

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4939, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5903–S5986

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3516–3530, S. Res. 513, and S. Con. Res. 102. **Pages S5949–50**

Measures Reported:

S. 3524, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve health care provided to Indians under the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Programs.

S. 3525, to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program. **Page S5949**

Measures Passed:

Commemorating King Adulyadej of Thailand: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 409, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Frist (for Biden) Amendment No. 4291, to amend the preamble. **Page S5985**

National Time-Out Day: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 482, supporting the goals of an annual National Time-Out Day to promote patient safety and optimal outcomes in the operating room, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5985**

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 S5909–39**

Adopted:

Durbin Amendment No. 4253, to require a pilot program on troops to nurse teachers. **Pages S5909–13**

Feingold Amendment No. 4256, to strengthen the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction. **Pages S5914–17**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 173), Biden Amendment No. 4257, to state the policy of the United States on the nuclear programs of Iran.

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Warner Amendment No. 4278, to provide for the incorporation of a classified annex. **Page S5933**

Warner Amendment No. 4279, to modify the limitations applicable to payments under incentives clauses in chemical demilitarization contracts.

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Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4280, to repeal requirements for certain reports applicable to other nations. **Page S5933**

Warner Amendment No. 4200, to modify the requirements for contingency program management to require only a Department of Defense plan for such management. **Page S5933**

Warner Amendment No. 4201, to make a technical correction to section 871, relating to a clarification of authority to carry out certain prototype projects. **Page S5933**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4198, to improve the authorities relating to policies and practices on test and evaluation to address emerging acquisition approaches. **Page S5933**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4281, to improve the authorities relating to major automated information system programs. **Pages S5933–34**

Warner Amendment No. 4282, to require a report assessing the desirability and feasibility of incentives to encourage certain members and former members of the Armed Forces to serve in the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. **Page S5934**

Levin (for Clinton/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4283, relating to energy efficiency in the weapons platforms of the Armed Forces. **Page S5934**

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 4284, to modify limitations on assistance under the American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002. **Page S5934**

Warner (for Reid) Modified Amendment No. 4252, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members. **Pages S5934–36**

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 4225, to require that, not later than March 31, 2007, the Secretary of the Army transport to an authorized disposal facility for appropriate disposal all of the Federal Government-furnished uranium in the chemical and physical form in which it is stored at the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation site in Gore, Oklahoma. **Page S5936**

Warner (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 4218, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Chemical Weapons Convention. **Page S5936**

Warner (for Lugar) Amendment No. 4285, to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations. **Page S5936**

Warner Amendment No. 4286, to provide for the applicability of certain requirements to the acquisition of certain speciality metals. **Page S5936**

Warner (for Warner/Snowe) Modified Amendment No. 4199, to authorize a pilot program on the expanded use of mentor-protégé authority. **Page S5937**

Warner (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4287, expressing the sense of the Senate on the nomination of an individual to serve as Director of Operational Test and Evaluation of the Department of Defense on a permanent basis. **Page S5937**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 172), Santorum Amendment No. 4234, to authorize, with an offset, assistance for pro-democracy programs and activities inside and outside Iran, to make clear that the United States supports the ability of the people of Iran to exercise self-determination over their own form of government, and to make enhancements to the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act of 1996. **Pages S5917–21**

McConnell Amendment No. 4269 (to Amendment No. 4265), to require the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq and urge the convening of an Iraq summit. (By 93 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 174), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5927–29**

Withdrawn:

Feingold Amendment No. 4192, to provide for the redeployment of United States forces from Iraq by December 31, 2006. **Pages S5913–14**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 4241, to name the Act after John Warner, a Senator from Virginia. **Page S5909**

Nelson (FL)/Menendez Amendment No. 4265, to express the sense of Congress that the Government of Iraq should not grant amnesty to persons known to have attacked, killed, or wounded members of the Armed Forces of the United States. **Pages S5922–27**

McConnell Amendment No. 4272, to commend the Iraqi Government for affirming its positions of no amnesty for terrorists who have attacked U.S. forces. **Pages S5932–33**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2008. **Page S5986**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Conference Report: By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 171), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5905–09**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development for a term of five years.

Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years.

Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term expiring July 15, 2013.

Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring July 15, 2007.

Kathleen L. Casey, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2011. **Page S5986**

Nominations Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which was sent to the Senate on February 14, 2006, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S5986**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—174)	Pages S5909, S5921, S5922, S5929

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 16, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5986.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FANNIE MAE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Report of the Special Examination of Fannie Mae, after receiving testimony from James B. Lockhart III, Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Daniel H. Mudd, and Stephen B. Ashley, both of Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C.

BUDGET: COAST GUARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Fisheries and the Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the Coast Guard budget, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen L. Caldwell, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

SUPERFUND PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Superfund Program, which was created by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), focusing on efforts to stabilize and clean up National Priority list (NPL)

sites through the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin and Cantwell; Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Leonardo Trasande, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Department of Community and Preventive Medicine Center for Children's Health and the Environment, New York, New York; Michael W. Steinberg, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, LLP, on behalf of the Superfund Settlements Project, and Katherine N. Probst, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert Spiegel, Edison Wetlands Association, Edison, New Jersey; and J. Winston Porter, Waste Policy Center, Leesburg, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of 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, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2145, to enhance security and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1554, to establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1741, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area;

S. 2068, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

S. 2146, to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees; and

H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: