

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4759, U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

Senate passed H.R. 4520, Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act.

The House passed H.R. 4818, Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for FY05.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8141–S8268

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2659–2677, S. Res. 406–407, and S. Con. Res. 125–126.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2436, to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–306)

S. 2666, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. (S. Rept. No. 108–307)

S. 2249, to amend the Stewart. B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to provide for emergency food and shelter. (S. Rept. No. 108–308)

S. 2674, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. (S. Rept. No. 108–309)

S.J. Res. 37, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. (S. Rept.No. 108–310)

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Measures Passed:

U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement: By 80 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 156), Senate passed H.R. 4759, to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act: Senate passed H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 78 yeas to 15 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 157), DeWine/Kennedy Amendment No. 3563 (to Amendment No. 3562), to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to eliminate the Federal quota and price support programs for tobacco, and to provide assistance to quota holders, tobacco producers, and tobacco-dependent communities.

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McConnell (for Grassley/Baucus) Amendment No. 3562, in the nature of a substitute.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Nickles, Lott, Snowe, Kyl, Thomas, Santorum, Smith, Bunning, McConnell, Gregg, Baucus, Rockefeller, Daschle, Breaux, Conrad, Graham (FL), Jeffords, Bingaman, Lincoln, Kennedy, and Harkin.

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E-Government Act Amendment: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1303, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Constitutional Amendment on Marriage: Pursuant to the order of July 14, 2004, the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 40, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, was withdrawn.

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Retirement Plans Status: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate request the House of Representatives to return the papers with respect to S. 2589, to clarify the status of certain retirement plans and the organizations which maintain the plans.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (FTA); which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-91)

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Appointment:

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 70-770, appointed Senator Lincoln to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, vice Senator Breaux.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—157)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, July 16, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8268.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine preventing chronic disease through healthy lifestyles, focusing on obesity, coronary heart disease, diabetes, and cancer, and diet and weight loss, after receiving testimony from Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Kenneth L. Gladish, YMCA of the USA, and Karen Silberman, National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity, both of Washington, D.C.; Vernon E. Delpesce, YMCA of Greater Des Moines, Iowa; Eric K. Mann, Pittsburgh Metropolitan YMCA of the USA, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Dean Ornish, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco; and Jack Rule, incentaHEALTH, Denver, Colorado.

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 2674) making appropriations for making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005; and

An original bill (S. 2666) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

ICRC REPORTS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding International Committee of the Red Cross reports on U.S. military detainee operations in Iraq from official of the Department of Defense.

HEDGE FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulation of the hedge fund industry, focusing on a proposed regulation that would address violations of the federal securities laws, including fraudulent activity, by hedge funds, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; Patrick J. McCarty, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Mark Anson, California Public Employees Retirement System, Sacramento; James Chanos, Kynikos Associates, LP, and Charles J. Gradante, Hennessee Group, LLC, both of New York, New York; and