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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12415–S12461

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1965–1972. **Page S12447**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 680, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah. (S. Rept. No. 109–175)

S. 1315, to require a report on progress toward the Millennium Development Goals, with amendments. **Page S12447**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12422–42**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 304), Allard Amendment No. 2423, to authorize a program to provide health, medical, and life insurance benefits to workers at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, Colorado, who would otherwise fail to qualify for such benefits because of an early physical completion date. **Pages S12422, S12440–42**

Pending:

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 2424, to repeal the requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan. **Page S12422**

Reed (for Levin/Reed) Amendment No. 2427, to make available, with an offset, an additional $50,000,000 for Operation and Maintenance for Cooperative Threat Reduction. **Page S12422**

Levin Amendment No. 2430, to establish a national commission on policies and practices on the treatment of detainees since September 11, 2001. **Pages S12422, S12432–36**

Inhofe Amendment No. 2432, relating to the partnership security capacity of foreign military and security forces and security and stabilization assistance. **Page S12423**

Chambliss Amendment No. 2433, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active Federal status or an active duty for significant periods. **Pages S12423–26**

Snowe Amendment No. 2436, to require the Secretary of Defense, subject to a national security exception, to offer to transfer to local redevelopment authorities for no consideration real property and personal property located at military installations that are closed or realigned as part of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment. **Pages S12427–32**

Harkin/Dorgan Amendment No. 2438, relating to the American Forces Network. **Pages S12436–40**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. **Pages S12460–61**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol Amending Tax Convention on Inheritances with France (Treaty Doc. No. 109–7).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate on Friday, November 4, 2005, and today considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S12460**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Rodney E. Hood, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2009.

Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2011. **Pages S12460, S12461**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2010.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Kristie A. Kenney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Robert Weisberg, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo. **Page S12461**

Nominations Discharged: The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on June 29, 2005, from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—304) **Page S12442**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12461.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.