

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9859–S10009*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3916–3928, and S. Res. 578–581. **Pages S9896–97**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2781, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–345)

H.R. 5074, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the Treasury.

H.R. 5187, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007.

S. 394, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act).

S. 3867, to designate the Federal courthouse located at 555 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Rush H. Limbaugh, Sr., Federal Courthouse”. **Page S9896**

#### Measures Passed:

**Day of Remembrance:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 579, designating December 13, 2006, as a Day of Remembrance to honor the 25th anniversary of the imposition of martial law by the Communist government in Poland. **Pages S10003–04**

**National Pollinator Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 580, recognizing the importance of pollinators to ecosystem health and agriculture in the United States and the value of partnership efforts to increase awareness about pollinators and support for protecting and sustaining pollinators by designating June 24 through June 30, 2007, as “National Pollinator Week”. **Page S10004**

**National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration

of S. Res. 180, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of the disease and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10004**

**Congratulating Kansas State University Department of Agronomy:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 539, congratulating the Department of Agronomy in the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University for 100 years of excellent service to Kansas agriculture, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10004–05**

**Supporting “Lights on Afterschool”:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 116, supporting “Lights On Afterschool!”, a national celebration of afterschool programs, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10005**

**Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:** Senate passed S. 2562, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10005–06**

Frist (for Craig) Amendment No. 5034, to make a technical correction to title 38, United States Code. **Page S10006**

**Darfur Peace and Accountability Act:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3127, to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10007**

Frist (for Lugar) Amendment No. 5033, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10007**

**North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation 70th Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 574, recognizing the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation on the occasion of its 70th anniversary and saluting the outstanding service of its members and staff on behalf of the agricultural community and the people of North Carolina, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10007**

**Secure Fence Act:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9863–86**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 5031, to establish the effective date. **Page S9886**

Frist Amendment No. 5032 (to Amendment No. 5031), to amend the effective date. **Page S9886**

**Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act—Committee Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2965, to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a 5-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations and other public service programs, and the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S10003**

**Bill Introduction—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, it be in order for Senators to introduce bills on Friday, September 22, 2006 until 11 a.m.; provided further, that a bill to be introduced by Senator Frist, or his designee, be considered as read a first time, and that there be an objection to its second reading. **Pages S10007–08**

**Besosa Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2006, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Francisco

Augusto Besosa, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; provided further, that at 5:30 p.m. Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S10003**

**Message From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 21, 2006; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM—56) **Page S9894**

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

Stephen Goldsmith, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2010.

Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Sandra Pickett, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

Roger L. Hunt, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2009.

John E. Kidde, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2011.

Eliza McFadden, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009.

Frank R. Jimenez, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Jane M. Doggett, of Montana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

Randolph James Clerihue, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Arthur K. Reilly, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2012.

Lauren M. Maddox, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Public Health Service. **Pages S9997, S10009**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Steven R. Chealander, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2007.

Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Monaco.

Ronald Spogli, of California, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino.

Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy.

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**Messages From the House:** **Pages S9894–95**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S9895, S10003**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Pages S9895, S10003**

**Measures Read First Time:** **Pages S9895, S10003**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S9895–96**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S9893–94**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S9908–96**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 22, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10008.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed hearings to examine progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Robert C. Hixon, Jr., Capitol Visitor Center Project Executive; and Bernard L. Ungar, and Terrell

Dorn, both Directors, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Chris Boskin, of California, and David H. Pryor, of Arkansas, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Calvin L. Scovel, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, who was introduced by Senator Specter, Collister Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Sharon Lynn Hays, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, who was introduced by Representative Ehlers, and Cynthia A. Glassman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mary Amelia Bomar, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 1106, to authorize the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, S. 1811, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized, S. 2070, to provide certain requirements for hydroelectric projects on the Mohawk River in the State of New York, S. 3522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years