

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6599–S6668*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1249–1253, and S. Con. Res. 42. **Page S6658**

**Measures Passed:**

*Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge:* Senate passed S. 1140, to designate the State Route 1 Bridge in the State of Delaware as the “Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge”. **Page S6667**

*Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse:* Senate passed H.R. 483, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6667**

**Energy Policy Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S6601–41, S6642–43**

**Adopted:**

By 70 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 139), Domenici Modified Amendment No. 779 (to Amendment No. 775), to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation’s energy independence. **Pages S6602–14**

**Rejected:**

Schumer Amendment No. 782 (to Amendment No. 779), to strike the reliable fuels subtitle of the amendment. (By 69 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 138), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6601–02**

**Pending:**

Cantwell Amendment No. 784, to improve the energy security of the United States and reduce United States dependence on foreign oil imports by 40 percent by 2025. **Pages S6620–41**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2005. **Page S6667**

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

Carolyn L. Gallagher, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2009

Louis J. Giuliano, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2005.

Louis J. Giuliano, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2014.

David Garman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers. **Page S6668**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—139) **Pages S6602, S6613–14**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:35 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2005. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S6667–68.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Linda W. Cropp, Chairman, Council, Natwar M.

Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer, and Clifford B. Janey, Superintendent, Chief State School Officer, all of the government of the District of Columbia.

### PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine current financial condition and potential risks relating to solvency of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, focusing on the state of the defined benefit system, and accrual accounting and exposure to underfunding of pension plans, after receiving testimony from Bradley D. Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### BALLAST WATER INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* National Ocean Policy Study concluded a hearing to examine ballast water invasive species management and threats to coral reefs, focusing on reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act, after receiving testimony from Timothy R.E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Rear Admiral Thomas H. Gilmour, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Maurya B. Falkner, California State Lands Commission, Sacramento; Kathy J. Metcalf, Chamber of Shipping of America, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Shipping Industry Ballast Water Coalition; Joel C. Mandelman, Nutech 03, Incorporated, Arlington, Virginia; and Kim Hum, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Honolulu.

### MEDICAID REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held a hearing to examine strategies for strengthening Medicaid, focusing on the impact on State government budgets, cost-sharing rules, enhancing quality and reducing costs of the overall health care system, and strengthening employer-based and other forms of health care coverage, receiving testimony from Virginia Governor Mark Warner, Richmond, and Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, Little Rock, both on behalf of the National Governors Association; Alan R. Weil, National Academy for State Health Policy, Portland, Maine; and Jeanne M. Lambrew, Center for American Progress, and Stuart M. Butler, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Iraq, Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, Julie Finley, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to France, Robert Johann Dieter, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, Rodolphe M. Vallee, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Molly Hering Bordonaro, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Ann Louise Wagner, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Roger Dwayne Pierce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Republic of Cape Verde, Christopher J. Hanley, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Jorge A. Plasencia, of Florida, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting, Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Richard J. Griffin, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, and to be Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, and certain Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development in the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### CHEMICAL FACILITIES SAFETY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee held a hearing to determine whether the Federal government is doing enough to secure

chemical facilities, focusing on buffer zone protection plans (BZPPs), site assistance visits (SAVs), and increased security information sharing, receiving testimony from Robert B. Stephan, Acting Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection; and Thomas P. Dunne, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Laura A. Cordero, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Norton, and A. Noel Anketell Kramer, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine youth suicide prevention among Native Americans, focusing on economic issues, health care benefits and access, behavioral health care issues for tribal youth, and traditional health practice, after receiving testimony from Richard H. Carmona, Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Office of Public Health and Science, and Charles Grim, Director, Indian Health Service, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Twila Rough Surface, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota; Joseph B. Stone, Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde Behavioral Health Program, Grande Ronde, Oregon, on behalf of the American Psychological Association; Julie Garreau, Cheyenne River Youth Project, Eagle Butte, South Dakota; R. Dale Walker, Oregon Health and Science University One Sky Center, Port-

land; and Clark Flatt, The Jason Foundation, Inc., Hendersonville, Tennessee.

#### DETAINEES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to detainees at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Station in Cuba, focusing on certain Supreme Court rulings related to detained enemy combatants, status of cases pending before Military Commissions, and the war on terrorism, after receiving testimony from Brigadier General Thomas L. Hemingway, Legal Advisor to the Appointing Authority for the Office of Military Commissions, and Rear Admiral James M. McGarrah, Director of Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants, and Lieutenant Commander Charles D. Swift, Judge Advocate General's Corps, both of the Department of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense; J. Michael Wiggins, Deputy Associate Attorney General, and Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, both of the Department of Justice; William P. Barr, Verizon Corporation, Washington, D.C., former U.S. Attorney General; Joseph Margulies, University of Chicago Law School MacArthur Justice Center, Chicago, Illinois; and Stephen J. Schulhofer, New York University School of Law, New York, New York.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

#### ENERGY COSTS AND THE ELDERLY

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effects of rising energy prices and their impact on America's senior citizens, focusing on the costs of heating oil, gasoline, residential natural gas, and electricity, after receiving testimony from Margot H. Anderson, Director, Office of Energy Markets and End Use, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Nelda Barnett, Owensboro, Kentucky, on behalf of the AARP; Donna K. Harvey, Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging, Inc., Waterloo, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; and Jim Slusher, Mid Columbia Community Action Council, Inc., The Dalles, Oregon.