

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11111–S11238

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4075–4082, S. Res. 622–623, and S. Con. Res. 122. **Page S11194**

Measures Reported:

S. 1531, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–362)

S. 2322, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–363)

Report to accompany S. 3569, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 109–364)

H.R. 3675, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving unfair or deceptive acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act. **Page S11193**

Measures Passed:

Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act: Senate passed S. 3678, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11220–37**

Burr/Kennedy Amendment No. 5210, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11237**

Agriculture Appropriations: Senate began consideration of the H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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By 57 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 271), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to the emergency designation provision in Conrad Amendment No. 5205, to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 was sustained, and the provision was stricken. Also, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment would exceed the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S11143–56**

Bill Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 4048, to prohibit Federal funding for the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. **Page S11238**

Appointments:

Medal of Valor Review Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–12, the appointment of William Pickle, of Virginia, to serve as a member of the Medal of Valor Review Board. **Page S11238**

Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew von Eschenbach, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S11237–38**

A motion was filed to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Thursday, December 7, 2006.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Robert M. Gates, of Texas, to be Secretary of Defense at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 6, 2006.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

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.

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.

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.

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

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—271) Page S11156

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 8:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday,

December 6, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11238.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert M. Gates, of Texas, to be Secretary of Defense.

Prior to this action, committee concluded open and closed hearings on the nomination of Mr. Gates, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senators Dole and Boren, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Scott Wallace Stucky, of Maryland, and Margaret A. Ryan, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and 1,023 routine military nominations.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Steven R. Chealander, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Charles E. Dorkey III, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HIGHER EDUCATION TAX EXEMPTIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a report card on tax exemptions and incentives for higher education, including whether any changes should be made in the government's overall strategy for providing such assistance or to the individual programs and tax provisions that provide the assistance, after receiving testimony from Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues Team, Government Accountability Office; Daniel Golden, Wall Street Journal, Boston, Massachusetts; Bridget Terry Long, Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Susan M. Dynarski, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government and National Bureau of Economics, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; James J. Duderstadt, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and Patricia A. McGuire, Trinity (Washington) University, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anthony W. Ryan, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Markets, Phillip L. Swagel, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, Dean A. Pinkert, of Virginia, who was introduced by Representative Rangel, and Irving A. Williamson, of New York, both to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, and Mark Warshawsky, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, Social Security Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IMPROPER PAYMENTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management and Accountability concluded a hearing to examine the successes and shortcomings of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, focusing on the progress agencies have made in their improper payment reporting, the challenges that re-

main, and the total amount of improper payments recouped through recovery auditing, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

MARKETPLACE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enforcement of criminal insider trading and hedge fund activity, after receiving testimony from Gary J. Aguirre, former Investigator, Walter J. Stachnik, Inspector General, Robert B. Hanson, Branch Chief, Mark Kreitman, Assistant Director, Paul R. Berger, former Associate Director, and Linda C. Thomsen, Director, each of the Division of Enforcement, Eric Ribelin, Branch Chief, Office of Market Surveillance, all of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Ronald J. Tenpas, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Richard Blumenthal, Connecticut Attorney General, Hartford.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 6338–6376; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 497–498; and H. Res. 1088–1091 were introduced. **Pages H8742–44**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8744–45**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on Wednesday, November 15, as follows:

H.R. 4591, to implement the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants to the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–714);

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4997, to permanently authorize amendments made by the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 for the purpose of permitting waivers of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to certain international medical graduates, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–715);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–716);

H.R. 5782, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–717, Pt. 1 and Pt. 2);

H. Res. 1092, providing for consideration of H.R. 6346, to extend certain trade preference programs, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam, to modify temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade laws (H. Rept. 109–718); and

H. Res. 1093, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–719).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bishop of Utah to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8675**

MINER Act Technical Study Panel—Appointment: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the House (Mr. Boehner) and the Majority Leader of the Senate (Mr. Frist), pursuant to Public Law 109–236, the appointment of Thomas P. Mucho of Pennsylvania to serve as a member of the MINER Act Technical Study Panel. **Page H8679**

