

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9577–S9647

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3892–3902, S. Res. 570–571, and S. Con. Res. 115. **Pages S9629–30**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 5689, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3901, to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war. **Page S9629**

Measures Passed:

SAFE Port Act: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 249), Senate passed H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9582–S9617**

Adopted:

Stevens (for Wyden/Smith) Amendment No. 5001, to modify the definition of the term “container security device”. **Pages S9584–85**

Stevens Amendment No. 5016, to provide a phased and temporary anchor movement exception for Alaska. **Page S9584**

Stevens (for Snowe) Amendment No. 5018, to change a conveyance date for Coast Guard property in Portland, Maine. **Page S9584**

Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 5017, of a technical nature. **Page S9584**

Isakson/Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 4923, to reduce the radiation exposure of maritime workers and to reimburse maritime terminal operators for additional costs associated with illnesses or injuries for which exposure to ionizing or non-ionizing radiation from cargo screening procedures required under Federal law is a contributing cause. **Page S9585**

Collins (for Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 4986, to require that as part of the annual perform-

ance plan required in the budget submission of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection under section 1115 of title 31, United States Code, the Commissioner of Customs establish performance indicators relating to the seizure of methamphetamine and methamphetamine precursor chemicals in order to evaluate the performance goals of the Bureau with respect to the interdiction of illegal drugs entering the United States. **Page S9585**

Stevens (for DeMint) Amendment No. 5007 (to Amendment No. 4970), to prohibit the issuance of transportation security cards to individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes. **Pages S9604–05**

DeMint Amendment No. 4970, to prohibit the issuance of transportation security cards to individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes. **Page S9604**

Stevens (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 4942, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement a threat assessment screening program for port truck drivers. **Pages S9605–07**

Stevens (for Vitter) Modified Amendment No. 4952, to provide for a process for interim security clearance for certain workers. **Page S9605**

Stevens (for Vitter) Modified Amendment No. 4961, to ensure that ports that play a critical role in our national energy policy remain eligible for port security grants. **Page S9605**

Stevens (for Rockefeller) Modified Amendment No. 4966, to require a report on the implementation status of the aircraft charter customer and lessee prescreening program. **Page S9605**

Stevens (for Menendez) Modified Amendment No. 4997, to standardize the risk-based funding of port security grants. **Page S9605**

Stevens (for Schumer) Modified Amendment No. 4983, to carry out an “Apollo Project” to research and develop new technology for the accurate and effective detection and prevention of nuclear and radiological threats to United States seaports. **Page S9605**

Rejected:

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 4930, to improve maritime container security by ensuring that foreign ports participating in the Container Security Initiative scan all containers shipped to the United States for nuclear and radiological weapons before loading. (By 61 yeas to 37 nays, Vote No. 248), Senate tabled the amendment).

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

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 247), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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Chair sustained a point of order under rule XXII, that the following amendments were not germane, and the amendments thus fell:

Murray (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 4967, to authorize grants for interoperable communications.

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Clinton/Dole Amendment No. 4957, to facilitate nationwide availability of 2–1–1 telephone service for information on and referral to human services, including volunteer opportunities related to human services.

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Clinton Amendment No. 4943, to fund additional research to improve the detection of explosive materials at airport security checkpoints.

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Clinton/Schumer Amendment No. 4958, to establish a grant program for individuals still suffering health effects as a result of the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City.

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Nelson (NE) Modified Amendment No. 4945, to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance.

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Boxer Amendment No. 4995, to require the placement of blast-resistant cargo containers on all commercial passenger aircraft.

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Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 571, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of the United States.

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U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 5684, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement; that there be 3 hours of debate—2 hours for the minority, with 60 minutes for Senator Dorgan, 30 minutes for Senator Conrad, 30 minutes for Senator Baucus,

or his designee, and 60 minutes for the majority, and that all time be consumed on either Friday, September 15, or Monday, September 18, 2006; further, that on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, there be 10 minutes for Senators Dorgan and Conrad, respectively, and 10 minutes equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on final passage of the bill.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—249) Pages S9586, S9607, S9616

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, September 15, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9647.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water, Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, including proposed advanced reactor technologies for recycling nuclear waste, after receiving testimony from Dennis Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy; Alan Hanson, AREVA NC, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland; Kelly Fletcher, GE Global Research, Fairfield, Connecticut; and Matthew Bunn, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CATCHING TERRORISTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the British system versus the U.S. system relating to