

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3441–S3503*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 761–768, S. Res.104–105, and S. Con. Res. 26. **Page S3481**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Youth Service Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res.105, designating April 15, 2005, as National Youth Service Day. **Pages S3492–93, S3501–02**

**Supplemental Appropriations:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3449–73**

#### Pending:

Kerry Amendment No. 333, to extend the period of temporary continuation of basic allowance for housing for dependents of members of the Armed Forces who die on active duty. **Page S3455**

Kerry Amendment No. 334, to increase the military death gratuity to \$100,000, effective with respect to any deaths of members of the Armed Forces on active duty after October 7, 2001. **Pages S3455–56**

Durbin Amendment No. 356, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Pages S3470–73**

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

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 89), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 402 of S. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to the emergency designation provision in Murray Modified Amendment No. 344, to provide \$1,975,183,000 for medical care for veterans. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 402 of S. Con. Res. 95 was sustained and the provision was stricken. **Pages S3461–68**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 90), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Murray Modified Amendment No. 344, to provide \$1,975,183,000 for medical care for veterans. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would violate section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3451–55, S3456–60, S3461–68**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 13, 2005; that there be 40 minutes equally divided in relation to Durbin Amendment No. 356 (listed above), and that the Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, with no second degrees in order to the amendment prior to that vote. **Page S3502**

#### Appointment:

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of Guy Rocha, of Nevada, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, vice Stephen Van Buren of South Dakota. **Page S3502**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S3480–81**

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<b>Authority for Committees to Meet:</b>	<b>Page S3501</b>
<b>Privilege of the Floor:</b>	<b>Page S3501</b>
<b>Record Votes:</b> Two record votes were taken today. (Total—90)	<b>Page S3468</b>

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3502–03.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture.

### IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding assessment of Iraqi Security Forces from General Gary E. Luck, USA (Ret.), Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lieutenant General Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5, The Joint Staff.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded closed and open hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding and industrial base status in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; Ronald O'Rourke, National Defense Specialist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Michael W. Toner, General Dynamics Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia; and Philip A. Dur, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael D. Griffin, of Virginia, to be

Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Sarbanes; Joseph H. Boardman, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Schumer; Nancy Ann Nord, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and William Cobey, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, who was introduced by Senators Dole and Burr, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### OIL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing a reliable supply of oil from domestic oil shale and oil sands resources, focusing on opportunities to advance technology that will facilitate environmentally friendly development of oil shale and oil sands resources, after receiving testimony from Mark Maddox, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy; Ted Barna, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Technology; Thomas Lonnie, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty, and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Russell George, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Denver; Stephen Mut, Shell Exploration and Production Company, Washington, D.C.; Jim Evans, Associated Governments of Northwestern Colorado, Rifle; and Steve Smith, The Wilderness Society, Denver, Colorado.

### NATIONAL MALL

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine management and planning issues for the National Mall, including the history of the development, security projects and other planned construction, and future development plans, after receiving testimony from John Parsons, Associate Regional Director, Lands, Resources, and Planning, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and W. Kent Cooper, National Mall Third Century Initiative, John V. Cogbill, III, National Capital Planning Commission, and David M. Childs, Commission of Fine Arts, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be U.S. Representative to