

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 503, Sine Die Adjournment Resolution.

House and Senate agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 5682, Henry J. Hyde U.S./India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act.

The House agreed to H.J. Res. 102, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 503, providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11551–S11849

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1, 2, 26, 28, 30, 4111–4122, and S. Res. 630–634.

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Measures Reported: Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate 105th Congress First and Second Sessions”. (S. Rept. No. 109–367).

S. 1129, to provide authorizations of appropriations for certain development banks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11739**

Measures Passed:

Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6131, to permit certain expenditures from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11552**

United States Tsunami Warning and Education Act: Senate passed H.R. 1674, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be carried out by the National Weather Service, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11552**

Henry Clay Desk: Senate agreed to S. Res. 630, allowing the senior Senator from Kentucky to reas-

sign the Henry Clay desk when serving as party leader. **Pages S11553–55**

Reducing Hunger: Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Nutrition was discharged from further consideration of S. 1120, to reduce hunger in the United States, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11568–70**

DeWine (for Durbin) Amendment No. 5233, to make perfecting amendments. **Pages S11568–69**

DeWine (for Durbin) Amendment No. 5234, to amend the title. **Page S11569**

Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act/Jobanna’s Law: Senate passed H.R. 1245, to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11570–72**

Enzi Amendment No. 5235, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11572**

Confronting Methamphetamine Use: Senate passed S. 4113, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine. **Pages S11572–73**

Lifespan Respite Care Act: Senate passed H.R. 3248, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S11573–78

Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 6344, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S11592–93

Federal Deposit Insurance Act: Senate passed H.R. 6345, to make a conforming amendment to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to examinations of certain insured depository institutions, clearing the measure for the President.

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Controlled Substances Act Amendment: Senate passed S. 4115, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to increase the effectiveness of physician assistance for drug treatment.

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Geneva Distinctive Emblems Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 6338, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent and repress the misuse of the Red Crescent distinctive emblem and the Third Protocol (Red Crystal) distinctive emblem, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S11606–07

Telephone Records and Privacy Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4709, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen protections for law enforcement officers and the public by providing criminal penalties for the fraudulent acquisition or unauthorized disclosure of phone records, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Multiple Employer Pension Plans: Senate passed S. 4121, to provide optional funding rules for employers in applicable multiple employer pension plans.

Pages S11643–44

Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 102, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Institutes of Health Reform Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6164, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S11647–58

Frist (for Enzi) Amendment No. 5238, in the nature of a substitute.

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Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 798, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S11802–03

Frist (for Smith) Amendment No. 5239, in the nature of a substitute.

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Postal Law Reform: Senate passed H.R. 6407, to reform the postal laws of the United States, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S11821–22

Sine Die Adjournment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 503, providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

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Peacekeeping in Darfur: Senate agreed to S. Res. 631, urging the Government of Sudan and the international community to implement the agreement for a peacekeeping force under the command and control of the United Nations in Darfur.

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Transatlantic Market: Senate agreed to S. Res. 632, urging the United States and the European Union to work together to strengthen the transatlantic market.

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Holocaust: Senate agreed to S. Res. 633, condemning the conference denying that the Holocaust occurred to be held by the Government of Iran and its President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

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Honoring Tom Carr: Senate agreed to S. Res. 634, honoring the life and achievements of Tom Carr, Congressional Research Service Analyst, and extending the condolences of the Senate on the occasion of his death.

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Printing Authority: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 495, authorizing the printing as a House document of “United States House of Representatives, The Committee on Ways and Means: A History, 1789–2006”.

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Department of State Authorities Act: Senate passed H.R. 6060, to authorize certain activities by the Department of State, clearing the measure for the President.

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Physicians for Underserved Areas Act: Senate passed H.R. 4997, to extend for 2 years the authority to grant waivers of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to certain international medical graduates, clearing the measure for the President.

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Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 5948, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004 clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11830**

110th Congress: Senate agreed to H.J. Res. 101, appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Tenth Congress. **Page S11830**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 502, to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5682. **Page S11830**

Preserving Crime Victims' Restitution Act: Committee on Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 4055, to address the effect of the death of a defendant in Federal criminal proceedings, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S11840–41**

Railroad Retirement Disability Earnings Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5483, to increase the disability earning limitation under the Railroad Retirement Act and to index the amount of allowable earnings consistent with increases in the substantial gainful activity dollar amount under the Social Security Act, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11841**

Modern-Day Slavery: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 549, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding modern-day slavery, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11841**

