

the ability of States to use Federal child support incentive payments for child support program expenditures that are eligible for Federal matching payments. **Pages S13523–24**

Kennedy Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the Senate provisions increasing need based financial aid in the bill S. 1932, which were fully offset by savings in the bill S. 1932, be included in the final conference report and that the House provisions in the bill H.R. 4241 that impose new fees and costs on students in school and in repayment be rejected in the final conference report. **Pages S13536–37**

Reed Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist on a provision that makes available \$2,920,000,000 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.), in addition to the \$2,183,000,000 made available for such Act in the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006. **Pages S13544–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the message from the House to accompany S. 1932 (listed above) at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, December 15, 2005, with a series of votes to occur on the pending motions to instruct Conferees. **Page S13594**

USA PATRIOT Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism. **Pages S13546–61**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 16, 2005. **Page S13546**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, December 15, 2005, with 2 hours equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. **Page S13594**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, December 15, 2005; that following all debate time, the conference report be set aside with the vote on adoption to occur at a time to be determined. **Page S13593**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick Joseph Schiltz, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Jack Zouhary, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

Pages S13595–97

Nominations Discharged: The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Stephanie Johnson Monroe, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, which was sent to the Senate on June 23, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Donald A. Gambatesa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on September 13, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Marilyn Ware, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Finland, which was sent to the Senate on October 26, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. **Pages S13569–70, S13593**

Messages From the House: **Pages S13567–68**

Measures Referred: **Page S13568**

Executive Communications: **Pages S13568–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S13570–72**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S13572–92**

Additional Statements: **Pages S13566–67**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S13592**

Privileges of the Floor: **Pages S13592–93**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—353) **Pages S13529, S13530, S13531**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:59 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, December 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13594–95.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's spill prevention control and countermeasure program, focusing on methods and equipment requirements for non-transportation-related onshore and offshore facilities with a specified aboveground storage capacity, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Thomas P. Dunne, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Brent Cummings, Cummings Oil Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; James Coyne, National Air Transportation Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Richard G. Owen, Geraldine, Montana, on behalf of the Agriculture

Coalition on Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure, and CHS, Inc.; Riki Ott, Cordova, Alaska; and James J. Corbett, University of Delaware Graduate College of Marine Studies, Newark.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Antonio Fratto, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs, David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Im-

port Administration, Vincent J. Ventimiglia, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation, who was introduced by Senator Gregg, Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 4524–4548; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74; H. Con. Res. 315–316; and H. Res. 598–601, 603–609 were introduced. **Pages H11652–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11654–55**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 602, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2830) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules (H. Rept. 109–346); and

H. Res. 610, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4437) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, (H. Rept. 109–347). **Pages H11629 H11651, H11652**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foley to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11507**

Discharge Petitions: Representative Marshall moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 568, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3936, to protect consumers from price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels during energy emergencies (Discharge Petition No. 7); and

Representative Waxman moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 570, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3925, to provide that a Federal public safety position may not be held by any political appointee who does not meet certain minimum requirements (Discharge Petition No. 8).

USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, after agreeing to order the previous question,

by a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 627. **Pages H11523–44**

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the conference report on the bill to the Committee of Conference with instructions to recede from disagreement with the Senate amendment, by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 626. **Pages H11542–43**

H. Res. 595, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H11515–23**

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3010, to make appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 628. **Pages H11544–52**

H. Res. 596, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H11512–15**

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

CFTC Reauthorization Act of 2005: H.R. 4473, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives; **Pages H11553–61**

Commending the outstanding efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina by members and employees of the Coast Guard, to provide temporary relief to certain persons affected by such hurricane with respect to certain laws administered by the Coast Guard: H.R. 4508, to commend the outstanding efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina by members