

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

Senate passed H.R. 5684, U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9689–S9735

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3910–3913, and S. Res. 572–574. **Pages S9724–25**

Measures Reported:

S. 2010, to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the Social Security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–337)

S. 3570, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9724**

Measures Passed:

U.S.—Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: By 62 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate passed H.R. 5684, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S9694–99**

Uganda Peace Transition: Senate agreed to S. Res. 573, calling on the United States Government and the international community to support the successful transition from conflict to sustainable peace in Uganda. **Pages S9731–32**

New England Wilderness Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 2463, to designate certain land in New England as wilderness for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation system and certain land as a National Recreation Area, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9732–34**

Frist (for Leahy) Amendment No. 5019, to designate certain National Forest System land in the State of Vermont for inclusion in the National Wil-

derness Preservation system and designate a National Recreation Area. **Pages S9732–33**

Frist (for Leahy) Amendment No. 5020, to amend the title. **Pages S9733–34**

Safe Port Act—Conferees: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate insist on its amendment to H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Senators Collins, Coleman, Bennett, Lieberman, and Levin; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators Stevens, Lott, Hutchison, Inouye, and Lautenberg; from the Committee on Finance: Senators Grassley, Hatch, and Baucus; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Senators Shelby and Sarbanes; and Senator Murray. **Page S9734**

Water Resources Development Act—Conferees: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate insist on its amendment to H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation 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, agree to the request of the House for a conference, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Inhofe, Warner, Bond, Voinovich, Chafee, Murkowski, Vitter, Jeffords, Baucus, Lieberman, Boxer, and Carper. **Pages S9734–35**

Secure Fence Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States; and that following one hour for

debate, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon. **Page S9735**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 61 yeas 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 251), Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S9699–S9714, S9735**

Executive Communications: **Pages S9722–24**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S9724**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S9730–31**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S9731**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S9731**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—251) **Pages S9689–99, S9714**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 20, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9735.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, for reappointment to be general and to be Commander, U.S. European Command, Vice Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN for appointment to be admiral and to be Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Ronald J. James, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

COMBATING PORNOGRAPHY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the problem of child pornography and what financial service companies and their regulators can do to eliminate child pornography from the financial payment system, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, Department of Justice; Ernie Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; Kim Mowder, Bank of America, Louisville, Kentucky; Mark MacCarthy, Visa U.S.A., Inc., Washington,

D.C.; Mike DeNoma, Standard Chartered Bank, Singapore; and Jodi Golinsky, MasterCard Worldwide, Purchase, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, John M. R. Kneuer, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, and 2 nomination lists in the Coast Guard.

ONLINE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain issues relating to online child pornography, identifying, investigating, and prosecuting those who use the Internet to sexually exploit children, after receiving testimony from Alice S. Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Jim Finch, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Michael J. Brown, Bedford County, Bedford, Virginia; Ernie Allen and John Shehan, both of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; and Sharon W. Cooper, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Medicine, Fayetteville.

IRAN'S NUCLEAR AMBITIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the policy of the United States towards Iran, focusing on the response to Iran's continued pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability including its nuclear enrichment and re-processing activities, after receiving testimony from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Ray Takeyh, Council on Foreign Relations, and Martin S. Indyk, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Ashton B. Carter, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

PRISON RADICALIZATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to discuss Federal efforts to prevent the recruitment of terrorists and extremists in Federal prisons, after receiving testimony from John M. Vanyur, Assistant Director, Correctional Programs Division, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Donald N. Van Duyn, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice;