

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4850, District of Columbia Appropriations.

The House passed H.R. 5025, Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9471–S9538*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2827–2831, and S. Res. 432. **Pages S9524–25**

#### Measures Passed:

**District of Columbia Appropriations:** Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2826, Senate companion measure. **Pages S9535–37**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: Senators DeWine, Hutchison, Brownback, Stevens, Landrieu, Durbin, and Inouye. **Page S9535**

Subsequently, S. 2826 was returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S9535**

**Burma Human Rights:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 431, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United Nations Security Council should immediately consider and take appropriate actions to respond to the growing threats posed by conditions in Burma under the illegitimate rule of the State Peace and Development Council, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9537–38**

**Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a

committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency, Ayad Allawi, Prime Minister of the Interim Government of the Republic of Iraq, into the House Chamber for the joint meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2004.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 77 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. Ex. 187), Porter J. Goss, of Florida, to be Director of Central Intelligence. **Page S9518**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S9521–22**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S9522**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S9534–35**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—187) **Page S9518**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, September 23, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S9538.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 9/11 Commission intelligence recommendations, focusing on the quality of analysis, effective information-sharing among agencies, protecting civil liberties, assuring clarity of authority for clandestine operations, and reforming Congressional oversight, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Posner, Judge of the Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit; John J. Hamre, Center For Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C., former Under Secretary of Defense; and Dale Watson, former Executive Director of Terrorism and Counter-Intelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### INSURANCE INDUSTRY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the condition and regulation of the insurance industry, after receiving testimony from Gregory Serio, New York Department of Insurance, Albany, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Arthur F. Ryan, Prudential Financial, Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers; William H. McCartney, United Services Automobile Association Group, San Antonio, Texas; J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, and Brian K. Atchinson, Insurance Marketplace Standards Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Alan F. Liebowitz, OMNIA (Bermuda), Ltd., Purchase, New York, on behalf of the American Bankers Insurance Association; Albert R. Counselman, Riggs, Counselman, Michaels, Downes, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; Thomas B. Ahart, Ahart, Frinzi, and Smith Insurance, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Inc.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2541, to reauthorize and restructure the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with amendments;

S. 2393, to improve aviation security, with an amendment;

S. 1798, to provide for comprehensive fire safety standards for upholstered furniture, mattresses, bed-

clothing, and candles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2820, to ensure the availability of certain spectrum for public safety entities by amending the Communications Act of 1934 to establish January 1, 2009, as the date by which the transition to digital television shall be completed, with amendments;

S. 1963, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect the privacy right of subscribers to wireless communication services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1380, to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America;

S. 2145, to regulate the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2647, to establish a national ocean policy, to set forth the missions of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to ensure effective interagency coordination, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2489, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to integrate Federal coastal and ocean mapping activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 480, to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996; and

The nominations of Deborah P. Majoras, of Virginia, and Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, both to be Federal Trade Commissioners, sundry nominations for promotion in the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lloyd O. Pierson, an Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Royce, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government.