Tax Exempt Charitable Payments: Senate passed H.R. 6429, to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11841**

Tax Extenders—House Message: By 79 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 279), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending. **Pages S11658–73**

Subsequently, Senate concurred in the House title amendment to the bill. **Page S11673**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 67 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 277), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive certain sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to the motion to concur

in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill. **Pages S11659–72**

By 78 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 278), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill. **Pages S11658–73**

The pending motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with Frist Amendment No. 5236 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), to establish the enactment date, was withdrawn. **Pages S11658–73**

Frist Amendment No. 5237 (to Amendment No. 5236), to change the enactment date, fell when Frist Amendment No. 5236 (see above) was withdrawn. **Pages S11658–73**

VA Major Medical Facility Authorization—House Message: Senate concurred in the House amendments to S. 3421, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11803–21**

Henry J. Hyde United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11822–25**

Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers Who Deliver Infants Early Act—House Message: Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 707, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11828–30**

United States—Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act House Message: Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 214, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling Program for priority transboundary aquifers, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11830–31**

Rural Water Supply Act—House Message: Senate concurred in the House amendments to S. 895, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable

water supply to rural residents, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11831–36**

Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy Promotion Act—House Message: Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 2125, to promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11836–38**

Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act—House Message: Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 362, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11838–39**

U.S. Safe Web Act—House Message: Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 1608, to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against illegal spam, spyware, and cross-border fraud and deception, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11841–44**

Retiring Senators Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that tributes to retiring Senators be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit tributes until December 27, 2006. **Page S11844**

Committee Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on December 22, 2006, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., committees have the authority to file special reports on nonlegislative matters only. This does not include executive matters such as treaties or nominations nor does it allow committees to report bills or resolutions after the sine die adjournment. **Page S11844**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S11844**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, and Senators Allen and Cochran, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S11844**

Appointment:

MINER Act Technical Study Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 109–236, appointed Dr. James L. Weeks, of Maryland, to serve as a member of the MINER Act Technical Study Panel. **Pages S11844–45**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 276), Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S11557–68, S11848–49**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 275), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S11557, S11848–49**

Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008.

D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2008.

Michael Butler, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2008.

A.J. Eggenberger, of Montana, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2008.

Molly A. O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

John M.R. Kneuer, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

Paul Cherecwich, Jr., of Utah, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009.

Deborah L. Wince-Smith, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2010.

Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

John Peyton, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Blanca E. Enriquez, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Stephen M. Prescott, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring April 15, 2011.

Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010.

Dianne I. Moss, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2007. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Leland A. Strom, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring October 13, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2015.

Gerald Walpin, of New York, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration, then was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, which discharged from further consideration.)

Rachel K. Paulose, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years. (Prior to this action, Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration.)

Sara Alicia Tucker, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2012.

Dana K. Bilyeu, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2010.

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. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Phillip L. Swagel, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2011.

Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

Dana Gioia, of California, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Robert F. Hoyt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Charles E. Dorkey III, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Diane Humetewa, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring August 25, 2012.

Anthony W. Ryan, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Leon R. Sequeira, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

William Francis Price, Jr., of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Robert Bretley Lott, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Charlotte P. Kessler, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Joan Israelite, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Benjamin Donenberg, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Foreststorn Hamilton, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Terry L. Cline, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security. (Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Dan Gregory Blair, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2012.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2007. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2010. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Margaret A. Ryan, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed

Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

Scott Wallace Stucky, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

Jill E. Sommers, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2009.

33 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in the Public Health Service. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy, Public Health Service.

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Nominations Returned to the President: The following nominations were returned to the President failing of confirmation under Senate Rule XXXI at the time of the adjournment of the 109th Congress:

Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Andrew J. McKenna, Jr., of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Anthony Joseph Principi, of California, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Philip S. Gutierrez, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Valerie L. Baker, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2012.

Marcia Morales Howard, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Gregory Kent Frizzell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Lisa Godbey Wood, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

John Alfred Jarvey, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Robert James Jonker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Paul Lewis Maloney, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Janet T. Neff, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Sara Elizabeth Lioi, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Nora Barry Fischer, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Lawrence Joseph O'Neill, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Dean A. Pinkert, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2015.

Irving A. Williamson, of New York, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2014.

Adolfo A. Franco, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2008.

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007.

Roger W. Wallace, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2008.

Michael Dolan, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2009.

Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2009.

Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Ron Silver, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009.

Judy Van Rest, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009.

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2006.

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Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2006.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Daniel Meron, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration) (Recess Appointment).

C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador (Recess Appointment).

