

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 22 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5439–S5524

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1262–1275, and S. Con. Res. 30. **Page S5497**

Measures Passed:

Public Service Recognition Week: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 150, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5523–24**

Measures Considered:

Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments: Senate continued consideration of S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5444–92**

Adopted:

DeMint Amendment No. 1018, to amend the notification provision with respect to drugs deemed to have risk evaluation and mitigation strategies. **Pages S5469–70, S5471–72**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 149), Durbin Modified Amendment No. 1022, to ensure the safety of human and pet food. **Pages S5478–82**

Schumer Amendment No. 1025, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to follow-on biologics. **Page S5485**

Rejected:

By 41 yeas and 53 nays (Vote No. 148), Allard Amendment No. 982, to strike provisions related to market exclusivity. **Pages S5445–52, S5455–61**

Pending:

Landrieu Amendment No. 1004, to require the Food and Drug Administration to permit the sale of

baby turtles as pets so long as the seller uses proven methods to effectively treat salmonella. **Page S5444**

Dorgan Amendment No. 990, to provide for the importation of prescription drugs.

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Cochran Amendment No. 1010 (to Amendment No. 990), to protect the health and safety of the public. **Pages S5444, S5490**

Stabenow Amendment No. 1011, to insert provisions related to citizens petitions.

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Brown (for Brownback/Brown) Amendment No. 985, to establish a priority drug review process to encourage treatments of tropical diseases.

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Vitter Amendment No. 983, to require counterfeit-resistant technologies for prescription drugs.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 988, to protect children and their parents from being coerced into administering a controlled substance in order to attend school. **Pages S5487–88**

Gregg/Coleman Amendment No. 993, to provide for the regulation of Internet pharmacies.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 3, 2007; that there be one hour for debate, equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leader, or their designees; that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Dorgan Amendment No. 990 (listed above); provided further that Senators be authorized to file second-degree amendments until 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 3, 2007. **Page S5524**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—149)	Pages S5461, S5482

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5524.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: GLOBAL HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for global health, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary, Stephen B. Blount, Director, Coordinating Office of Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Roger I. Glass, Director, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for defense intelligence, after receiving testimony from Mike McConnell, Director of National Intelligence; James R. Clapper, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008, after receiving testimony from James A. Rispoli, Assistant Secretary for Environment Management, Glenn S. Podonsky, Chief Health, Safety and Security Officer, both of the Department of Energy.

SCIENCE NOBEL LAUREATES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine the 2006 Nobel Laureates, after receiving testimony from John C. Mather, Chief Scientist, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; George F. Smoot III, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Andrew Fire, and Roger Kornberg, both of Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California; and Craig C. Mello, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels; and

The nomination of Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Medicare prescription drug benefit, focusing on monitoring early experiences, after receiving testimony from Kris Gross, Iowa Insurance Division, Des Moines; Vicki Gottlich, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., and Timothy L. Tucker, American Pharmacists Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Tobey T. Schule, Sykes Pharmacy, Kalispell, Montana.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the security of international travel documents, focusing on interrupting terrorist travel activities, and S. 276, to strengthen the consequences of the fraudulent use of United States or foreign passports, after receiving testimony from Andrew T. Simkin, Director, Office of Fraud Prevention Programs, Bureau of Consular Affairs, and Patrick D. Donovan, Assistant Director for Diplomatic Security, Director of Domestic Operations, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, both of the Department of State; Michael P. Everitt, Unit Chief, Forensic Document Laboratory, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Paul Morris, Executive Director, Admissibility Requirements and Migration Control, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Ronald K. Noble, Interpol, Lyon, France; and Clark Kent Ervin, Aspen Institute, and Brian Zimmer, Kelly, Anderson, and Associates, both of Washington, D.C.