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

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of the House should actively engage with employers and the American public at large to encourage the hiring of members and former members of the Armed Forces who were wounded in service and are facing a transition to civilian life: H. Res. 1070, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of the House should actively engage with employers and the American public at large to encourage the hiring of members and former members of the Armed Forces who were wounded in service and are facing a transition to civilian life, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 524; **Pages H8679–81, H8702**

Designating Room H–139 of the Capitol as the “Henry J. Hyde Room”: H. Res. 1087, to designate Room H–139 of the Capitol as the “Henry J. Hyde Room”; **Pages H8681–82**

Extending through December 31, 2008, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits: H.R. 6316, to extend through December 31, 2008, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits; **Pages H8683–84**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National High School Seniors Voter Registration Day: H. Con. Res. 73, to support the goals and ideals of National High School Seniors Voter Registration Day; **Pages H8684–85**

Amending title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies: H.R. 4742, to amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies; **Pages H8685–86**

Amending title 18, United States Code, to prevent and repress the misuse of the Red Crescent distinctive emblem and the Third Protocol (Red Cryst-

tal) distinctive emblem: 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; **Pages H8692–93**

Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2006: H.R. 5666, amended, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho; **Pages H8693–94**

Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Designation Act: H.R. 5466, amended, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail; **Pages H8694–95**

Authorizing certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc.: S. 1219, to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc.—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8695–96**

More Water and More Energy Act of 2006: H.R. 5110, amended, to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources; **Pages H8696–97**

Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act: H.R. 395, to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park; **Pages H8697–98**

Providing for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II: Concur in Senate amendments to H.R. 1492, to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H8698–H8700**

Amending 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: H.R. 6111, amended, 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 H8700–01**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Nonprofit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2006: Amended, to provide immunity for nonprofit athletic organizations in lawsuits arising from claims of ordinary negligence relating to the passage, adoption, or failure to adopt rules of play for athletic competitions and practices, by less than a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 219 yeas to 187 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 525. **Pages H8686–92, H8702–03**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2:04 p.m. **Page H8701**

Henry J. Hyde United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act of 2006—Motion To Go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India. **Page H8701**

Agreed to the Lantos motion to instruct conferees after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Appointed as conferees: Messrs. Hyde, Boehner, and Lantos. **Page H8702**

Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 495, to authorize the printing as a House document of “United States House of Representatives, The Committee on Ways and Means: A History, 1789–2006”. **Page H8703**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:41 p.m. and reconvened at 9:42 p.m. **Page H8715**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H8678–79.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 119 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture; S. 994 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 3759 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services; S. 4014 was referred to the Committee on International Relations; S. 4073 was referred to the Committee on Veteran Affairs; and S. Con. Res. 101 and S. 2028 were held at the desk. **Page H8715**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8702 and H8702–03. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims concluded oversight hearings entitled “The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act: Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to Cold War Veterans When We Created the Program?” (Part V). Testimony was heard from Shelby Hallmark, Director, Office of Worker’s Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Collection Architecture. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

TO EXTEND CERTAIN TRADE PREFERENCE PROGRAMS, TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT (NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS TREATMENT) TO THE PRODUCTS OF VIETNAM, TO MODIFY TEMPORARILY CERTAIN RATES OF DUTY AND MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADE LAWS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 6346, to extend certain trade preference programs, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam, to modify temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas of California.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain

resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of December 6, 2006, providing for consideration of a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1082)

H.R. 6326, to clarify the provision of nutrition services to older Americans. Signed on November 17, 2006. (Public Law 109-368)

H.J. Res. 100, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007. Signed on November 17, 2006. (Public Law 109-369)

S. 435, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Signed on November 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-370)

S. 819, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to reallocate costs of the Pactola Dam and Reservoir, South Dakota, to reflect increased demands for municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife purposes. Signed on November 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-371)

S. 1131, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land within the State of Idaho. Signed on November 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-372)

S. 2464, to revise a provision relating to a repayment obligation of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation under the Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990. Signed on November 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-373)

S. 3880, to provide the Department of Justice the necessary authority to apprehend, prosecute, and convict individuals committing animal enterprise terror. Signed on November 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-374)

H.R. 409, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California. Signed on December 1, 2006. (Public Law 109-375)

