

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9283–S9320

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3883–3887, and S. Res. 565. **Page S9308**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 2145, to enhance security and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities. (S. Rept. No. 109–332)

S. Con. Res. 71, expressing the sense of Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual. (S. Rept. No. 109–333) **Page S9308**

Measures Passed:

September 11th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 565, expressing the sense of the Senate upon the five-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. **Page S9319**

Honoring Baseball Hall of Fame Member Bob Feller: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con Res. 449, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic 1946 season of Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member Bob Feller and his return from military service to the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9320**

Safe Port Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9287–89**

Adopted:

Stevens Amendment No. 4926 (to Amendment No. 4922), to provide improved rail security. **Page S9287**

McCain Modified Amendment No. 4922, to provide increased rail transportation security, as amended. **Page S9287**

Stevens (for DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 4927 (to Amendment No. 4921), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S9287–88**

Pending:

Stevens (for DeMint) Amendment No. 4921, to establish a unified national hazard alert system. **Pages S9287–89**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, Senate proceed to vote in relation to DeMint Amendment No. 4921 (listed above), as amended; provided further, that notwithstanding the adoption of Amendment No. 4927, that the second-degree amendment be modified to reflect a perfecting amendment. **Page S9289**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:15 a.m., on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. **Page S9320**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Pages S9301, S9320**

Measures Read First Time: **Pages S9301, S9320**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and as a further mark of respect to those who died as result of the September 11th terrorist attack, in accordance with S. Res. 565, adjourned at 5:42 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9320.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NAFTA

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade concluded a hearing to examine the impact on the trade relations of the United States, Canada, and Mexico since the enactment of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on January 1, 1994, after receiving testimony from John M. Melle, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for

North America, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Cathy Saucedo, Director, Special Enforcement Division, Trade Enforcement and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; James H. Magagna, Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Cheyenne; Craig Lang, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, West Des Moines; Jerry Pacheco, International Business Accelerator, Santa Teresa, New Mexico; and Sandra Polaski, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Sidney Weintraub, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ: DEMOCRACY OR CIVIL WAR?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Iraq: Democracy or Civil War?" with emphasis on When can Iraqis Assume Full Internal Security Responsibilities? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ambassador Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary, Policy; and RADM William D. Sullivan, USN, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue September 13.

Joint Meetings

Conference: Meeting of conferees on H.R. 5122, 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 military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, 4:30 p.m., SH-216.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Treasury's role in combating terrorist financing five years after 9/11, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and John M. R. Kneuer, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the effects of the BP pipeline failure in the Prudhoe Bay Oil Field on U.S. oil supply and to examine what steps may be taken to prevent a recurrence of such an event, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine law enforcement challenges relating to breaking the methamphetamine supply chain, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James R. Kunder, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the next five years relating to homeland security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Thompson Memorandum's effect on the right to counsel in corporate investigations, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, hearing on Afghanistan Interdiction/Eradication of Illegal