

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 93 public bills, H.R. 2113–2205; and; 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 48; H. Con. Res. 145–147, and H. Res. 263–267 were introduced. **Pages H3052–55**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3055–57**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 748, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion (H. Rept. 109–51, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 1279, to amend title 18, United States Code, to reduce violent gang crime and protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, amended (H. Rept. 109–74). **Pages H3051–52**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. James Brinkerhoff, Campus Minister, Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. **Page H2981**

Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1268, making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a ye-and-nay vote of 368 yeas to 58 nays and one voting “present”, Roll No. 161. **Pages H2985–H3027**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House, by a ye-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 160. **Pages H3026–27**

H. Res. 258, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 159. **Page H2995**

Point of Personal Privilege: Representative Nadler rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized. **Pages H2995–97**

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on the Judiciary have until midnight tonight to file a report on H.R. 1279. **Page H3028**

National Hepatitis B Awareness Week: The House agreed to H. Res. 250, supporting the goals and ideals of National Hepatitis B Awareness Week. **Pages H3028–29**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, May 9, and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H3029**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 11. **Page H3029**

Recognizing the life of Jimmy Winkfield and the contributions of other African American jockeys: The House agreed to H. Res. 231, recognizing and celebrating the life and accomplishments of the great African American jockey Jimmy “Wink” Winkfield and the significant contributions and excellence of other African American jockeys and trainers in the sport of horse racing and the history of the Kentucky Derby. **Pages H3029–30**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 264, electing Representative Nunes to the Committee on Ways & Means. **Page H3043**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Nunes wherein he resigned from the Committees on Agriculture, Resources, and Veterans Affairs. **Pages H3042–43**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2995, H3026–27 and H3027. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQI/VEHICLE ARMORING

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Armoring Initiatives and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Jammer Initiatives in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Joseph L. Votel, USA, Director, Joint IED Defeat Task Force, Office of the Secretary; BG Jeffrey A. Sorenson, USA, Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); BG William D. Catto, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command; LTG James N. Mattis, USMC, former Commander, First Marine Division, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, U.S. Marine Corps; and LTC Paul J. Kennedy, USMC, former battalion commander, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division; and Steven J. DeTeresa, Engineer, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

COLLEGE CREDIT MOBILITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing entitled “College Credit Mobility: Can Transfer Credit Policies be Improved?” Testimony was heard from Theresa Klebacha, Director, Strategic

Initiatives, Department of Education, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to Review Ongoing Management Concerns at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Gregory Friedman, Inspector General; Michael Kilpatrick, Director of Independent Oversight, Office of Security and Safety Performance Assurance; and Jerry Paul, Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; and A. J. Eggenberger, Acting Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Social Security Reform: Successes and Lessons Learned.” Testimony was heard from Gary Amelio, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; Patrick Purcell, Specialist in Social Legislation, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DRUG SAFETY

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 627, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, as the “Linda White-Epps Post Office;” H.R. 1760, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the “Robert M. La Follete, Sr., Post Office Building;” and H. Res. 231, Recognizing and celebrating the life and accomplishments of the great African American jockey Jimmy “Wink” Winkfield and the significant contributions and excellence of other African American jockeys and trainers in the sport of horse racing and the history of the Kentucky Derby; H. Res. 185, Honoring Johnnie Cochran, Jr., for his service to the Nation, and expressing condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and admirers on his death; and H.R. 2066, amended, General Services Administration Modernization Act.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled “Risk and Responsibility: The Roles of FDA and Pharmaceutical Companies in Ensuring the Safety of Approved Drugs, Like Vioxx.” Testimony was heard from Steven Galson, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.