

Tuesday, September 5, 2006

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8909–S8984

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3840–3844. **Page S8972**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, August 30, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany S. 939, to expedite payments of certain Federal emergency assistance authorized pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, to authorize the reimbursement under that Act of certain expenditures. (S. Rept. No. 109–320)

Report to accompany S. 3495, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam. (S. Rept. No. 109–321)

Special Report entitled “Hurricane Katrina: A Nation Still Unprepared”. (S. Rept. No. 109–322)

Reported on today:

S. 1902, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–323)

S. 3546, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to serious adverse event reporting for dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–324)

Special Report entitled “‘Gimme Five’—Investigation of Tribal Lobbying Matters”. (S. Rept. No. 109–325) **Page S8971**

Measures Passed:

Maine Navigation Project: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 466, to deauthorize a certain

portion of the project for navigation, Rockland Harbor, Maine, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Snowe) Amendment No. 4887, to redesignate the project for navigation, Saco River, Maine.

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Frist (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 4888, to provide for the Herbert Hoover Dike Supplemental Major Rehabilitation Report.

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National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 552, designating September 2006 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Department of Defense Appropriations Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Kennedy/Reid Amendment No. 4885, to include information on civil war in Iraq in the quarterly reports on progress toward military and political stability in Iraq.

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Allen Modified Amendment No. 4883, to make available from Defense Health Program up to \$19,000,000 for the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center.

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Feinstein/Leahy Amendment No. 4882, to protect civilian lives from unexploded cluster munitions.

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A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:15 a.m., on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 during the adjournment of the Senate, the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Investment Treaty with Uruguay (Treaty Doc. 109–9) (Ex. Rept. 109–17); and

Report to accompany U.N. Convention Against Corruption (Treaty Doc. 109–6) (Ex. Rept. 109–18).

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

Patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under Patent Law Treaty (Treaty Doc. No. 109–12).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate 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.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 231), Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Robert S. Martin, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012. **Pages S8944–48, S8976, S8984**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles F. Conner, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Collister Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation for a term of seven years.

Mark Myers, of Alaska, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Mary Amelia Bomar, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Park Service.

David Longly Bernhardt, of Colorado, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2010.

Charles L. Glazer, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

Sara Alicia Tucker, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education.

Tracy A. Henke, of Missouri, to be Executive Director of the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security.

Michael Brunson Wallace, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

James F.X. O’Gara, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

William W. Mercer, of Montana, to be Associate Attorney General.

William James Haynes II, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Robert T. Howard, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

John Edward Mansfield, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2011.

Larry W. Brown, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2010.

Peter Stanley Winokur, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2009.

Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Otis D. Wright II, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

George H. Wu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, September 6, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8979.)

Committee Meeting

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ronald A. Tschetter, of Minnesota, to be Director of the Peace Corps, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D902–903)

H.R. 5877, to amend the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 to extend the authorities provided in such Act until September 29, 2006. Signed on August 4, 2006. (Public Law 109–267)

S. 3741, to provide funding authority to facilitate the evacuation of persons from Lebanon. Signed on August 4, 2006. (Public Law 109–268)

H.R. 3682, to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge. Signed on August 12, 2006. (Public Law 109–269)

S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act. Signed on August 12, 2006. (Public Law 109–270)

S. 3693, to make technical corrections to the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005. Signed on August 12, 2006. (Public Law 109–271)

H.R. 5683, to preserve the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego, California, by providing for the immediate acquisition of the memorial by the United States. Signed on August 14, 2006. (Public Law 109–272)

H.R. 4646, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boule-

vard in Reseda, California, as the “Coach John Wooden Post Office Building”. Signed on August 17, 2006. (Public Law 109–273)

H.R. 4811, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as the “John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building”. Signed on August 17, 2006. (Public Law 109–274)

H.R. 4962, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the “Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building”. Signed on August 17, 2006. (Public Law 109–275)

H.R. 5104, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 16th Street South in St. Petersburg, Florida, as the “Morris W. Milton Post Office”. Signed on August 17, 2006. (Public Law 109–276)

H.R. 5107, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the “Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building”. Signed on August 17, 2006. (Public Law 109–277)

H.R. 5169, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1310 Highway 64 NW. in Ramsey, Indiana, as the “Wilfred Edward ‘Cousin Willie’ Sieg, Sr. Post Office”. Signed on August 17, 2006. (Public Law 109–278)

H.R. 5540, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 217 Southeast 2nd Street in Dimmitt, Texas, as the “Sergeant Jacob Dan Dones Post Office”. Signed on August 17, 2006. (Public Law 109–279)

H.R. 4, to provide economic security for all Americans. Signed on August 17, 2006. (Public Law 109–280)