

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 5385, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10889–S10939

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4048–4051, and S. Res. 612–613. **Page S10924**

Measures Passed:

Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations: Senate passed H.R. 5385, making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S10889–S10908

Adopted:

Collins/Feingold Amendment No. 5123, to extend the Office of the Inspector General for Iraq until 80 percent of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund has been expended. **Pages S10895–97**

Kerry/Kennedy Amendment No. 5142, to make available \$18,000,000 for the provision of additional mental health services through Vet Centers to veterans who served in combat in Iraq or Afghanistan. **Pages S19898–S10900**

Hutchison (for Stevens) Amendment No. 5122, to provide that, of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army, \$7,500,000 may be available for the lease of not more than 300 additional housing units in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska. **Page S10901**

Hutchison (for Reed) Amendment No. 5125, to provide that, of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps, \$3,410,000 shall be available for the replacement of a vehicle bridge at Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island, and to provide an offset. **Page S10901**

Hutchison (for Thune) Modified Amendment No. 5131, to increase by \$750,000 the amount appropriated or otherwise made available for Military Construction, Air Force and available for the Air Force Financial Management Center, and to provide an offset. **Pages S10901–02**

Hutchison (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 5126, to repeal the requirement for the Secretary of the Interior to cease the plan to exterminate the deer and elk population on Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands, California. **Page S10902**

Hutchison (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 5127, to require a report on actions taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to test veterans for vestibular damage. **Page S10902**

Hutchison (for Craig) Amendment No. 5129, to increase to \$10,000,000 the threshold for major medical facility projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S10902**

Hutchison Amendment No. 5135, to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs to continue major medical facility projects and leases which have funds previously appropriated. **Page S10902**

Hutchison Amendment No. 5141, to amend the amount of a military construction project. **Pages S10902–03**

Akaka/Obama Modified Amendment No. 5128, to provide, with an offset, an additional \$2,500,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Office of the Inspector General. **Pages S10889, S10903**

Hutchison (for Thune) Modified Amendment No. 5130, to require the business plan of the Veterans Integrated Service Network 23 for the implementation of a Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Wagner, South Dakota, to include an evaluation and an analysis of the prospect of colocating such clinic with the Wagner Indian Health Service unit in Wagner, South Dakota. **Page S10903**

Hutchison (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 5138, to require a report on the costs of the Comprehensive Service Programs for homeless veterans.

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Hutchison (for Cochran/Lott) Amendment No. 5146, to provide that of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by chapter 7 of title 1 of the Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps, and available for the replacement of a Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, \$13,400,000 may be available for the construction of an additional Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at such center. Pages S10903–04

Hutchison (for Allen) Amendment No. 5143, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program.

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Withdrawn:

Conrad Amendment No. 5144, to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance.

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Prior to the withdrawal, Senator Gregg raised a point of order under section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95, as made effective by Public Law 109–234 against the amendment, following which, Senator Conrad made a motion to waive the applicable section.

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

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 264), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Malaysia on Mutual Legal Assistance (Treaty Doc. No. 109–22).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nomination—Recommitted: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of John Peyton, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation be recommitted to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Appointments:

Social Security Advisory Board: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Com-

mittee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 103–296, appointed Marsha Katz, of Montana, vice David Podoff, as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. (Re-appointment).

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2007.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Paul De Camp, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2010.

Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health (Recess Appointment).

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2007, which was sent to the Senate on March 27, 2006.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009, which was sent to the Senate on May 25, 2006.

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2010, which was sent to the Senate on July 18, 2006.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1)	Page S10898
Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—260)	Page S10898

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:15 p.m., and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10935.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Robert F. Hoyt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and Paul Cherecwich, Jr., of Utah, and Deborah L. Wince-Smith, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, all of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, who was introduced by Representative Bilbray, and Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, who was introduced by Representative Jim Moran of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Dan G. Blair, to be Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, who was introduced by Senator Bond, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TAX LAWS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

held a hearing to examine the issue of states incorporating new, non-publicly traded companies in the United States each year without obtaining the identity of corporate owners, and its impact on law enforcement investigations into persons misusing U.S. shell corporations for money laundering, tax evasion, terrorist financing, or other crimes, and a GAO report entitled "Company Formations: Minimal Ownership Information Is Collected and Available", receiving testimony from Stuart G. Nash, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; K. Steven Burgess, Director, Examination, and Robert Northcutt, Acting Director of the Abusive Transactions Office, both of the Small Business/Self-Employed Division, Internal Revenue Service, and Jamal El-Hindi, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, all of the Department of the Treasury; Yvonne Jones, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; Richard J. Geisenberger, Delaware Assistant Secretary of State, Dover; Scott W. Anderson, Nevada Deputy Secretary of State for Commercial Recordings, Carson City; and Laurie Flynn, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

SPORTS PROGRAMMING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine competition in sports programming and broadcasting, focusing on the goals of the program access statute and fostering competition to the incumbent cable operators, receiving testimony from Roger Noll, Stanford University Department of Economics, Stanford, California; Jeffrey Pash, National Football League, and Landel C. Hobbs, Time Warner Cable, both of New York, New York; and Daniel M. Fawcett, DIRECTV, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.