

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS:

Senate passed S. 2986, Debt Limit Extension Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11397–S11439*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2988–2994, and S. Con. Res. 146. **Page S11429**

**Measures Reported:** S. 1905, to provide habitable living quarters for teachers, administrators, other school staff, and their households in rural areas of Alaska located in or near Alaska Native Villages, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–414) **Page S11429**

#### Measures Passed:

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 146, to direct the Secretary of the Senate to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 150. **Pages S11398–99**

**Debt Limit Extension:** By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 213), Senate passed S. 2986 to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit. **Pages S11398–S11418**

**New Shipper Review Amendment Act:** Senate passed S. 2991, to suspend temporarily new shipper bonding privileges. **Pages S11435–36**

**Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act—Conference Report:** Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1047, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws. **Page S11435**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 19, 2004. **Page S11435**

**Video Voyeurism Prevention Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached pro-

viding that pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 842, the Senate agree to the request of the House of Representatives regarding the papers relating to S. 1301, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States. **Page S11398**

**Foreign Operations Appropriations Act Conferees—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, Senator Cochran be inserted in lieu of Senator Specter as a conferee. **Page S11427**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement between the United States of America and Japan on Social Security; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–96) **Page S11426**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the nonsuitability of the Squirrel River in Alaska as an addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM–97) **Page S11426**

**Treaty Approved:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following treaty and having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with the Netherlands Treaty Doc. 108–25 agreed to in Senate by Division Vote. **Pages S11436–38**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

A. Wilson Greene, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009. (Reappointment)

Katina P. Strauch, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009.

Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** Page S11435

**Privilege of the Floor:** Page S11435

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2:15 p.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 18, 2004 (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11438–39.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on Iraq and Afghanistan from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense; General Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Lieutenant General Lance L. Smith, USAF, Deputy Commander, United States Central Command; John E. McLaughlin, Deputy Director, Central Intelligence; and Ronald L. Schlicher, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Coordinator for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joseph F. Bader, of the District of Columbia, and R. Bruce Matthews, of New Mexico, each to be a Member of the Defense

Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; and Otis Webb Brawley, Jr., of Georgia, and Vinicio E. Madrigal, of Louisiana, each to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; and 459 nominations in the Navy and Air Force.

### PRENATAL GENETIC TESTING TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space concluded a hearing to examine prenatal genetic testing technology, focusing on science, policy and ethics, after receiving testimony from Brian Chicoine, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Adult Down Syndrome Center, Park Ridge, Illinois; Kathy Hudson, Johns Hopkins University Department of Pediatrics, Andrew J. Imparato, American Association of People with Disabilities, and Andrew Kimbrell, International Center for Technology Assessment, all of Washington, D.C.; Cheryl Sensebrenner, Alexandria, Virginia; and John Bruchalski, Fairfax, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee met and approved sundry Committee resolutions.

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*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2734, to implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior regarding Indian Tribal detention facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### TRIBAL LOBBYING OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee held an oversight hearing on lobbying practices involving Indian tribes, focusing on the propriety of certain dealings and interactions, especially those relative to testimony and evidence in the pending matter *In re Tribal Lobbying Matters*, et. al., receiving testimony from Marc Schwartz, Marc Schwartz Partners, Inc., and Carlose Hisa, Yselta del Sur Pueblo, both of El Paso, Texas; and Michael Scanlon, Capitol Campaign Strategies, LLC, Washington, D.C.