

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8439–S8501

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1421–1426, and S. Res. 201–202. **Pages S8487–88**

Measures Passed:

Burma Import Restrictions: By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 191), Senate passed H.J. Res. 52, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8440–46**

Prior to this action, Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 18, (Senate companion measure), and pursuant to the order of July 18, 2005, the joint resolution was read for a third time and returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S8440**

Highway Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3332, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8499**

Sudan Peace Agreement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, urging the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army to fully implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of January 9, 2005. **Pages S8499–S8500**

National Health Center Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 31, expressing the sense of the Senate that the week of August 7, 2005, be designated as "National Health Center Week" in order to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers, and the resolution was then agreed to, after

agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8500–01**

Frist (for Coleman) Amendment No. 1302, to provide for the observance of the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. **Page S8500**

Controlled Substances Act Amendment: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 45, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8501**

Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8447–76**

Adopted:

McConnell (for Brownback/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1276, to extend eligibility for refugee status of unmarried sons and daughters of certain Vietnamese refugees. **Page S8452**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1277, to provide a United States contribution to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Trust Fund. **Page S8452**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1278, to provide that certain funds should be used for educational programs in Egypt. **Page S8452**

McConnell (for Obama/Hagel) Amendment No. 1264, to support a United States contribution to the Special Court for Sierra Leone. **Pages S8449–51, S8452**

McConnell (for Allen/Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 1238, to combat piracy of United States copyrighted materials. **Page S8453**

McConnell (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 1253, to require an annual report on anti-retroviral drug procurement. **Page S8453**

McConnell (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 1262, to provide that funds should be made available for law enforcement programs to combat the prevalence of violent gangs in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. **Page S8453**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1283, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the forced repatriation of refugees in Cambodia. **Pages S8453–54**

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 193), Coburn Amendment No. 1241, to prohibit funds from being made available to the United States Agency for International Development for entertainment expenses. **Pages S8455–56, S8468–69**

Santorum/Durbin Amendment No. 1260, to transfer \$100,000,000 from the Economic Support Fund to provide for an additional contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. **Pages S8470–71**

Corzine Amendment No. 1290, to make funds available for the African Union Mission in Sudan. **Pages S8456–58, S8471–72**

McConnell (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 1254, to support democracy and governance activities in Zimbabwe. **Page S8472**

McConnell (for Nelson (FL)/Coleman) Modified Amendment No. 1285, to provide that funds be used for democracy programs in Venezuela. **Page S8472**

McConnell (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 1274, to prohibit the use of funds for any loan to the United Nations in excess of \$600,000,000 for the renovation of its headquarters in New York, New York. **Page S8472**

McConnell (for Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 1273, to prohibit the use of funds to approve or administer a loan, guarantee, or insurance policy for certain ethanol dehydration plants. **Pages S8453, S8472**

McConnell (for Vitter) Modified Amendment No. 1287, to limit funds relating to attendance of Federal employees at conferences occurring outside the United States, unless the Secretary of State determines that such attendance is in the national interest. **Page S8472**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1295, of a technical nature relating to Indonesia. **Pages S8472–73**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1296, to support commodities, equipment and other assistance to combat malaria. **Page S8473**

McConnell (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1297, to require a report on states that have not cooperated in small arms programs. **Page S8473**

McConnell (for Sununu/Chafee) Amendment No. 1298, to increase by \$5,000,000 the amount avail-

able for Economic Support Fund assistance for Lebanon, and to increase by \$2,000,000 the amount of such assistance that should be made available for scholarships and direct support of American educational institutions in Lebanon. **Page S8473**

McConnell (for Kennedy/Biden) Amendment No. 1299, to make available, out of funds appropriated for Economic Support Fund assistance, \$28,000,000 to the International Republican Institute and \$28,000,000 to the National Democratic Institute for fiscal year 2006 to support democracy building programs in Iraq. **Page S8473**

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1300, to provide funding to the Center for Middle Eastern-Western Dialogue. **Page S8473**

Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 192), Coburn/Boxer Amendment No. 1242, to prohibit any funds from being used by the Export-Import Bank of the United States to approve a loan or a loan guarantee related to a nuclear project in China. **Pages S8458–64, S8468**

By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 194), Dorgan/Wyden Amendment No. 1294, to provide that no funds may be made available to provide television broadcasting to Cuba, to increase by \$21,100,000 the amount appropriated to the Peace Corps, and to reduce by the same amount the amount appropriated under title I to the Broadcasting Board of Governors for broadcasting to Cuba. **Pages S8464–68, S8469–70**

Withdrawn:

Grassley Amendment No. 1250, to prohibit the use of funds to approve or administer a loan or guarantee for certain ethanol dehydration plants. **Pages S8447, S8471**

Pending:

Landrieu Amendment No. 1245, to express the sense of Congress regarding the use of funds for orphans, and displaced and abandoned children. **Page S8447**

Chambliss Amendment No. 1271, to prevent funds from being made available to provide assistance to a country which has refused to extradite certain individuals to the United States. **Page S8454**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that only certain remaining first-degree amendments be in order to the bill; that the first-degree amendments be subject to second-degree amendments which are related to the first-degree amendments to which they are offered; that following the disposition of the amendments, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate then vote on final passage of the bill, as amended; provided further, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the

Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S8474**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. **Page S8501**

SIGNING AUTHORITY—AGREEMENT: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader and Majority Whip, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S8499**

Dorr Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development. **Page S8498**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 21, 2005. **Page S8498**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency blocking property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-18) **Page S8487**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request Act; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM-19) **Page S8487**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Air Force. **Page S8501**

Messages From the House: **Page S8487**

Executive Communications: **Page S8487**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S8488-89**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S8489-91**

Additional Statements: **Pages S8486-87**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8491-98**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S8498**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S8498**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-194) **Pages S8446, S8468, S8469, S8469-70**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 8:56 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8501.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION/VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, The Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REORGANIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine modifications to the organizational structure and operations of the Department of Homeland Security as part of an effort to make it more efficient and effective, focusing on preparedness, borders and immigration, transportation security, and information sharing, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

FAA's AGE 60 RULE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's Age-60 Rule, which provides that a pilot may not engage in what are known as part 121 operations if the pilot has reached his 60th birthday, including operations of large commercial passenger aircraft, smaller propeller aircraft with 10 or more passenger seats, and common carriage operations of all-cargo aircraft with a payload capacity of 7500 pounds, after receiving