

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4225–S4349*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 900–910, S.J. Res. 17, S. Res. 123–125, and S. Con. Res. 28.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 728, to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–61)

S. 907, to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to improve the Nation's public transportation and for other purposes. **Page S4257**

#### Measures Passed:

**World Intellectual Property Day:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 28, expressing the sense of the Congress on World Intellectual Property Day regarding the importance of protecting intellectual property rights globally. **Pages S4345–48**

**Commending University of Minnesota Golden Gophers Women's Ice Hockey Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers women's ice hockey team for winning the 2004–2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Hockey Championship. **Pages S4348–49**

**Transportation Equity Act:** Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

Thune Amendment No. 572 (to Amendment No. 567), to modify the section relating to National Scenic Byways to provide for the designation of Indian scenic byways. **Pages S4244–45**

#### Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 567, to provide a complete substitute. **Pages S4237–52**

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

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 110), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4235**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. **Page S4349**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—110) **Page S4235**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4349.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, The Judiciary, Housing and

Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from John Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

#### **MONEY SERVICES BUSINESSES**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee held a hearing to review money services businesses under Bank Secrecy Act and USA PATRIOT Act regulations, focusing on federal and state efforts in the anti-money laundering area, receiving testimony from Kevin M. Brown, Commissioner, Small Business/Self-Employed Division, Internal Revenue Service, William J. Fox, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, all of the Department of the Treasury; Diana L. Taylor, New York State Banking Department, Albany; John J. Byrne, American Bankers Association, Washington, D.C.; Gerald Goldman, Financial Service Centers of America, Hackensack, New Jersey; Dan O'Malley, MoneyGram International, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; and David Landsman, National Money Transmitters Association, Inc., Great Neck, New York.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

#### **NOMINATIONS:**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, who was introduced by Senators Allen and Clinton, and Phyllis F. Scheinberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Allen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### **TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION: BUDGET**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Transportation Security Administration and related programs, after receiving testimony from Charles Barclay, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of sundry organizations; and James C. May, Air Transport Association, Washington, D.C.

#### **NUCLEAR POWER 2010 PROGRAM**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the Department of Energy's Nuclear Power 2010 program, which is a joint government/industry cost-shared effort to identify sites for new nuclear power plants,

develop advanced nuclear plant technologies, and demonstrate new regulatory processes leading to a private sector decision by 2005 to order new nuclear power plants for deployment in the United States in the 2010 timeframe, after receiving testimony from Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Michael J. Wallace, Constellation Generation Group, Baltimore, Maryland.

#### **WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine the preparedness of the Department of Agriculture and the Interior for the 2005 wildfire season, including the agencies' assessment of the risk of fires by region, the status of and contracting for aerial fire suppression assets, and other information needed to better understand the agencies ability to deal with the upcoming fire season, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and James Caswell, Idaho Office of Species Conservation, Boise, and Kirk Rowdabaugh, Arizona State Forester, Phoenix, both on behalf of the Western Governors' Association.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held a hearing to examine Social Security proposals to achieve sustainable solvency regarding personal accounts, receiving testimony from Peter Ferrara, Institute for Policy Innovation, and USA Next, Michael Tanner, Cato Institute Project on Social Security Change, Peter R. Orszag, The Brookings Institution, Joan Entmacher, National Women's Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robert C. Pozen, MFS Investment Management, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

#### **MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Millennium Challenge Corporation's global impact, focusing on assistance to developing countries that uphold political freedoms,

fight corruption, maintain the rule of law, and pursue sound economic policies, after receiving testimony from Paul V. Applegarth, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation; and David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accountability Office.

### PENSION FUND REFORM

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging concluded a hearing to examine proposals to reform the pension funding rules and premiums payable to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, after receiving testimony from Bradley Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation; Ian P. MacFarlane, Medley Global Advisors, New York, New York; Sallie B. Bailey, The Timken Company, Canton, Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; and Ron Gebhardtshauer, American Academy of Actuaries, and Alan Reuther, United Auto Workers, both of Washington, D.C.

### FAIR ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, after receiving testimony from Judge Edward Becker, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Craig A. Berrington, American Insurance Association, John

M. Engler, National Association of Manufacturers, on behalf of the Asbestos Alliance, and Margaret Seminario, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; James D. Crapo, National Jewish Medical and Research Center and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver; Eric D. Green, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; Hershel W. Gober, Military Order of the Purple Heart, McLean, Virginia; Philip J. Landrigan, The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New York; Carol Morgan, National Service Industries, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Coalition for Asbestos Reform; Mark A. Peterson, Legal Analysis Systems, Inc., Thousand Oaks, California; Francine Rabinovitz, Hamilton, Rabinovitz, and Alschuler, Carmel, California; and Alan Reuther, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Lebanon, Tennessee.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 54 public bills, H.R. 1813–1866; 1 private bill, H.R. 1867; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44 and H. Res. 232–234, 237–238, were introduced. **Pages H2548–50**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2550–51**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 210, supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day, and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and worldwide (H. Rept. 109–53);

H. Res. 224, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Ninth Congress, amended (H. Rept. 109–54);

H. Res. 235, providing for consideration of H. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are enti-

tled to a Small Business Bill of Rights (H. Rept. 109–55); and

H. Res. 236, providing for consideration of H.R. 748, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–56). **Page H2548**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Price of Georgia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2477**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2480**

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

*Reauthorizing the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988:* H.R. 1158, amended, to reauthorize the