

Tuesday, July 18, 2006

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 3504, S. 2754, and H.R. 810, all Stem Cell Research bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7653–S7807

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3678–3684, and S. Res. 534–535. **Pages S7752–53**

Measures Passed:

Fetus Farming Prohibition Act: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 204), Senate passed S. 3504, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of tissue from fetuses gestated for research purposes. **Pages S7654–91**

Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 205), Senate passed S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos. **Pages S7654–92**

Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act: By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 206), Senate passed H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7654–92**

Condemning Hezbollah and Hamas: Senate agreed to S. Res. 534, condemning Hezbollah and Hamas and their state sponsors and supporting Israel's exercise of its right to self-defense. **Pages S7692–94**

College Rental Assistance Exemption: Senate passed H.R. 5117, to exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7806**

Water Resources Development Act: Pursuant to the order of July 14, 2006, Senate began consideration of S. 728, to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors

of the United States, withdrawing the committee-reported amendments, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Inhofe/Jeffords Amendment No. 4676, in the nature of a substitute (which shall be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment).

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Boxer Amendment No. 4679, to modify the project for Folsom Dam, California. **Pages S7732–33**

By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 207), Specter/Carper Amendment No. 4680, to modify a provision relating to Federal hopper dredges. **Pages S7733–39**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 19, 2006. **Page S7806**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment of the Senate, Senator DeMint be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S7806**

Child Custody Protection Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader upon consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 403, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions. **Page S7806**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency blocking property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22,

2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-54)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Clyde Bishop, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Mark R. Dybul, of Florida, to be Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, with the rank of Ambassador.

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

Stephen M. Prescott, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring April 15, 2011.

Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Privileges of the Floor: Page S7806

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—207) Pages S7691, S7691-92, S7739

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 19, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7806.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full committee consideration H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION/VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION/ TREASURY/JUDICIARY/HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration H.R. 5576, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense, Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Allen, Benedict S. Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army,