

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 20 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5609–S5675*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3477–3487, S. Res. 505–506, and S. Con. Res. 98. **Pages S5659–60**

**Measures Passed:**

**Official Senate Photograph:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 505, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Page S5674**

**National Health IT Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 506, to designate the period beginning on June 5, 2006, and ending on June 8, 2006, as “National Health IT Week”. **Pages S5674–75**

**North Atlantic Council:** Senate agreed to 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. **Page S5675**

**Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent. **Pages S5610–29**

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

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 164), 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 the bill. **Page S5628**

**Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States’ relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity. **Pages S5631–40**

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

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 165), 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 the bill. **Page S5640**

**National Defense Authorization—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2006, Senate begin consideration of S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces; that at 5:30 p.m., Senator Levin be recognized to offer an opening statement, following which, Senator Warner will then be recognized; and that no amendments be in order until Senator Warner is recognized. **Page S5674**

**Stickler Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, immediately following the official photograph of the Senate, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health; that there be 30 minutes under the control of the Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 15 minutes under the control of the Ranking Member of the Committee, and 15 minutes under the control of Senator Byrd for debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate then vote immediately on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S5674**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 166), Noel Lawrence Hillman, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S5640–44, S5675**

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 167), Peter G. Sheridan, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S5640–44, S5675**

Thomas L. Ludington, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S5640–44, S5675**

Sean F. Cox, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S5640–44, S5675**

Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S5646–53, S5675**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—167) **Pages S5628, S5640, S5643–44, S5644**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 9, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5675.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: USAID

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the U.S. Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Randall L. Tobias, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### OVERHEAD IMAGERY SYSTEMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the satellite system that allows the United States to gather images of military targets in other countries from Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary for Intelligence,

and Donald M. Kerr, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, and General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, all of the Department of Defense; and Patrick F. Kennedy, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Management, and Mary Margaret Graham, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Collection, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

### DATA LOSS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met to receive a briefing regarding the loss of personal information regarding Department of Defense personnel as a result of the theft of a computer from a Department of Veterans Affairs analyst from Gail H. McGinn, Deputy Under Secretary for Plans, and Jeanne Fites, Deputy Under Secretary for Program Integration, both of the Department of Defense; Anita K. Blair, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Total Force Transformation and Military Personnel Policy; Daniel B. Denning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army; and Lieutenant General Roger A. Brady, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Personnel.

### AL-ZARQAWI

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the death in Iraq of insurgent terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi from Lieutenant General James T. Conway, USMC, Director of Operations, J-3, and Rear Admiral David J. Dorsett, USN, Director of Intelligence, J-2, both of The Joint Staff.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Donald L. Kohn, of Virginia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Kathleen L. Casey, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges posed by offshore aquaculture and the Federal