

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., to be Chief Justice of the United States.

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10631–S10771*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1789–1803, S. Res. 260–261, and S. Con. Res. 55. **Pages S10723–24**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. (S. Rept. No. 109–141)

S. 1803, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 109–142)

S. 1725, to strengthen Federal leadership, provide grants, enhance outreach and guidance, and provide other support to State and local officials to enhance emergency communications capabilities, to achieve communications interoperability, to foster improved regional collaboration and coordination, to promote more efficient utilization of funding devoted to public safety communications, to promote research and development by both the public and private sectors for first responder communications, with amendments. **Page S10722**

#### Measures Passed:

**Medicare Cost Sharing and Welfare Extension Act:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 1778, to extend medicare cost-sharing for qualifying individuals through September 2006, to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, transitional medical assistance under the Medicaid Program, and related programs through March 31, 2006, and the bill was

then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Grassley/Baucus Amendment No. 1894, to eliminate coverage under the Medicare and Medicaid programs for drugs when used for treatment of erectile dysfunction. **Page S10696**

**Department of Defense Appropriations:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S10656–88, S10699–S10705**

#### Adopted:

Harkin Amendment No. 1886, to make available emergency funds for pandemic flu preparedness.

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Leahy/Bond Modified Amendment No. 1901, to appropriate \$1,300,000,000 for Additional War-Related Appropriations for National Guard and Reserve Equipment for homeland security and homeland security response equipment. **Pages S10700–02**

Durbin Amendment No. 1908, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Pages S10702–05**

Senate expects to continue consideration of the bill on Friday, September 30, 2005.

**Nomination—Joint Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, be referred jointly to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification regarding the proposed use of public safety funds provided to the District of Columbia pursuant to title I of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2005, Public Law 108–335; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (PM–24)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 78 yeas 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 245), John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2011.

J. Thomas Rosch, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2005.

Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-third Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

James Hardy Payne, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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**Privilege of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—245)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 9:30 on Friday, September 30, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10771.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IRAQ

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States military strategy and operations in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary, General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, and General George W. Casey, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 3,979 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

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*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, and Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, both of the Department of the Treasury, Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel, and Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary, and Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, and David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Export Administration, all of the Department of Commerce.

### COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY IN A DISASTER

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held a hearing to examine communications for first responders in disaster, focusing on