

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5715–S5813

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1096–1107, S. Res. 152–153, and S. Con. Res. 36–37. **Page S5778**

Measures Reported: Report to accompany S. Res. 50, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006, and October 1, 2006, through February 28, 2007. (S. Rept. No. 109–70)

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Measures Passed:

Welcoming President of Afghanistan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 152, welcoming His Excellency Hamid Karzai, the President of Afghanistan, and expressing support for a strong and enduring strategic partnership between the United States and Afghanistan. **Page S5743**

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 188, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2005 through 2011 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5743**

Burns (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 763, to require that certain funds are used for correctional purposes. **Page S5743**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S5715–43, S5744–75**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 24, 2005; provided further, that at 12 noon, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S5807**

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

By 90 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 126), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S5747**

Appointments:

NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Acting Vice Chairman to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly for the spring meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia, May 2005: Senator Leahy. **Page S5743**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Tome Luce, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2010.

Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Measures Read First Time:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—3) **Page S5747**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—126) **Page S5747**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:13 p.m. until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5807.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INDIVIDUAL ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight held a hearing to examine the impact of the individual Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), the separate tax system within the individual income tax system that applies lower tax rates to a broader

base of income and a proposal to repeal the AMT, receiving testimony from Robert J. Carroll, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Analysis; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Carol C. Markman, Feldman, Meinberg and Company, LLP, Syosset, New York, on behalf of the National Conference of CPA Practitioners; Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Service, Leonard E. Berman, The Urban Institute Tax Policy Center, and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

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Measures Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 2518–2559; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51; H. Con. Res. 163–164; and H. Res. 292, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on May 20, 2005: H.R. 742, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the award of attorneys' fees and costs to small employers when such employers prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (H. Rept. 109–61, Pt. 2);

Filed on May 20, 2005: H.R. 1815, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2006, amended (H. Rept. 109–89);

H. Res. 243, recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week (H. Rept. 109–90);

H.R. 2066, to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, amended (H. Rept. 109–91);

H.R. 250, to establish an interagency committee to coordinate Federal manufacturing research and development efforts in manufacturing, strengthen existing programs to assist manufacturing innovation and education, and expand outreach programs for small and medium-sized manufacturers, amended (H. Rept. 109–92);

H.R. 744, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware (H. Rept. 109–93);

H. Res. 291, providing for consideration of H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–94); and

H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–95).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act: H.R. 32, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks;

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Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2005: H.R. 744, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 200;

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Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act: H.R. 29, amended, to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 201;

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