Monday, April 3, 2006

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2488–2497 and S. Res. 420. **Page S2730**

Measures Reported:

S. 2489, to implement the obligations of the United States under the Protocol Additional to the Agreement between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America, signed by the United States on June 12, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 109–226)

S.J. Res. 28, approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. (S. Rept. No. 109–227)

S. Con. Res. 60, designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, with an amendment and with an amended preamble. (S. Rept. No. 109–228) **Page S2730**

Securing America's Borders Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2699–S2725**

Adopted:

By 84 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 84), Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 3210 (to Amendment No. 3192), to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders. **Pages S2699, S2720–22**

By 91 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 85), Alexander Modified Amendment No. 3193 (to Amendment No. 3192), to prescribe the binding oath or affirmation of renunciation and allegiance required to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States, to encourage and support the efforts of prospective citizens of the United States to become citizens. **Pages S2699, S2717–20, S2722–25**

Pending:

Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2699**

Kyl/Cornyn Amendment No. 3206 (to Amendment No. 3192), to make certain aliens ineligible for conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status. **Page S2699**

Cornyn Amendment No. 3207 (to Amendment No. 3206), to establish an enactment date. **Page S2699**

Isakson Amendment No. 3215 (to Amendment No. 3192), to demonstrate respect for legal immigration by prohibiting the implementation of a new alien guest worker program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to the President and the Congress that the borders of the United States are reasonably sealed and secured. **Page S2699**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3223 (to Amendment No. 3192), to allow United States citizens under 18 years of age to travel to Canada without a passport, to develop a system to enable United States citizens to take 24-hour excursions to Canada without a passport, and to limit the cost of passport cards or similar alternatives to passports to $20. **Pages S2704–09**

Mikulski/Warner Amendment No. 3217 (to Amendment No. 3192), to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers. **Pages S2709–17**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

Chagares Nomination Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; that the time until 10

a.m. be equally divided, followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S2756**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2756**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—85) **Page S2721–22, S2722**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2756–57.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMMIGRATION LITIGATION REDUCTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine immigration litigation reduction issues, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Cohn, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Chief Judge Paul R. Michel, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Washington, D.C.; Chief Judge John M. Walker, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New Haven, Connecticut; Circuit Judge Carlos T. Bea, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, California; Senior Judge Jon O. Newman, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Hartford, Connecticut; District Judge John M. Roll, United States District Court for the District of Arizona, Tucson; and David A. Martin, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, was introduced. **Page H1395**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1395**

Report Filed: A report was filed on March 31, 2006 as follows:

H. Con. Res. 376, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 (H. Rept. 109–402). **Page H1395**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kolbe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1393**

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 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine missile defense programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings to examine health benefits and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 3:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine a current assessment of money laundering and terrorist financing threats and countermeasures, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine reform of FHA's Title I Manufactured Housing Loan Programs, 3 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine Transportation Security Administration, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine how Congress might go about creating a program to control U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine how Congress might go about creating a program to control U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, 2:30 p.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the cost of tax preparation, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism, to receive a closed briefing regarding counterterrorism priorities, 10 a.m., S–407, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Secretary of State, Foreign Assistance Programs, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Defense Health Program, 1:30 p.m., H–143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Office of Science, Technology and Policy, 2 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on improving interagency coordination for the Global War on Terror and beyond, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on future plans for the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex infrastructure, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request—Future Combat Systems, Modularity, and Force Protection Initiatives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: What Parents, Kids, and Congress Need To Know About Child Predators,'' 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled ''The Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health,'' 4 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled ''The Impact of Visa Processing: Delays on the Arts, Education, and American Innovation,'' 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled ''Travel vs. Terrorism: Federal Workforce Issues in Managing Airport Security,'' 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled ''Nuclear Security: Has the NRC Strengthened Facility Standards Since 9/11?'', 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on Constitution, joint oversight hearing entitled ''Personal Information Acquired by the Government From Information Resellers: Is There Need for Improvement?'', 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following measures: H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005; and H. Con. Res. 376, Establishing the congressional budget for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, 3:30 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Reliability of Highway Trust Fund Revenue Estimates, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through March 31, 2006

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	39	22	..
Time in session	284 hrs., 44′	146 hrs., 24′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	2,698	1,391	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	489	..
Public bills enacted into law	12	30	42
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	..	4	..
Measures passed, total	108	89	197
Senate bills	15	13	..
House bills	33	30	..
Senate joint resolutions	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	1	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	6	2	..
House concurrent resolutions	7	12	..
Simple resolutions	46	32	..
Measures reported, total	*19	*35	54
Senate bills	17	..	..
House bills	1	17	..
Senate joint resolutions	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	..	1	..
Simple resolutions	..	17	..
Special reports	..	3	..
Conference reports	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	175	110	..
Measures introduced, total	397	578	974
Bills	311	419	..
Joint resolutions	5	7	..
Concurrent resolutions	9	45	..
Simple resolutions	72	107	..
Quorum calls	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	83	38	..
Recorded votes	..	42	..
Bills vetoed	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 13 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 38 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through March 31, 2006

Civilian nominations, totaling 262 (including 148 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	77
Unconfirmed	180
Withdrawn	5
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,346 (including 780 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,232
Unconfirmed	114
Air Force nominations, totaling 3,753 (including 100 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,601
Unconfirmed	2,152
Army nominations, totaling 3,051 (including 608 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,916
Unconfirmed	135
Navy nominations, totaling 56 (including 21 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	23
Unconfirmed	33
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,276 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,268
Unconfirmed	8

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	1,659
Total nominations received this Session	8,085
Total confirmed	7,117
Total unconfirmed	2,622
Total withdrawn	5
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the **SENATE**

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, April 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 10 a.m.; following which, Senate will continue consideration of S. 2454, Securing America's Borders Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 4

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of suspensions (1) H.J. Res. 81—Providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; (2) H.J. Res. 82—Providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; (3) H. Con. Res. 355—Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education; (4) H. Res. 703—Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and supporting continued efforts to control radiation and mitigate the adverse health consequences related to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant; (5) H. Res. 744—Expressing support for the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 as the blueprint for lasting peace in Northern Ireland and support for continued police reform in Northern Ireland as a critical element in the peace process; (96) H. Res. 692—Commending the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands.

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