

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4163–S4240*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2765–2773, and S. Res. 471. **Page S4211**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2389, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the unlawful acquisition and use of confidential customer proprietary network information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–253)

S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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. (S. Rept. No. 109–254)

S. 2767, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

S. 2768, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military construction.

S. 2769, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for defense activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S4211**

#### Measures Passed:

**Recognizing National Foster Care Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, recognizing that, during National Foster Care Month, the leaders of the Federal, State, and local governments should provide leadership to improve the care given to children in foster care programs. **Pages S4239–40**

**Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace. **Pages S4163–S4205**

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 117), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4165**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, Senate will begin consideration of S. 1955 (listed above). **Page S4240**

#### Appointments:

**Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–170, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Katie Beckett of Iowa. **Page S4239**

**Library of Congress Trust Fund Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 68–541, as amended by Public Law 102–246, appointed John Medveckis, of Pennsylvania, as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a term of five years. **Page S4239**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Victoria Ray Carlson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

Chad Colley, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

Lisa Mattheiss, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

John R. Vaughn, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2007.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—117) Page S4165

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 10, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4240.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for military construction, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), and Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, both of the Department of Defense; Keith Eastin, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics.

### CAFE STANDARDS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine efforts to reform corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards for passenger cars, focusing on oil consumption, flexible fuel, fuel cells and hybrid-electric vehicles, and hydrogen internal combustion engines, after receiving testimony from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, Jeffrey Rosen, General Counsel, and Jacqueline Glassman, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Frederick L. Webber, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Philip R.

Sharp, Resources for the Future, Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen, David Friedman, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Alan Reuther, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and John M. Cabaniss, Jr., Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, Arlington, Virginia.

### FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN U.S. AIR CARRIERS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's notice of proposed rulemaking that clarifies the rules regarding foreign investments in U.S. air carriers, after receiving testimony from Representatives Mica and Oberstar; Jeffrey N. Shane, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; Frederick W. Smith, FedEx Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; Jeffery A. Smisek, Continental Airlines, Houston, Texas; Michael G. Whitaker, United Airlines, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; and Duane Woerth, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.

### LONGSHORE HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine proposed reform of Longshore Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, after receiving testimony from Lawrence P. Postol, Seyfarth Shaw, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Richard A. Victor, Workers Compensation Research Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Stephen Embry, Embry and Neusner, Groton, Connecticut; and Mitch White, Manson Construction, San Pedro, California, on behalf of the AGC National Marine Contractors Committee.

### VOTING RIGHTS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an introduction to the expiring provisions of the Voting Rights Act and legal issues relating to reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Chandler Davidson, Rice University, Houston, Texas; Theodore M. Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and Samuel Issacharoff, New York University School of Law, both of New York, New York; Richard L. Hasen, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California; and Laughlin McDonald, ACLU Voting Rights Project, Atlanta, Georgia.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Brett M.