

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5007–S5185

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1008–1033, S. Res. 136–141, and S. Con. Res. 32.

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Measures Reported:

S. 536, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans. (S. Rept. No. 109–67)

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Measures Passed:

National Drug Court Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 136, designating the month of May 2005 as “National Drug Court Month”.

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National Child Care Worthy Wage Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 137, designating May 1, 2005, as “National Child Care Worthy Wage Day”.

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National Day of the American Cowboy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 138, designating July 23, 2005 as “National Day of the American Cowboy”.

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Russian Troop Withdrawal: Senate agreed to S. Res. 139, expressing support for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Georgia.

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Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 86, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

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Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 135, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

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National Peace Officers Memorial Service: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 136, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service.

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National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 141, des-

ignating September 9, 2005, as “National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day”.

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Transportation Equity Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Inhofe (for Dole/Burr) Amendment No. 574 (to Amendment No. 605), to allow States to own the entire interest of a real estate investment trust without tax consequences in order to assist the State in preserving its railroad infrastructure.

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Inhofe (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 598 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide a 90 percent Federal match for bridge projects on the Interstate Highway System.

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Inhofe (for Murray) Modified Amendment No. 624 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for a comprehensive study of the damages to the Alaska Way Viaduct from the Nisqually earthquake to determine whether to repair, retrofit, or replace the Viaduct and whether emergency relief funding should be made available for the Viaduct.

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Inhofe (for Clinton) Amendment No. 628 (to Amendment No. 605), to reestablish the University of Buffalo as an appropriate research center for research on the impact of seismic activity on the Federal-aid highway system.

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Inhofe (for Dayton) Modified Amendment No. 634 (to Amendment No. 605), to raise consumer awareness of ethanol-fueled vehicles.

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Inhofe (for Conrad/Dorgan) Amendment No. 643 (to Amendment No. 605), to establish the Federal share of the cost of constructing a bridge in the State of North Dakota.

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Inhofe (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 670 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for Flexible Fuel Vehicle (FFV) refueling capability at new and existing refueling station facilities to promote energy security and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

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Inhofe (for Clinton/Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 681 (to Amendment No. 605), to modify provisions relating to the congestion and air quality improvement program. **Pages S5020–21**

Inhofe (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 621 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for the conduct of a community enhancement study. **Page S5021**

Inhofe (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 622 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for the development of a comprehensive coastal evacuation plan. **Pages S5021–22**

Inhofe (for Specter) Modified Amendment No. 666 (to Amendment No. 605), to improve the high-speed magnetic levitation system deployment program. **Pages S5022–23**

Inhofe (for Stevens) Amendment No. 685 (to Amendment No. 605), to increase an amount made available for the Alaska Highway System. **Page S5023**

Inhofe (for Salazar) Amendment No. 694 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for an off-system bridges pilot program. **Page S5023**

Inhofe (for Snowe) Modified Amendment No. 705 (to Amendment No. 605), to allow the State of Maine to use certain transportations funds made available to the State to support the operation of passenger rail service between Boston, Massachusetts, and Portland, Maine. **Page S5023**

Inhofe (for Santorum) Modified Amendment No. 708 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for the re-obligation and use of excess project funds and funds for projects that are inactive. **Page S5023**

Inhofe (for Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 713 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide funds for the State of Montana for the operation of public transit activities that serve a non-attainment or maintenance area. **Page S5023**

Inhofe Amendment No. 737 (to Amendment No. 605), to make certain revisions relating to alternative methods to improve the accessibility of public transportation for persons with visual disabilities, tax-free transit benefits, authority to use government vehicles to transport Federal employees, and projects in Alaska and Hawaii for new fixed guideway systems and extension projects utilizing ferry boats. **Pages S5023–24**

Inhofe (for Santorum/Specter) Amendment No. 725 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for the construction of improvements to streets and roads providing access to State Route 28 in the State of Pennsylvania. **Page S5024**

Inhofe (for Levin/Stabenow) Amendment No. 755 (to Amendment No. 725), to reprogram funds made available for Interstate Route 75 and North Down River Road, Michigan. **Page S5025**

Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 726 (to Amendment No. 605), to establish a program to award

grants on a competitive basis to eligible recipients for the replacement or retrofit of certain existing school buses. **Pages S5024–25**

Nelson (FL) (for Feingold) Amendment No. 610 (to Amendment No. 605), to improve the accuracy and efficacy of identity authentication systems and ensure privacy and security. **Page S5014**

Inhofe (for Chambliss/Isakson) Modified Amendment No. 569 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide that certain funds shall be appropriated to the Department of Transportation to carry out studies and reports relating to projects in the State of Georgia. **Pages S5045–46**

Inhofe (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 662 (to Amendment No. 605), to strike section 1802(c) relating to contractor suspension and debarment policy. **Pages S5046–54**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 605, to provide a complete substitute. **Page S5014**

Dorgan Amendment No. 652 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for the conduct of an investigation to determine whether market manipulation is contributing to higher gasoline prices. **Page S5014**

Inhofe (for Ensign) Amendment No. 636 (to Amendment No. 605), to authorize the State of Nevada to continue construction of the US-95 Project in Las Vegas, Nevada. **Pages S5015–18**

Allen/Ensign Amendment No. 611 (to Amendment No. 605), to modify the eligibility requirements for States to receive a grant under section 405 of title 49, United States Code. **Pages S5054–59**

Schumer Amendment No. 674 (to Amendment No. 605), to increase the transit pass and van pooling benefit to \$200. **Page S5059**

Sessions Modified Amendment No. 646 (to Amendment No. 605), to reduce funding for certain programs. **Page S5059**

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

By 92 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 122), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Inhofe Amendment No. 605 (listed above). **Page S5026**

Chair sustained a point of order that Byrd Amendment No. 635 (to Amendment No. 605), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for rural commuters, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5028–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a list of amendments to be the only remaining first-degree amendments, other than a managers' amendment to be cleared by both managers and both leaders; provided further, that they be subject to second-degree amendments that have been

filed in accordance with Rule 22; that any amendment from the list must be offered by 4 p.m. on Monday, May 16; provided further, that when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on Tuesday, May 17, all time be expired under Rule 22 and the Senate proceed to votes in relation to the pending amendments in the order offered; the Senate then proceed to a vote on Inhofe substitute Amendment No. 605, as amended, that the cloture vote on the underlying bill be vitiated, and the Senate then proceed to a vote on passage of the bill. **Page S5055**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2005. **Page S5184**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. **Page S5185**

Nominations Discharged: The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. **Page S5181**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—122) **Page S5026**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m. until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5184–85.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: AMTRAK

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, The Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), after receiving testimony from David L. Gunn, President and Chief Executive Officer, and David M. Laney, Chairman of the Board of Directors, both of Amtrak; and Jeffrey A. Rosen, General Counsel, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science, concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills: An original bill entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006"; An original bill entitled "Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006"; An original bill entitled "Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006"; and An original bill entitled "Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 2006".

TRUTH IN BROADCASTING ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 967, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that prepackaged news stories contain announcements that inform viewers that the information within was provided by the United States Government, after receiving testimony from Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner, and Austin C. Schlick,