

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1433–1443, S.J. Res. 13, and S. Res. 211–212. **Page S6399**

Measures Reported:

S. 1079, to establish the Star Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, with amendments. **Page S6399**

Measures Passed:

Constantino Brumidi: Senate passed S. 254, to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S6414–15**

National Day of the American Cowboy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 130, designating July 28, 2007, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”. **Page S6415**

Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and pursuant to the order of the Senate of May 16, 2007, agreed thereto, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6362–89**

Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 150, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6415**

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

By 69 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 173), 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 S6388**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, Senate continue consideration of the bill, and Senator

Sessions be recognized to speak until 12:30 p.m.; that at 2:15 p.m., if Senator Sessions has not concluded his remarks, he then be recognized to conclude those remarks, with no amendments in order during the time of his remarks. **Page S6415**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas P. D’Agostino, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

Eric G. John, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—173) **Page S6388**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 8:14 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6415.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (PART II)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the National Institutes of Health: A New Vision for Medical Research, after receiving testimony from Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, John E. Niederhuber, Director, National Cancer Institute, Barbra M. Alving, Director, National Center for Research Resources, Patricia A. Grady, Director, National Institute of Nursing Research, and John Ruffin, Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

INCREASED HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On Friday, May 18, 2007, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine growth trends in health care premiums for active and retired federal employees, after receiving testimony from Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy Division and Chief Actuary, Office of Personnel Management; John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Ste-

phen W. Gammarino, BlueCross BlueShield Association, Washington, D.C.; and Alan G. Lopatin, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 1352, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the “Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1402, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida, as the “Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building”;

H.R. 625, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4230 Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park, California, as the “Atanacio Haro-Marin Post Office”;

H.R. 988, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the “Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office”;

H.R. 437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the “Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office”;

H.R. 414, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the “Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building”; and

The nomination of Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2395–2417; 1 private bill, H.R. 2418; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 418–425 were introduced. **Pages H5530–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5532–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 1104, to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–158);

H.R. 1525, to amend 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–159);

H.R. 2264, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–160);

H.R. 2316, to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–161, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 2317, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file