Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11339–S11448

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1869–1880, and S. Res. 273–274. **Pages S11421–22**

Measures Reported:

S. 1871, to repeal the increased micropurchase threshold. **Page S11421**

Measures Passed:

Expressing Sympathy to South Asia Earthquake Victims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 274, expressing sympathy and pledging the support of the Senate and the American people to the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck South Asia and caused the severe loss of life and destruction on October 8, 2005, and pledging immediate United States assistance to save lives and help the region recover from this monumental tragedy. **Pages S11442–43**

Transportation/Treasury/HUD Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11350–S11410**

Adopted:

Bond/Murray Amendment No. 2060, to strike section 719, relating to Federal Election Campaign Act contribution requirements. **Pages S11401–03**

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 255), Bond Amendment No. 2061, to clarify the ability of HUD to recover assets used in violation of a regulatory agreement. **Pages S11403–04, S11407**

Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 2062, to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost-of-living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2006. **Pages S11404–07**

Kennedy Amendment No. 2063, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Pages S11407–10**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, Senator Brownback be recognized to offer an amendment relative to appropriations for the District of Columbia; that there be 40 minutes of debate divided equally between Senators Brownback and Landrieu; that following the debate the amendment be agreed to and that there be no second-degree amendments to the amendment; provided further, that the time until 12:10 p.m. be equally divided between the Majority Leader, or his designee, and the Democratic Leader, or his designee, and at 12:10 p.m., Senate vote on, or in relation to, Kyl Amendment No. 2062, with no second-degree amendments to the amendment prior to the vote. **Page S11443**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2005. **Page S11443**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Sultanate of Oman; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–26) **Pages S11419–20**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2006.

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of

the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Jean B. Elshtain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2010.

Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2006.

Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

Eugene Hickok, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2008.

Two Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service. **Pages S11443–48**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2005. **Page S11448**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—255) **Page S11407**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, October 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11443.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4057–4069; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 267; and H. Res. 491–492, 495–497, were introduced. **Pages H8845–46**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8846–47**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2383, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant" (H. Rept. 109–247);

H. Res. 493, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 397) to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others (H. Rept. 109–248); and

H. Res. 494, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 554) to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity (H. Rept. 109–249). **Page H8845**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8811**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 317 yeas to 52 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 521. **Pages H8817–18**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet