

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported six sundry measures, including the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5859–S5943*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1116–1127, S. Res. 154–156, and S. Con. Res. 38.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 494, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel. (S. Rept. No. 109–72)

S. 898, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–73)

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#### Measures Passed:

**National Hunger Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 156, designating June 7, 2005, as “National Hunger Awareness Day” and authorizing that the Senate offices of Senators Gordon Smith, Blanche L. Lincoln, Elizabeth Dole, and Richard J. Durbin be used to collect donations of food from May 26, 2005, until June 7, 2005, from concerned Members of Congress and staff to assist families suffering from hunger and food insecurity in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

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**Recognizing Kazakhstan Efforts:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 122, recognizing the historic efforts of the Republic of Kazakhstan to reduce the threat of weapons of mass destruction through co-

operation in the Nunn-Lugar/Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, and celebrating the 10th anniversary of the removal of all nuclear weapons from the territory of Kazakhstan, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Nomination Considered:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations. **Pages S5876–S5914**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that if a cloture motion is filed on the nomination, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 22, that cloture vote occur at 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2005, with the live quorum waived; provided further, that when the Senate resume debate on the nomination on Thursday, all time until 6 p.m. be equally divided; further, that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, and that during the debate on the nomination, Senator Voinovich be in control of 1 hour of debate.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, May 25, 2005, a vote on cloture will occur at 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2005.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2005; provided that one hour of debate be under the control of Senator Voinovich, as previously ordered.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 55 yeas 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 128), Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

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

Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2010.

John M. Reich, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision for a term expiring October 23, 2007.

William Alan Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Jan E. Boyer, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—128) **Pages S5875–76**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 7:53 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5940.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### GRAIN STANDARDS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed reauthorization of the U.S. Grain Standards Act, focusing on the Federal Grain Inspection Service, and mandatory export inspection and weighing services, after receiving testimony from David R. Shipman, Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers,

and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture; Jerry D. Gibson, Bunge North America, Inc., Destrehan, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association, and the North American Export Grain Association; Thomas Dahl, American Association of Grain Inspection and Weighing Agencies, Sioux City, Iowa; and Garry Niemeyer, National Corn Growers Association, Glenarm, Illinois.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kenneth J. Krieg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and 661 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S.360, to reauthorize and amend the Coastal Zone Management Act, after receiving testimony from Thomas Kitsos, Associate Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Walter D. Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Bill Jeffress, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Anchorage; W. Donald Hudson, Jr., Maine State Planning Office, Augusta; Sarah W. Cooksey, Delaware Coastal Programs, Dover, on behalf of the Coastal States Organization; Tom Fry, National Ocean Industries Association, Washington, D.C.; and Sarah Chasis, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee resumed markup of proposed comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to renewable energy, nuclear matters, and studies, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.