

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4939, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5731–S5819

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3492–3506 and S. Res. 507–511. **Page S5779**

National Defense Authorization: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5740–46**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 168), Warner (for Frist/Reid) Amendment No. 4208, to express the sense of Congress that the United States Armed Forces, the intelligence community, and other agencies, as well as the coalition partners of the United States and the Iraqi Security Forces should be commended for their actions that resulted in the death of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of the al-Qaeda in Iraq terrorist organization and the most wanted terrorist in Iraq. **Page S5744**

Pending:

Levin (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 4205, to provide a temporary prohibition on an increase in copayments required under the retail pharmacy system of the pharmacy benefits program of the Department of Defense. **Pages S5740–41**

Warner Amendment No. 4211, to name the CVN-78 aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Gerald Ford. **Pages S5744–46**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, June 14, 2006.

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4939, making

emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Pages S5750–65**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, that there be 25 minutes of debate controlled by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and 75 minutes of debate controlled by the Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations; provided further, that following the use or yielding back of time, the conference report be set aside, and at 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2006, Senate proceed to vote on adoption of the conference report, with no further intervening action or debate. **Pages S5765, S5819**

Stickler Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, was vitiated. **Page S5746**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Charles P. Rosenberg, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years. **Page S5819**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—168)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5819.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of Agriculture farm loan programs, focusing on the Farm Loan Programs Risk Assessment (FLPRA), and barriers for entry-level farmers and ranchers, after receiving testimony from Glen Keppy, Associate Administrator for Programs, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture; Dennis A. Everson, First Dakota National Bank, Yankton, South Dakota, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Elisabeth B. Senter, Federal Managers Association, Gregory, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Association of Credit Specialists of the Farm Service Agency; and Karen R. Krub, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSUMER'S CHOICE & BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934, after receiving testimony from former Representatives Dan Glickman, on behalf of the Motion Picture Association of America, and Steve Largent, on behalf of the CTIA—The Wireless Association; Robert LeGrande, II, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, District of Columbia Government; Mayor Kenneth S. Fellman, Arvada, Colorado, on behalf of sundry organizations; Brigadier General Richard M. Green (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States, Ben Scott, Free Press, on behalf of sundry organizations, John Rose, Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies, on behalf of the Coalition to Keep America Connected, Kyle McSlarrow, National Cable & Telecommunications Association, Walter B. McCormick, Jr., USTelecom, and Christopher Putala, Earthlink, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; Dave McCurdy, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the

Electronic Industries Alliance and the Telecommunications Industry Association; John Rutledge, Rutledge Capital, Cos Cob, Connecticut, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Philip Jones, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Olympia, Washington, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; and Robert S. Foosaner, Sprint Nextel Corporation, Reston, Virginia.

CORPORATE TAX COMPLIANCE

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine trends in corporate taxes and opportunities to improve corporate tax compliance, including recent work on the misreporting of capital gains income from securities sales and options to improve compliance, receiving testimony from Mark Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Eileen J. O'Connor, Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; George A. Plesko, University of Connecticut School of Business, Storrs; Edward D. Kleinbard, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton LLP, New York, New York; and Martin A. Sullivan, Tax Analysts, Falls Church, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

COUNTERTERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the changing face of terror relating to counterterrorism, focusing on U.S. counterterrorism efforts, how terrorists are adapting and changing their operations, and where the U.S. is headed in the short and longer term, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral John Scott Redd, USN (Ret.), Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Henry A. Crumpton, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and John E. McLaughlin, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and Daniel Benjamin, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine autopilot budgeting, including the PART (Program Assessment Rating Tool) and consider how systematic performance reporting of government agencies helps taxpayers get better services as well as whether Congress can better utilize the report cards to inform their annual budgeting, after receiving testimony