

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3769–S3849

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2683–2689, S. Res. 456–458, and S. Con. Res. 90–91. **Page S3801**

Measures Passed:

Release of Terrorist Mohammed Ali Hammadi: Senate agreed to S. Res. 457, expressing the sense of the Senate that the citizens of the United States and the United States Government have serious concerns regarding the release of convicted terrorist and murderer Mohammad Ali Hammadi by the Government of Germany. **Pages S3846–47**

Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 415, expressing the continuing support of the Senate to the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC), and commending the efforts of that vital program as it carries out its mission of instilling the values of citizenship and service in the hearts and minds of the youth of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3848**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Cochran (for Bennett/Kohl) Amendment No. 3676, to clarify the availability of certain funds made available for the wildlife habitat incentive program. **Page S3786**

Cochran (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 3711, to provide that funds made available for the Air Force for military construction for the Satellite Processing Operations Support Facility at Cape Canaveral Air Station, Florida, shall be made available instead

for the Satellite Alert Facility at Cape Canaveral Air Station, Florida. **Page S3786**

Cochran (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3774, to clarify the availability of certain Construction, Major Projects, funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S3786**

Chambliss/Isakson Amendment No. 3702, relating to the comprehensive review of the procedures of the Department of Defense on mortuary affairs. **Pages S3771, S3786**

Cochran (for Salazar) Amendment No. 3644, to require a report on the strategy of the Department of Defense for providing training to members of the Armed Forces on countering improvised explosive devices. **Page S3786**

Cochran (for Lugar) Amendment No. 3597, to provide certain authorities necessary to carry out foreign policy objectives in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Pages S3792–93**

Cochran (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 3661, to provide for notification to the Committees on Appropriations. **Page S3793**

Cochran (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 3663, of a technical nature. **Page S3793**

Frist (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3791, to clarify the availability and use of funds. **Pages S3847–48**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 3648, to expand the scope of use of amounts appropriated for hurricane disaster relief and recovery to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Operations, Research, and Facilities. **Pages S3847–48**

Frist (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3630, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report to Congress on the status of its 2006 Atlantic hurricane season disaster response plan. **Pages S3847–48**

Frist (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3631, to require monthly reporting regarding the Disaster Loan Program of the Small Business Administration. **Pages S3847–48**

Pending:

McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3616, to strike a provision that provides \$74.5 million to states based on their production of certain types of crops, livestock and or dairy products, which was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request. **Page S3771**

McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3617, to strike a provision providing \$6 million to sugarcane growers in Hawaii, which was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request. **Page S3771**

McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3618, to strike \$15 million for a seafood promotion strategy that was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request. **Page S3771**

McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3619, to strike the limitation on the use of funds for the issuance or implementation of certain rulemaking decisions related to the interpretation of "actual control" of airlines. **Page S3771**

Warner Amendment No. 3620, to repeal the requirement for 12 operational aircraft carriers within the Navy. **Page S3771**

Coburn Amendment No. 3641 (Divisions IV through XIX), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3771**

Vitter Amendment No. 3627, to designate the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita as HUBZones and to waive the Small Business Competitive Demonstration Program Act of 1988 for the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. **Page S3771**

Vitter/Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 3626, to increase the limits on community disaster loans. **Page S3771**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 3628, to base the allocation of hurricane disaster relief and recovery funds to States on need and physical damages. **Page S3771**

Wyden Amendment No. 3665, to prohibit the use of funds to provide royalty relief for the production of oil and natural gas. **Page S3771**

Santorum Modified Amendment No. 3640, to increase by \$12,500,000 the amount appropriated for the Broadcasting Board of Governors, to increase by \$12,500,000 the amount appropriated for the Department of State for the Democracy Fund, to provide that such funds shall be made available for democracy programs and activities in Iran, and to provide an offset. **Page S3771**

Salazar/Baucus Amendment No. 3645, to provide funding for critical hazardous fuels and forest health projects to reduce the risk of catastrophic fires and mitigate the effects of widespread insect infestations. **Page S3771**

Vitter Amendment No. 3668, to provide for the treatment of a certain Corps of Engineers project. **Page S3771**

Burr Amendment No. 3713, to allocate funds to the Smithsonian Institution for research on avian influenza. **Page S3771**

Coburn (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 3693, to reduce wasteful spending by limiting to the reasonable industry standard the spending for administrative overhead allowable under Federal contracts and subcontracts. **Page S3771**

Coburn (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 3694, to improve accountability for competitive contracting in hurricane recovery by requiring the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to approve contracts awarded without competitive procedures. **Page S3771**

Coburn (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 3695, to improve financial transparency in hurricane recovery by requiring the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to make information about Federal contracts publicly available. **Page S3771**

Coburn (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 3697, to improve transparency and accountability by establishing a Chief Financial Officer to oversee hurricane relief and recovery efforts. **Page S3771**

Menendez Amendment No. 3675, to provide additional appropriations for research, development, acquisition, and operations by the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, for the purchase of container inspection equipment for developing countries, for the implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential program, and for the training of Customs and Border Protection officials on the use of new technologies. **Page S3771**

Murray (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3714, to increase by \$8,500,000 the amount appropriated for Economic Support Fund assistance, to provide that such funds shall be made available to the United States Institute of Peace for programs in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to provide an offset. **Page S3771**

Conrad/Clinton Amendment No. 3715, to offset the costs of defense spending in the supplemental appropriation. **Page S3772**

Levin Amendment No. 3710, to require reports on policy and political developments in Iraq. **Page S3772**

Schumer/Reid Amendment No. 3723, to appropriate funds to address price gouging and market manipulation and to provide for a report on oil industry mergers. **Page S3772**

Schumer Amendment No. 3724, to improve maritime container security. **Page S3772**

Murray (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3716, to provide funds to promote democracy in Iraq. **Page S3772**

Murray (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 3688, to provide funding to compensate individuals harmed by pandemic influenza vaccine.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 3722, to provide for immigration injunction reform. Page S3772

Cornyn Amendment No. 3699, to establish a floor to ensure that States that contain areas that were adversely affected as a result of damage from the 2005 hurricane season receive at least 3.5 percent of funds set aside for the CDBG program. Page S3772

Cornyn Amendment No. 3672, to require that the Secretary of Labor give priority for national emergency grants to States that assist individuals displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita. Page S3772

Murray (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3708, to provide additional amounts for emergency management performance grants. Page S3772

Domenici/Reid Amendment No. 3769, to provide additional construction funding for levee improvements in the New Orleans metropolitan area, gulf coast restoration. Pages S3772–76

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 2, 2006; that second-degree amendments be filed no later than 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 2, 2006; and that at approximately 10:45 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. Page S3848

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination: By unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. Ex.102), Michael Ryan Barrett, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

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.

Donald V. Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 21, 2010.

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.

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

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

William B. Taylor, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

Michael Wood, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Sweden. Page S3849

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—102) Page S3791

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3848–49.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENERGY POLICY AND COAL GASIFICATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic and environmental issues associated with coal gasification technology and on implementation of the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 addressing coal gasification, after receiving testimony from David K. Garman, Under Secretary of Energy; Brian Ferguson, Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, Tennessee; Antonia Herzog, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; William F. Bruce, BRI Energy, New Smyrna Beach, Florida; William C. Douglas, Econo-Power International Corporation, Houston, Texas; and William A. Boycott, Agrium U.S. Inc., Kenai, Alaska.