

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4437, Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13689–S13945

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2119–2140, S. Res. 335–339, and S. Con. Res. 72–73. **Pages S13786–87**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2113, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the “John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2346, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the “John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the “Lillian McKay Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2630, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the “J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex”.

H.R. 2894, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 102 South Walters Avenue in Hodgenville, Kentucky, as the “Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3256, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3368, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the “Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 3439, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street

in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the “Ava Gardner Post Office”.

H.R. 3548, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Franklin Avenue in Pearl River, New York, as the “Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3703, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the “Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3770, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the “Grant W. Green Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Trumbull Drive in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3830, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the “U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3989, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37598 Goodhue Avenue in Dennison, Minnesota, as the “Albert H. Quie Post Office”.

H.R. 4053, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 545 North Rimsdale Avenue in Covina, California as the “Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office”.

S. 1445, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the “William H. Emery Post Office”.

S. 1792, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the “Grant W. Green Post Office Building”.

S. 1820, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place

in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office”.

S. 2036, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the “Raymond J. Salmon Post Office”.

S. 2064, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the Malcolm Melville “Mac” Lawrence Post Office.

S. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the “Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building”. **Pages S13785–86**

Measures Passed:

Milk Marketing Regulatory Equity: Senate passed S. 2120, to ensure regulatory equity between and among all dairy farmers and handlers for sales of packaged fluid milk in federally regulated milk marketing areas and into certain non-federally regulated milk marketing areas from federally regulated areas. **Pages S13701–02**

Gulf Opportunity Zone Act: Senate passed H.R. 4440, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for the Gulf Opportunity Zone and certain areas affected by Hurricanes Rita and Wilma, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S13702–08**

Lott (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2680, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13707**

Department of Justice Authorization: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3402, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S13749–66**

Santorum (for Specter) Amendment No. 2681, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13749**

Condemning Anti-Semitic Statements: Senate agreed to S. Res. 337, to condemn the harmful, destructive, and anti-Semitic statements of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the President of Iran, and to demand an apology for those statements of hate and animosity towards all Jewish people of the world. **Pages S13767–68**

Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: Senate passed H.R. 2520, to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S13930–31**

Frist (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2688, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13930**

Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act: Senate passed S. 310, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in the State of Nevada. **Page S13934**

Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Study Act: Senate passed S. 435, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S13934**

Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act Amendment: Senate passed S. 648, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance. **Page S13934**

Wichita Project Equus Beds Division Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 1025, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S13934–35**

Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Senate passed S. 1096, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S13935**

Frist (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2682, of a technical nature. **Page S13935**

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1310, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and to extend the termination date of the National Park System Advisory Board to January 1, 2007, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S13935–36**

Frist (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2683, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13936**

Frist (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2684, to amend the title. **Page S13936**

Secretary of the Interior Authorization: Senate passed S. 1552, to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009. **Page S13936**

Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 1578, to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish recovery implementation programs. **Pages S13936-37**

Southern Oregon Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4195, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13937**

Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendment: Senate passed H.R. 3963, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for Long Island Sound, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13937**

Coast Guard Hurricane Relief Act: Senate passed H.R. 4508, to commend 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, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13937**

Recognizing Commodore John Barry: Senate passed H.J. Res. 38, recognizing Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13937**

Korean American Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 283, recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of "Korean American Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S13937**

Coast Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 1869, to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S13938**

James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act: Senate passed S. 1165, to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National

Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S13938-39**

Electronic Duck Stamp Act: Senate passed S. 1496, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S13939-41**

Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 959, to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S13941-42**

Frist (for Sarbanes) Amendment No. 2685, to include all of the 28 States originally on the National Park Service's list in the commission. **Pages S13941-42**

President Roosevelt Nobel Peace Prize Commemoration: Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 863, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centenary of the bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize on President Theodore Roosevelt, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S13942**

Frist (for Shelby) Amendment No. 2686, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue, after December 31, 2005, numismatic items that contain 5-cent coins minted in the years 2004 and 2005. **Page S13942**

Honoring Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 338, honoring the memory of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have given their lives in service to the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. **Page S13942**

Russian Federation Legislation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 339, urging the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw the first draft of the proposed legislation as passed in its first reading in the State Duma that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic, international, and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation, or to modify the proposed legislation to entirely remove these restrictions. **Pages S13942-43**

Indian Tribe Employees: Senate passed S. 1312, to amend a provision relating to employees of the United States assigned to, or employed by, and Indian tribe. **Page S13943**

Frist (for McCain) Amendment No. 2687, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13943**

Modification of Certain Date: Senate passed S. 1892, to amend Public Law 107–153 to modify a certain date. **Page S13943**

Frist (for McCain) Amendment No. 2690, of a technical nature. **Page S13943**

USA PATRIOT Act Reauthorization Conference Report: Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism. **Pages S13699–S13701, S13708–49**

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 358), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the conference report. **Pages S13719–20**

Senator Frist entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report was not invoked. **Page S13720**

Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 467, to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, with the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S13931–34**

Frist (for Shelby) Amendment No. 2689, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13933**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of guidelines and requirements relative to implementation of the Information Sharing Environment called for by section 1016 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004; which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence. (PM–34) **Pages S13780–81**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Michael Ryan Barrett, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Reginald I. Lloyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

David M. Mason, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009.

Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009.

Hans von Spakovsky, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011.

Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general. **Page S13945**

Messages From the House: **Pages S13781–82**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S13857–S13930**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S13930**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—358) **Pages S13719–20**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:42 p.m., until 4 p.m., on Saturday, December 17, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S13943–45.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NAVAL FORCE STRUCTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding future naval force structure requirements from Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chief of Naval Operations.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported 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 Import Administration, David Steele Bohigian, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.