

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9997–S10056*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1697–1705, S.J. Res. 24, and S. Res. 237–238. **Page S10037**

#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring Army Black Corps of Engineers:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 67, honoring the soldiers of the Army's Black Corps of Engineers for their contributions in constructing the Alaska-Canada highway during World War II and recognizing the importance of these contributions to the subsequent integration of the military, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10055**

**National Campus Safety Awareness Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 221, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Campus Safety Awareness Month", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10055**

**Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 238, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of our Nation. **Page S10055**

**Commerce/Justice/Science Appropriations:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10002–32**

#### Adopted:

McCain Amendment No. 1707, to express the sense of the Senate regarding funding directives contained in H.R. 2862 or its accompanying report. **Pages S10006–08**

Shelby (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 1694, to waive the match requirement under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant program for purposes of replacing defective vests. **Pages S10019–21**

Shelby (for Martinez) Amendment No. 1708, to provide the sense of Congress on the 11th International Coral Reef Symposium. **Page S10020**

Shelby (for Talent/Dodd) Amendment No. 1709, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. **Pages S10020, S10026–31**

Shelby (for Cantwell/Allen) Amendment No. 1710, to provide additional funding for the Methamphetamine Hot Spots program. **Pages S10020, S10025–26**

Shelby (for Dayton) Amendment No. 1654, to increase funding for Justice Assistance Grants. **Page S10019**

Shelby (for Reid) Amendment No. 1711, to provide additional funding for Violence Against Women Act programs to assist victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence. **Page S10020**

Shelby Amendment No. 1712, to provide additional funds to the National Hurricane Center. **Page S10020**

Shelby (for Clinton) Amendment No. 1701, to increase funding for the Technology Opportunity Program. **Page S10019**

Pryor/Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 1703, to require the FTC to conduct an immediate investigation into gasoline price-gouging. **Pages S10024–25**

Mikulski (for Stabenow) Modified Amendment No. 1688, to prevent the United States Trade Representative from negotiating future trade agreements that prevent the United States from changing United States patent law to allow the importation of pharmaceutical products. **Pages S10031–32**

Shelby (for DeWine) Amendment No. 1715 (to Amendment No. 1671), to make funds available for aeronautics research and development programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Page S10032**

DeWine Amendment No. 1671, to make available, from amounts otherwise available for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, \$906,200,000 for aeronautics research and development programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Page S10032**

Sarbanes Amendment No. 1662, to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina with finding new housing. **Page S10032**

Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 1648, to eliminate the funding for the Advanced Technology Program and increase the funding available for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, community oriented policing services, and State and local law enforcement assistance. (By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 230), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10021–24**

Withdrawn:

Lincoln Amendment No. 1652, to provide for temporary medicaid disaster relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina. **Page S10026**

Sununu Amendment No. 1669, to increase funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, the Southwest Border Prosecutors Initiative, and transitional housing for women subjected to domestic violence. **Page S10026**

Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1665, to prohibit weakening any law that provides safeguards from unfair foreign trade practices. **Pages S10003, S10012–14**

Lieberman Amendment No. 1678, to provide financial relief for individuals and entities affected by Hurricane Katrina. **Page S10003**

Kerry/Landrieu Amendment No. 1695, to strengthen the loan, procurement assistance, and management education programs of the Small Business Administration in order to help small businesses and home owners hurt by Hurricane Katrina meet their existing obligations, finance their businesses, and maintain and create jobs, thereby providing stability to the national economy. **Pages S10010–12, S10018–19**

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

By 40 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Stabenow Modified Amendment No. 1687, to provide funding for interoperable communications equipment grants. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S10003–04**

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 228), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to notice previously given in writing, relative to Dorgan Amendment No. 1670, to establish a special committee of the

Senate to investigate the awarding and carrying out of contracts to conduct activities in Afghanistan and Iraq and to fight the war on terrorism. Subsequently, the Chair sustained the point of order that the amendment was in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on appropriations matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S10004–06, S10009, S10031–32**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 229), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to notice previously given in writing, relative to Clinton Amendment No. 1660, to establish a congressional commission to examine the Federal, State, and local response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of the United States especially in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and other areas impacted in the aftermath and make immediate corrective measures to improve such responses in the future. Subsequently, the Chair sustained the point of order that the amendment was in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on appropriations matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S10006, S10008–10, S10031**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 15, 2005. **Page S10055**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S10035–36**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S10036**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S10036–37**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S10037–39**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S10039–48**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S10034–35**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S10048–54**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S10054–55**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—230) **Pages S10004, S10009, S10010, S10023–24**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10055–56.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AVIATION EFFECTS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the aviation industry, focusing on jet fuel markets, airport infrastructure, and the National Airspace System, after receiving testimony from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; James C. May, Air Transport Association, Inc., and Deborah McElroy, Regional Airline Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Frank Miller, Pensacola Regional Airport, Pensacola, Florida.

### HURRICANE KATRINA RECOVERY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee held a hearing to examine issues relating to recovering from Hurricane Katrina, focusing on lessons learned from previous disasters in var-

ious locations across the United States, and the urgent and long-term needs of disaster survivors, receiving testimony from former Senator Pete Wilson; former Mayor Patricia A. Owens, Grand Forks, North Dakota; and former Mayor Marc H. Morial, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Urban League; and Iain B. Logan, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, New York, New York.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States, where the nominee, further testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 3760–3782; 1 private bill, H.R. 3783; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 242–243; and H. Res. 437–438, 441–443 were introduced.

Pages H7947–49

### Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H7949–50

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 437, a resolution to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 109–220, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 439, providing for the consideration of the resolution H. Res. 437, to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 109–221); and

H. Res. 440, providing for the consideration of the bill H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–222).

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

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Dr. Steve Houpe, Pastor, Harvest Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

*To reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act:* H.R. 3408, to reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act;

Pages H7875–77

*Supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina:* H. Con. Res. 240, supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and encouraging all Americans to observe that day;

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*Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and*