

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12631–S12719*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1989–2001, and S. Res. 302–310. **Pages S12681–82**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006”. (S. Rept. No. 109–176)

S. 1182, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–177) **Page S12681**

#### Measures Passed:

**Veterans Day 2005:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 305, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Veterans Day 2005. **Pages S12703–07**

**Recognizing Veterans Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 306, recognizing that Veterans Day is a day to honor all veterans of the Army and to support the Army Freedom Team Salute’s mission to recognize the unsung heroes who have served this country. **Pages S12707–08**

**Honoring Filipino Veterans:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 307, to recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II. **Page S12708**

**Year of Study Abroad:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 308, designating 2006 as the “Year of Study Abroad”. **Pages S12708–09**

**Sympathy for People of Jordan:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 309, expressing sympathy for the people of Jordan in the aftermath of the deadly terrorist attacks in Amman on November 9, 2005. **Pages S12709–10**

**Honoring Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 310, honoring the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death. **Page S12710**

**Nostra Aetate:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 260, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council’s promulgation of Nostra Aetate, the declaration on the relation of the Roman Catholic Church to non-Christian religions, and the historic role of Nostra Aetate in fostering mutual inter-religious respect and dialogue. **Pages S12710–11**

**National Stalking Awareness Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 10, raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2006 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S12711**

**National Military Family Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 9, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding designation of the month of November as “National Military Family Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S12711**

Frist (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2520, to strike certain provisions. **Page S12711**

**Ethics in Government Act Amendment:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1558, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to protect family members of filers from disclosing sensitive information in a public filing and to extend for 4 years the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12711–12**

Frist (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2521, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12712**

Frist (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2522, to amend the title. **Page S12712**

**Protecting American Goods and Services Act:** Senate passed S. 1095, to amend chapter 113 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify the prohibition on the trafficking in goods or services, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12712–14**

*Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act:* Senate passed S. 1699, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S12714–18**

**Department of Defense Authorization:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S12638–48, S12651–76**

Adopted:

By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 317), Talent Amendment No. 2477, to modify the multiyear procurement authority for C-17 aircraft. **Page S12644**

Roberts/Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 2514 (to Amendment No. 2507), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12653–55, S12661**

By 82 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 318), Kerry Amendment No. 2507, to require reports on clandestine facilities for the detention of individuals captured in the global war on terrorism, as amended.

**Pages S12645–48, S12652–53, S12662, S12665–66**

By division vote, Lautenberg Modified Amendment No. 2478, to prohibit individuals who knowingly engage in certain violations relating to the handling of classified information from holding a security clearance. **Pages S12661–62, S12666**

By 49 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 319), Graham Amendment No. 2516 (to Amendment No. 2515), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S12666–68**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 316), Dorgan Amendment No. 2476, 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. **Pages S12639–44**

Pending:

Graham Amendment No. 2515, relating to the review of the status of detainees of the United States Government. **Pages S12655–65**

Warner/Frist Amendment No. 2518, to clarify and recommend changes to the policy of the United States on Iraq and to require reports on certain matters relating to Iraq. **Pages S12668–69**

Levin Amendment No. 2519, to clarify and recommend changes to the policy of the United States on Iraq and to require reports on certain matters relating to Iraq. **Pages S12669–70, S12675–76**

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

Warner (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2485, to establish the National Foreign Language Coordination Council to develop and implement a foreign language strategy, previously agreed to on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, was modified by unanimous consent. **Pages S12670–72**

Warner (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 1550, to improve national security through the establishment of a Civilian Linguist Reserve Corps Pilot Project within the Department of Defense comprised of citizens fluent in foreign languages who would be available to provide translation services and related duties, as needed, previously agreed to on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, was further modified by unanimous consent. **Pages S12672–75**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain remaining first-degree amendments to the bill, other than any managers amendments that are cleared; further, that there be three second-degree amendments in order to the Graham Amendment No. 2515 (listed above); that all amendments be offered and debated on Monday, November 14, 2005, under the previous limitations; that on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate vote on, or in relation to, Warner/Frist Amendment No. 2518 (listed above), to be followed by a vote on, or in relation to, Levin Amendment No. 2519 (listed above), to be followed by votes on, or in relation to, the second-degree amendments in the order offered, to be followed by a vote on Graham Amendment No. 2515 (listed above), as amended; that following those votes the Senate vote on final passage of the bill; and that there be 30 minutes divided equally between the two managers prior to the start of the voting sequence. **Pages S12702–03**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2005. **Page S12718**

**Foreign Operations Appropriations Conference Report:** By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. 320), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3057, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12648–51, S12668**

*Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement:* A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2005, Senate will consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006,

with one hour for debate, and at 5:30 p.m. a vote on adoption of the conference report. **Page S12718**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader and Senator Allen, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S12680**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol Amending the Convention with Sweden on Taxes on Income (Treaty Doc. No. 109–8).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S12703**

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

Donald C. Winter, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

Sue Ellen Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. (Prior to this action, Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration).

James M. Andrew, of Georgia, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration).

Charles R. Christopherson, Jr., of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration). **Page S12719**

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

Robert C. Cresanti, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Uttam Dhillon, of California, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Leo Maury Gordon, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Stephen C. King, of New York, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for the term expiring September 30, 2008.

Duane Acklie, of Nebraska, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Goli Ameri, of Oregon, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Robert C. O'Brien, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Donald M. Payne, of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Edward Randall Royce, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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**Messages From the House:** **Page S12680**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S12679–80**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S12696–S12702**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S12702**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S12702**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—320) **Pages S12644, S12665–68**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, November 14, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12718.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles R. Christopherson, Jr., of Texas, to