Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m., on Monday, December 12, 2005.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4433–4451; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 579, 584–587—were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H11109–11

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4340, to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 109–318);

H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–232, Pt. 2);

H.R. 452, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 109–319);

H.R. 1183, to require the Secretary of the Interior to provide public access to Navassa National Wildlife Refuge and Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge (H. Rept. 109–320);

H.R. 1190, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–321);

H.R. 4192, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, (H. Rept. 109–322);

H.R. 4195, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District (H. Rept. 109–323);

H.R. 4292, to amend Public Law 107–153 to further encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims (H. Rept. 109–324); and

H.R. 3818, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into partnership agreements with entities and local communities to encourage greater cooperation in the administration of Forest Service activities on and near National Forest System lands, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–325, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3909, to provide emergency authority for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the National Credit Union Administration, in accordance with guidance issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to guarantee checks cashed by insured depository institutions and insured credit unions for the benefit of noncustomers who are victims of certain 2005 hurricanes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–326);

H.R. 4314, to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–327);

H. Res. 583, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4340) to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 109–328); and

H.R. 4312, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–329 Pt. 1). **Page H11108**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H11039**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Cunningham, wherein he resigned as Representative of the 50th Congressional District of California, effective close of business on Thursday, December 1, 2005. **Page H11040**

The Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from California, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H11040**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Gateway Communities Cooperation Act: H.R. 585, amended, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies; **Pages H11042–43**

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River: H.R. 3812, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River; **Pages H11043–44**

Southern Oregon Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2005: H.R. 4195, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District; **Page H11044**

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah: S. 52, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11044–45**

Valles Caldera Preservation Act of 2005: S. 212, to amend the Valles Caldera Preservation Act to improve the preservation of the Valles Caldera—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11045–46**

To amend the Act of June 7, 1924, to provide for the exercise of criminal jurisdiction: S. 279, to amend the Act of June 7, 1924, to provide for the exercise of criminal jurisdiction—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11046–47**

Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005: H.R. 1129, amended, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado; **Pages H11047–49**

Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act: S. 136, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist certain local school districts in the State of California in providing educational services for students attending schools located within Yosemite National Park, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, to adjust the boundaries of Redwood National Park—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11049–51**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott: H. Con. Res. 273, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott; **Pages H11051–54**

Naval Vessels Transfer Act of 2005: S. 1886, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11054–55**

Amending the International Organizations Immunities Act to provide for the applicability of that Act to the Bank for International Settlements: H.R. 3269, to amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to provide for the applicability of that Act to the Bank for International Settlements; **Page H11055**

Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2005: H.R. 2017, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture; **Pages H11055–59**

Urging member states of the United Nations to stop supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East: H. Res. 438, amended, to urge member states of the United Nations to stop supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in

the Middle East, by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with 1 voting nay, Roll No. 609;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: ''Resolution urging member states of the United Nations to stop supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations a more balanced and constructive approach to resolving conflict in the Middle East.''. **Pages H11070–71**

Honoring the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death: H. Res. 535, to honor the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death, by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting ''nay'', Roll No. 610; **Pages H11063–66, H11071–72**

Mourning the horrific loss of life caused by the floods and mudslides that occurred in October 2005 in Central America and Mexico and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should do everything possible to assist the affected people and communities: H. Con. Res. 280, amended, to mourn the horrific loss of life caused by the floods and mudslides that occurred in October 2005 in Central America and Mexico and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should do everything possible to assist the affected people and communities; and **Pages H11066–68**

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on October 23, 1956 and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary: H. Res. 479, amended, to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on October 23, 1956 and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary, by a yea and nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting ''nay'', Roll No. 611.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H11070**

Electing the Clerk of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 580, that Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives. The Speaker then administered the oath of office.

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Notify the Senate of the Election of the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 581, to inform the Senate that Karen L. Haas has been elected as Clerk of the House. **Page H11073**

Notify the President of the Election of the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 582, authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Karen L. Haas as Clerk of the House of Representatives of the 109th Congress. **Page H11073**

Discharge Petitions: Representative Slaughter moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 460, providing for consideration of H.R. 3764, to establish a National Independent Inquiry Commission on Disaster Preparedness and Response to examine and evaluate the Federal Government's response to Hurricane Katrina and assess its ability to respond to future large-scale disasters (Discharge Petition No. 4);

Representative Waxman moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 537, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3838, to establish the Independent Commission to Prevent Fraud and Abuse in the Response to Hurricane Katrina (Discharge Petition No. 5); and

Representative Abercrombie moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 543, providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 55, requiring the President to develop and implement a plan for the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq (Discharge Petition No. 6).

Senate Referrals: S. 1042, S. 1043, S. 1044 and S. 1045 were held at the desk. S. 584 was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H11101**

Quorum Calls—Votes: 3 yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H11070–71, H11071–72, H11072. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S WATERSHED PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review USDA's watershed programs. Testimony was heard from Bruce Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

SHOULD ONLY U.S. CITIZENS BE INCLUDED IN APPORTIONING OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and Census held a hearing entitled ''Counting the Vote: Should Only U.S. Citizens Be Included in Apportioning Our Elected Representatives?'' Testimony was heard from Representative Miller of Michigan; Johnny Killian, Senior Specialist in Constitutional Law, American Law Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.