

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See *Résumé of Congressional Activity*.

Senate agreed to S. Res. 233, Hurricane Katrina Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9607–S9692

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 1610–1617, S. Res. 233, and S. Con. Res. 52. **Pages S9645–46**

Measures Reported:

S. 1410, to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. (S. Rept. No. 109–132)

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Measures Passed:

Use of Capitol Catafalque: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 52, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the crypt beneath the Rotunda of the Capitol in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the Supreme Court Building for the late honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States. **Page S9630**

Hurricane Katrina Resolution: By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 221), Senate agreed to S. Res. 233, expressing the condolences of the Nation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, commending the resiliency of the people of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, and committing to stand by them in the relief and recovery efforts. **Pages S9630–31**

Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act—Cloture Vote Vitiating: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate vitiate the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity. **Page S9607**

Death Tax Permanency Act—Cloture Vote Vitiating: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached

providing that the Senate vitiate the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent. **Page S9607**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received on Wednesday, August 31, 2005 during the adjournment of the Senate, the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany U.N. Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (Treaty Doc. 108–16) (Ex. Rept. 109–4) **Pages S9644–45**

Notification to the Senate: Senate received a communication from Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Honorable Antonin Scalia, notifying the Senate of the death of the Chief Justice of the United States, the late Honorable William H. Rehnquist. **Page S9691**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

James M. Andrew, of Georgia, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture.

Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Donald C. Winter, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Orlando J. Cabrera, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

Clay Lowery, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

John E. Maupin, Jr., of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2010.

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

Jacqueline Ellen Schafer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008.

Brenda LaGrange Johnson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Thomas O. Barnett, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

James S. Halpern, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Emilio T. Gonzalez, of Florida, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning).

Lisette M. Mondello, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

38 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force. **Page S9692**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United

States, which was sent to the Senate on July 29, 2005. **Page S9692**

Messages From the House: **Page S9634**

Executive Communications: **Pages S9634–44**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S9632–33**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S9691**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—221) **Page S9631**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and by unanimous consent adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 7, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9630.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GAS PRICES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine gasoline prices and factors contributing to current high prices such as global oil demand, constraints on refinery capacity, and increased speculation in the futures market, after receiving testimony from Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; James A. Overdahl, Chief Economist, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Bob Slaughter, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, Washington, D.C.; William S. Shipley III, Shipley Stores, LLC, York, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores and the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America; Robert L. Darbelnet, AAA, Heathrow, Florida; and John Dowd, Sanford C. Bernstein and Co., LLC, New York, New York.