

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3903–3906, and S. Con. Res. 116. **Page S9659**

Measures Reported:

S. 3679, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–335)

S. 1321, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–336) **Page S9659**

U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 5684, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S9654–57**

Pursuant to the order of September 14, 2006, Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, September 18, 2006.

Fisher Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; that there be 90 minutes under the control of Senator Levin, 30 minutes under the control of Senator Leahy, 90 minutes under the control of Senator Specter, or his designee, 60 minutes under the control of Senator Reid, and 60 minutes under the control of Senator Frist and Senator McConnell; provided further, that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S9662**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Protocol Amending 1962 Extradition Convention with Israel (Treaty Doc. 109–3); and

U.N. Convention Against Corruption (Treaty Doc. 109–6), with 2 reservations and 3 declarations.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William B. Wark, of Maine, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

William E. Wright, of Florida, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Donald C. Johnson, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Mark Myers, of Alaska, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey. **Page S9663**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2013.

Barbara Boxer, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Norman B. Coleman, of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Cecil E. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

David Palmer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2011.

Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2009. **Page S9663**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 12:34 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9663.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 6089–6091 were introduced. **Page H6659**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6659**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5830, to amend section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979 relating to air transportation to and from Love Field, Texas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–600, Pt. 2);

H.R. 5808, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to public transportation agencies and over-the-road bus operators to improve security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–662);

H.R. 5414, to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts" (H. Rept. 109–663); and

H.R. 6054, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–664, Part 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hastings of Washington to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6657**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed the Honorable Doc Hastings of Washington to act as Speaker Pro Tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 19, 2006. **Page H6657**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

CONTACT LENS SALES

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Contact Lens Sales: Is Market Regulation the Prescription?" Testimony was heard from Maureen Ohlhausen, Director, Office of Policy Planning, FTC; Wayne Klein, Assistant Attorney General, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

IRAQ: DEMOCRACY OR CIVIL WAR?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations continued hearings entitled "Iraq: Democracy or Civil War?" with further emphasis on What Will It Take To Achieve National Reconciliation? and emphasis also on What Are the Consequences of Leaving Iraq? Testimony was heard from former Ambassador to Croatia Peter Galbraith; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 18 through September 23, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 5684, U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5684, U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, with a vote on final passage of the bill. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, to