Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10203–10246

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1726–1737, and S. Con. Res. 53. **Pages S10233–34**

Agriculture Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Allard Amendment No. 1738, to express the sense of the Senate on the importation into the United States of beef from Japan. **Pages S10212–14**

By 72 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 236), Reid (for Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 1732, to prohibit the use of funds for developing a final rule with respect to the importation of beef from Japan.

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Allard Modified Amendment No. 1737, to allow the Secretary to lease certain land to the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System for its Shortgrass Steppe Biological Field Station.

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Durbin (for Reid) Amendment No. 1747, to provide for minimum prices for milk handlers.

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Durbin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1748, to limit the use of funds made available to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. **Page S10216**

Durbin Amendment No. 1749, to insert provisions related to conflicts of interest among members of advisory panels of the Food and Drug Administration. **Pages S10216–17**

Bennett Amendment No. 1750, to provide for the conveyance of land to the Mississippi State University, Starkville. **Page S10217**

Bennett Amendment No. 1751, to provide for a comprehensive report on the economic development and current status of the sheep industry in the United States. **Page S10218**

Bennett Amendment No. 1752, to establish a demonstration intermediate relending program for the construction and rehabilitation of housing for the Choctaw Nation. **Page S10218**

Akaka Amendment No. 1729, to prohibit Federal funding of research facilities that purchase animals from Class-B dealers. **Pages S10220, S10221–23**

Akaka Amendment No. 1730, to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock.

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Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 1726, to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936. **Page S10223**

Talent/Pryor Amendment No. 1763, to prohibit the use of funds to close or relocate certain local offices of the Farm Service Agency. **Page S10224**

By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 237), Ensign Modified Amendment No. 1753, to prohibit the use of appropriated funds to pay the salaries or expenses of personnel to inspect horses under certain authority or guidelines. **Pages S10224–25**

Roberts Amendment No. 1742, to modify the conditions under which the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation may offer crop insurance to single producers. **Page S10225**

Kohl (for Harkin) Amendment No. 1765, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide notice to Congress before initiating any structural change in a mission area of the Department. **Page S10225**

Kohl (for Pryor) Amendment No. 1766, to provide a technical correction for the community eligibility for rural utilities programs in Arkansas.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all first-degree amendments, except those cleared by the managers of the bill, be filed by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2005.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2005. **Page S10246**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—237) Pages S10213–14, S10224–25

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 21, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10246.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, who was introduced by Representative Kelly, and Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, both of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HURRICANE PREDICTION AND PREPARATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction concluded a hearing to examine the prediction of Hurricane Katrina and the work of the National Hurricane Center, focusing on the role in forecasting, warning the public about hurricanes, and the essential role and activities following landfall, after receiving testimony from Max Mayfield, Director, Tropical Prediction Center/National Hurricane Center, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Windell Curole, South Lafourche Levee District, Gallino, Louisiana; Marc L. Levitan, Louisiana State University Hurricane Center, Baton Rouge; Keith G. Blackwell, University of South Alabama Coastal Weather Research Center, Mobile; and C. Patrick Roberts, Florida Association of Broadcasters, Tallahassee.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change science and economics, focusing on the current state of climate change scientific research and the economics of strategies to manage climate change, including the relationship between energy consumption and climate change, and the potential effects on the U.S. economy of climate change and strategies to control greenhouse gas emissions, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Anne E. Smith, CRA International, Boston, Massachusetts; and Jason S. Grumet, National Commission on Energy Policy, and Richard D. Morgenstern, Resources for the Future, both of Washington, D.C.

LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the diplomatic, political, and eoconomic consequences of the emergence of China in Latin America and the Caribbean, including military-to-military contacts, and national security implications for the United States, after receiving testimony from Charles S. Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Robert Forden, Deputy Director for China and Mongolian Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, both of the Department of State; Rogelio Pardo-Maurer IV, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Stephen C. Johnson, The Heritage Foundation, David M. Lampton, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and Gal Luft, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, all of Washington, D.C.

EMINENT DOMAIN

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the Supreme Court's decision in Kelo v. City of New London on the use of eminent domain for economic development purposes, including a related measure S. 1313, to protect homes, small businesses, and other private property rights, by limiting the power of eminent domain, after receiving testimony from Senator Cornyn; Mayor Eddie A. Perez, Hartford, Connecticut, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Fred Jenkins, St. Luke's Pentecostal Church, North Hempstead, New York; Hilary O. Shelton, NAACP, Washington, D.C.; Thomas W. Merrill, Columbia University Law School, New York, New York; Steven J. Eagle, George Mason University School of