

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8091–S8151

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1381–1385, and S. Res. 196. **Page S8134**

Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 18, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. (S. Rept. No. 109–101) **Page S8134**

Measures Passed:

Welcoming Prime Minister of Singapore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, welcoming the Prime Minister of Singapore on the occasion of his visit to the United States, expressing gratitude to the Government of Singapore for its strong cooperation with the United States in the campaign against terrorism, and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the continued expansion of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Singapore. **Page S8144**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8093–S8131**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 174), Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 1129, to provide emergency supplemental funds for medical services provided by the Veterans Health Administration for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. **Pages S8106–10**

Kerry/Lautenberg Amendment No. 1162, to require the Inspector General to report to the Congress on the port security grant programs. **Pages S8126–28**

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 175), Collins Amendment No. 1142, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification. **Pages S8129–30**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 176), Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 1215, to improve the allocation of grants through the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S8093–S8106, S8130**

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 1200, to provide funds for certain programs authorized by the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974. **Pages S8124–26**

Akaka Amendment No. 1112, to increase funding for State and local grant programs. **Page S8128**

Akaka Amendment No. 1113, to increase funding for State and local grant programs and firefighter assistance grants. **Pages S8128–29**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1111, to prohibit the use of funds appropriated under this Act to promulgate the regulations to implement the plan developed pursuant to section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform Act of 2004. **Page S8129**

Durbin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1216, to provide for the strengthening of security at nuclear power plants. **Pages S8130–31**

Durbin (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1217, to provide funding for interoperable communications equipment grants. **Page S8131**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2005. **Pages S8144–45**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2010.

Patricia Louise Herbold, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

James Caldwell Cason, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Measures Referred: **Page S8133**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Pages S8133, S8144**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—176)	Pages S8110, S8130

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:09 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8145.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STEM CELLS RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine alternative methods for deriving stem cells, focusing on a single cell technique without destruction of the embryo, and a related measure, H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research (pending on Senate calendar), after receiving testimony from James F. Battey, Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, and Chair, National Institutes of Health Stem Cell Task Force, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert Lanza, Advanced Cell Technology, Worcester, Massachusetts; Ronald M. Green, Director, Dartmouth College Ethics Institute, Hanover, New Hampshire; George Q. Daley, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American Society for Cell Biology; and William B. Hurlbut, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues concerning Digital Television (DTV) transition, after receiving testimony from Edward O. Fritts, National Association of Broadcasters, Kyle McSlarrow, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, Richard Slenker, DIRECTV, Inc., John M. Lawson, Association of Public Television Stations, Michael D. Kennedy, Motorola, Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, on behalf of Consumer Federation of America, and Michael Calabrese, New America Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Manuel Abud, KVEA-TV, Channel 52, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of Telemundo; Patrick Knorr, Sunflower Broadband, Lawrence, Kansas, on behalf of the American Cable Association; Harlin R. McEwen, Ithaca, New York, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Charles C. Townsend, Aloha Partners, LP, Rumford, Rhode Island; and Gary J. Shapiro, Consumer Electronics Association, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jill L. Sigal, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Crapo; David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, and James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WATER PROJECTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 49, to establish a joint Federal-State Floodplain and Erosion Mitigation Commission for the State of Alaska, S. 247, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 648, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance, 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, S. 891, to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin