that if cloture is invoked, Senator Landrieu be recognized for up to ten minutes,

and the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne. **Page S5296**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Phyllis D. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

40 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Page S5301**

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—158)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 10:06 p.m., until 8:45 a.m., on Friday, May 26, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5296.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HADITHA INCIDENT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the status of ongoing investigations into an incident involving Iraqi civilians on November 19, 2005, near Haditha, from Brigadier General John F. Kelly, USMC, Legislative Assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund; and

The nominations of Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., and Todd S. Farha, both of Florida, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences.

TELECOM REFORM: NET NEUTRALITY AND INTERCONNECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes, focusing on policies that will increase investment in network technologies to promote facilities-based competition, receiving testimony from Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Tom Tauke, Verizon, Timothy J. Regan, Corning Incorporated, Ben Scott, Free Press, on behalf of Consumers Union and Consumer Federation of America, and Earl W. Comstock, COMPTTEL, all of Washington, D.C.; and Roger J. Cochetti, Computing Technology Industry Association, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, June 13.

COAL-BASED ELECTRIC GENERATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for growth of coal-fired electric generation and whether sufficient supplies of coal will be available to supply electric generators on a timely basis both in the near term and in the future, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Robert McLennan, Tri-State Generation and