

# Daily Digest

## Highlights

The House passed H.J. Res. 10, proposing a Constitutional amendment authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6979–S7201*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1285–1289, and S. Res. 179. **Page S7070**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 260, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, enhance, and manage private land to improve fish and wildlife habitats through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–86) **Page S7069**

#### Measures Passed:

*Sigma Chi Fraternity Anniversary:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 163, honoring the Sigma Chi Fraternity on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7198**

*Congratulating Small Business Development Centers:* Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 165, congratulating the Small Business Development Centers of the Small Business Administration on their 25 years of service to America's small business owners and entrepreneurs, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7198–99**

*National Time Out Day:* Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 40, supporting the goals and ideas of National Time Out Day to promote the adoption of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' universal protocol for preventing errors in the operating room, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7199**

*Massacre at Srebrenica:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 134, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7199–S7200**

*Patient Navigator Services:* Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1812, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7200**

**Energy Policy Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6980–S7063**

#### Adopted:

Byrd Amendment No. 869, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide relief from high gas prices. **Pages S6992–94**

Bingaman/Specter Modified Amendment No. 866, to express the sense of the Senate on climate change legislation. (By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 149), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S7033–37**

Frist (for Obama) Amendment No. 978, to clarify the definition of coal to liquid fuel technology. **Page S7059**

Frist (for Hatch/Salazar) Amendment No. 979, to promote oil shale and tar sands development. **Page S7059**

Frist (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 818, to commission a study for the roof of the Dirksen Senate

Office Building in a manner that facilitates the incorporation of energy efficient technology and amends the Master Plan for the Capitol complex.

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Frist (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 980, to require an investigation of gasoline prices. **Page S7059**

Frist (for Kohl) Amendment No. 981, require the Secretary and the Administrator for Small Business to coordinate assistance with the Secretary of Commerce for manufacturing related efforts.

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Frist (for Clinton/Allard) Amendment No. 835, to establish a National Priority Project Designation.

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Frist (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 787, to make Alaska Native Corporations eligible for renewable energy production incentives. **Page S7057**

Frist (for Voinovich/DeWine) Amendment No. 822, to promote fuel efficient engine technology for aircraft. **Page S7057**

Frist (for Alexander) Amendment No. 982, to require the Secretary to conduct a study of best management practices for energy research and development programs. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 983, to expand the types of qualified renewable energy facilities that are eligible for a renewable energy production incentive. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Dodd) Amendment No. 861, to require the Secretary to enter into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences to determine the effect of electrical contaminants on the reliability of energy production systems. **Page S7058**

Frist (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 850, to modify the section relating to the establishment of a National Power Plant Operations Technology and Education Center. **Page S7058**

Frist (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 984, to require the Secretary to establish a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application to maximize the productive capacity of marginal wells and reservoirs. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Levin) Amendment No. 864, to ensure that cost-effective procedures are used to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Pages S7058, S7061–63**

Frist (for Pryor) Amendment No. 798, to require the submission of reports on the potential for biodiesel and hythane to be used as major, sustainable, alternative fuels. **Page S7057**

Frist (for Boxer) Amendment No. 870, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to complete its investigation and order refunds on the unjust and unreasonable rates charged to California during the 2000–2001 electricity crisis. **Page S7058**

Frist (for Levin) Amendment No. 927, to provide a budget roadmap for the transition from petroleum to hydrogen in vehicles by 2020. **Pages S7058–59**

Frist (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 985, to make petroleum coke gasification projects eligible for certain loan guarantees. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 786, to make energy generated by oceans eligible for renewable energy production incentives and to modify the definition of the term “renewable energy” to include energy generated by oceans for purposes of the Federal purchase requirement. **Page S7057**

Frist (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 986, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to make grants to increase energy efficiency, promote siting or upgrading of transmission and distribution lines, and providing or modernizing electric facilities in rural areas. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Alexander) Amendment No. 987, to require the Secretary to conduct a study on passive solar technologies. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Harkin) Amendment No. 988, to require the Secretary to conduct a 3-year program of research, development, and demonstration on the use of ethanol and other low cost transportable renewable feedstocks as intermediate fuels for the safe, energy efficient, and cost-effective transportation of hydrogen. **Pages S7060–61**

Frist (for Domenici) Amendment No. 989, to improve the bill. **Page S7061**

Frist (for Grassley/Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 933, to provide a manager’s amendment. **Page S7059**

Rejected:

Feinstein Amendment No. 841, to prohibit the Commission from approving an application for the authorization of the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of facilities located onshore or in State waters for the import of natural gas from a foreign country or the export of natural gas to a foreign country without the approval of the Governor of the State in which the facility would be located. (By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 146), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6980–92**

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 805, to express the sense of the Senate regarding management of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lower the burden of gasoline prices on the economy of the United States and circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall profits. (By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 147), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S6980, S6994, S6995–97**

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 148), McCain/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 826, to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States.

**Pages S6980, S6997–S7029**

By 32 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 150), Alexander Amendment No. 961, to provide for local control for the siting of windmills.

**Pages S7038–42, S7047–48**

By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 151), Kerry Amendment No. 844, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through comprehensive and cost-effective national measures and through the negotiation of fair and binding international commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

**Pages S7042–46, S7048**

Withdrawn:

Warner Amendment No. 972, to provide for gas-only leases and State requests to examine energy areas on the Outer Continental Shelf.

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Pending:

Wyden/Dorgan Amendment No. 792, to provide for the suspension of strategic petroleum reserve acquisitions.

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Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 839, to require any Federal agency that publishes a science-based climate change document that was significantly altered at White House request to make an unaltered final draft of the document publicly available for comparison.

**Pages S6980, S7046–47**

Schumer Amendment No. 811, to provide for a national tire fuel efficiency program.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 22, the filing deadline for second-degree amendments occur at 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June 23, 2005.

**Pages S7200–7201**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Thursday, June 23, 2005, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture to occur at 10 a.m.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privilege of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—151) **Pages S6992, S6996–97, S7029, S7037, S7048**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:21 p.m. until 9 a.m., on Thursday, June 23, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7201.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Richard A. Raymond, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hagel, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999, focusing on the reporting program that requires large packers and importers to report to USDA the details of their transactions involving purchases of livestock, as well as sales of boxed beef, boxed lamb, lamb carcasses, and imported lamb cuts, after receiving testimony from Kenneth C. Clayton, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture; Harold Hommes, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Windsor Heights; Jon Caspers, Pleasant Valley Pork Corporation, Swaledale, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, Washington, D.C.; and James G. Robb, Livestock Marketing Information Center, Lakewood, Colorado.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development in the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to