

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See *Résumé of Congressional Activity*.

Senate passed S. 2271, USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1555–S1592

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2342–2351, and S. Res. 386. **Page S1579**

Measures Reported:

S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process. **Page S1579**

Measures Passed:

USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments: By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 25), Senate passed S. 2271, to clarify that individuals who receive FISA orders can challenge nondisclosure requirements, that individuals who receive national security letters are not required to disclose the name of their attorney, that libraries are not wire or electronic communication service providers unless they provide specific services, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1557–61**

Adopted:

Frist Amendment No. 2896 (to Amendment No. 2895), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1557**

By 81 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 24), Frist Amendment No. 2895, to establish the enactment date of the Act. **Page S1557**

Honoring Negro Leagues: Senate agreed to S. Res. 386, honoring the Pre-Negro Leagues and Negro Leagues baseball players and executives elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2006. **Pages S1586–90**

USA PATRIOT Act Reauthorization—Conference Report: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, to ex-

tend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism. **Pages S1561–75**

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

By 86 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 26), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consider the motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report was not agreed to on December 16, 2005 (Vote No. 358). **Page S1561**

By 85 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 27), Senate agreed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the conference report. **Page S1561**

By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 28), upon reconsideration, 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 conference report. **Page S1561**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 2, 2006, and that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senate vote on adoption of the conference report at 3 p.m. **Page S1590**

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Additional Statements: **Page S1577**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S1585–86**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—28) **Page S1557, S1559, S1561**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 2, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1590.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings to examine Army Transformation and the future combat systems acquisition strategy in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and Army Acquisition Executive; General Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and David R. Graham, Deputy Director, Strategy Forces and Resources Division, Institute for Defense Analyses.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony from David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Lieutenant General Franklin L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army; Vice Admiral John C.

Harvey, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, United States Navy; Lieutenant General H. P. Osman, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps; and Lieutenant General Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, United States Air Force.

REGULATORY RELIEF PROPOSALS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory relief proposals to remove regulatory burden from the banking industry, after receiving testimony from John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, and Julie L. Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Donald L. Kohn, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Douglas H. Jones, Acting General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; JoAnn M. Johnson, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Gavin Gee, Idaho Department of Finance, Boise, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Linda Jekel, Washington Department of Financial Institutions, Olympia, on behalf of the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors; H. Greg McClellan, MAX Federal Credit Union, Montgomery, Alabama, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; Bradley E. Rock, Bank of Smithtown, Smithtown, New York, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Margot Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, and Steve Bartlett, The Financial Services Roundtable, all of Washington, D.C.; F. Weller Meyer, Acacia Federal Savings Bank, Falls Church, Virginia, on behalf of America's Community Bankers; Joe McGee, Legacy Community Federal Credit Union, Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; and Terry Jorde, CountryBank USA, Cando, North Dakota, on behalf of Independent Community Bankers of America.

2007 BUDGET: HHS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

WINTER STORMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction concluded a hearing to examine the role of the National Weather Service in forecasting and warning