Catherine G. West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2008.

Dawn M. Liberi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

James R. Kunder, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of 2 years.

Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2010.

Daniel Meron, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services (Recess Appointment).

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

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.

Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2010.

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

John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Andrew G. Biggs, of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the remainder of the term expiring January 19, 2007.

Andrew G. Biggs, of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2013.

Katherine Almquist, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. (Reappointment).

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007.

Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008 (Recess Appointment).

Stanley Davis Phillips, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Sam Fox, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium.

David B. Rivkin, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the

United States for the term expiring September 30, 2007.

Earl Cruz Aguigui, of Guam, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Carol A. Dalton, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Peter N. Kirsanow, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008.

David M. Mason, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009.

Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009.

Hans von Spakovsky, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011.

Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011.

Vanessa Lynne Bryant, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

S. Pamela Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2009 (Recess Appointment).

Peter N. Kirsanow, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008 (Recess Appointment).

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 (Recess Appointment).

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Recess Appointment).

Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (Recess Appointment).

Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009 (Recess Appointment).

Hans Von Spakovsky, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011 (Recess Appointment).

Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011 (Recess Appointment).

John A. Rizzo, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Wayne Cartwright Beyer, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2010.

Phillip J. Green, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

John Preston Bailey, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Mary O. Donohue, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Patricia Mathes, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2007.

Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of 6 years expiring August 30, 2012.

Susan E. Dudley, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Liam O'Grady, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 2009.

James F.X. O'Gara, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

William W. Mercer, of Montana, to be Associate Attorney General.

Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Otis D. Wright II, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

George H. Wu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of 6 years expiring August 30, 2012 (Recess Appointment).

Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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.

William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Thomas D. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

John Roberts Hackman, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of 4 years.

Richard Allan Hill, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2009.

Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2016.

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Paul De Camp, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2010.

Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health (Recess Appointment).

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

William James Haynes II, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

James Edward Rogan, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Michael Brunson Wallace, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

Heidi M. Pasichow, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Frederick J. Kapala, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011.

John R. Steer, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011.

Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2007.

Thomas Alvin Farr, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Enrique J. Sosa, of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense (Recess Appointment).

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (Recess Appointment).

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense (Recess Appointment).

Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense (Recess Appointment).

Enrique J. Sosa, of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years (Recess Appointment).

Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years (Recess Appointment).

Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Warren Bell, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2012.

William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jane C. Luxton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

Scott A. Keller, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

Michael J. Burns, of New Mexico, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—279) **Pages S11557, S11568, S11672, S11673**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and, in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 503, adjourned sine die at 4:39 a.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2006, until 12 noon, on Thursday, January 4, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 6420–6436; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 502–504; and H. Res. 1104, 1106–1110 were introduced. **Pages H9317–18**

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 2006 Economic Report of the President (H. Rept. 109–726);

H. Res. 1105, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 102, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–727);

H.R. 3509, to establish a statute of repose for durable goods used in a trade or business, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–728, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4941, to reform the science and technology programs and activities of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–729, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2567, to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent so as to render it unpalatable, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–730, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 5316, to reestablish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a cabinet-level independent establishment in the executive branch that is responsible for the Nation's preparedness for, response to, recovery from, and mitigation against disasters, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–519, Pt. 1). **Page H9316**

The House agreed to H. Res. 1102, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by voice vote after ordering the previous question. **Pages H8983–84**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007: S.

3421, amended, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007; **Pages H8995–H9019**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal certain limitations on attorney representation of claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, to otherwise improve veterans' benefits, memorial affairs, and healthcare programs, to enhance information security programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes." **Page H9019**

Iraq Reconstruction Accountability Act of 2006: S. 4046, to extend oversight and accountability related to United States reconstruction funds and efforts in Iraq by extending the termination date of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9019–22**

Reforming the postal laws of the United States: H.R. 6407, amended, to reform the postal laws of the United States; **Pages H9160–82**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 East Thompson Street in Thomaston, Georgia, as the "Sergeant First Class Robert Lee 'Bobby' Hollar, Jr. Post Office Building": S. 4050, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 East Thompson Street in Thomaston, Georgia, as the "Sergeant First Class Robert Lee 'Bobby' Hollar, Jr. Post Office Building"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9182–83**

Department of State Authorities Act of 2006: H.R. 6060, amended, to authorize certain activities by the Department of State; **Pages H9188–91**

Amending the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend a suspension of limitation on the period for which certain borrowers are eligible for guaranteed assistance: S. 4093, to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend a suspension of limitation on the