H.R. 860, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District, El Paso County, Texas. Signed on December 1, 2006. (Public Law 109-376)

H.R. 1129, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado. Signed on December 1, 2006. (Public Law 109-377)

H.R. 3085, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new

trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail. Signed on December 1, 2006. (Public Law 109-378)

H.R. 5842, to compromise and settle all claims in the case of Pueblo of Isleta v. United States, to restore, improve, and develop the valuable on-reservation land and natural resources of the Pueblo. Signed on December 1, 2006. (Public Law 109-379)

S. 101, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation. Signed on December 1, 2006. (Public Law 109-380)

S. 1140, to designate the State Route 1 Bridge in the State of Delaware as the "Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge". Signed on December 1, 2006. (Public Law 109-381)

S. 4001, to designate certain land in New England as wilderness for inclusion in the National Preservation system and certain land as a National Recreation Area. Signed on December 1, 2006. (Public Law 109-382)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leland A. Strom, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, and Jill E. Sommers, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, and Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, and Diane Humetewa, of Arizona, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to climate change and the media, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the extent of fraud, waste, and abuse relating to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold oversight hearings to examine activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings to examine implementation of the *Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (Public Law 109-8)*, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing to examine criteria for awards and decorations, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Patient Safety and Quality Issues in End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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 November 30, 2006

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	132	97	..
Time in session	978 hrs.	807 hrs., 29'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	1,106	8,673	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	2,064	..
Public bills enacted into law	63	142	205
Private bills enacted into law	1	..	1
Bills in conference	1	4	5
Measures passed, total	528	638	1,166
Senate bills	113	67	..
House bills	157	294	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	2	..
House joint resolutions	6	7	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	19	7	..
House concurrent resolutions	35	70	..
Simple resolutions	196	191	..
Measures reported, total*	227	331	558
Senate bills	157	10	..
House bills	56	217	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	9	..
Simple resolutions	7	94	..
Special reports	8	11	..
Conference reports	1	8	..
Measures pending on calendar	317	162	..
Measures introduced, total	2,234	2,320	4,554
Bills	1,900	1,686	..
Joint resolutions	14	26	..
Concurrent resolutions	46	166	..
Simple resolutions	274	442	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	270	273	..
Recorded votes .....	..	249	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	1	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 149 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 350 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through November 30, 2006

Civilian nominations, totaling 604 (including 148 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		364
Unconfirmed		192
Withdrawn		19
Returned to White House		29
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 3,266 (including 780 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,615
Unconfirmed		650
Withdrawn		1
Air Force nominations, totaling 7,830 (including 100 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		7,799
Unconfirmed		31
Army nominations, totaling 9,785 (including 608 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		8,844
Unconfirmed		941
Navy nominations, totaling 7,036 (including 21 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		6,967
Unconfirmed		69
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,293 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,289
Unconfirmed		4
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session		1,659
Total nominations Received this Session		28,155
Total confirmed		27,878
Total unconfirmed		1,887
Total withdrawn		20
Total returned to the White House		29

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Robert M. Gates, of Texas, to be Secretary of Defense.

(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

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 6

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of suspensions as follows: (1) H.R. 6099—Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act of 2006; (2) H.R. 3248—Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2005; (3)

S. 843—Combating Autism Act of 2006; (4) H.R. 6342—To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program; (5) S. 4073—Robert Silvey Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act; (6) S. 1820—Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office Designation Act; (7) S. 3722—Naval Vessels Transfer Act of 2006; (8) S. 2125—Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy Promotion Act of 2006; (9) H. Res. 1082—Condemning the decision by the city of St. Denis, France, to name a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the convicted murderer of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner; (10) H. Res. 1090—Honoring the life and accomplishments of Ruth Brown and expressing condolences to her family on her death; (11) S. 1998—Stolen Valor Act of 2005; (12) H.R. 5076—National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 2006; (13) H.R. 5782—Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2006; (14) H.R. 1674—Tsunami Warning and Education Act; (15) H. Res. 1089—Honoring the life of Milton Friedman; and (16) H. Res. 1084—To honor the contributions and life of Edward R. Bradley.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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