

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5525–S5612

Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1276–1310, S. Res. 185–188, and S. Con. Res. 31–32.

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Measures Reported:

S. 992, to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost effective lighting technologies in public buildings, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110 60) **Page S5561**

Measures Passed:

Supporting the Accession of Israel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 188, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the accession of Israel to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. **Pages S5609–10**

National Hunger Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 186, designating June 5, 2007, as “National Hunger Awareness Day” and authorizing the Senate offices of Senators Gordon H. Smith, Blanche L. Lincoln, Elizabeth Dole, and Richard J. Durbin to collect donations of food during the period beginning May 7, 2007, and ending June 5, 2007, from concerned Members of Congress and staff to assist families suffering from hunger and food insecurity in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. **Page S5610**

Condemning Violence in Estonia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 187, condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia’s embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia. **Pages S5610–11**

Measures Considered:

Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments: Senate continued consideration of S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5526–58**

Pending:

Landrieu Amendment No. 1004, to require the Food and Drug Administration to permit the sale of

baby turtles as pets so long as the seller uses proven methods to effectively treat salmonella. **Page S5526**

Dorgan Amendment No. 990, to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Page S5526**

Cochran Amendment No. 1010 (to Amendment No. 990), to protect the health and safety of the public. **Pages S5526, S5532**

Stabenow Amendment No. 1011, to insert provisions related to citizens petitions. **Page S5526**

Brown (for Brownback/Brown) Amendment No. 985, to establish a priority drug review process to encourage treatments of tropical diseases. **Page S5526**

Vitter Amendment No. 983, to require counterfeit-resistant technologies for prescription drugs. **Page S5526**

Inhofe Amendment No. 988, to protect children and their parents from being coerced into administering a controlled substance in order to attend school. **Page S5526**

Gregg/Coleman Amendment No. 993, to provide for the regulation of Internet pharmacies. **Page S5526**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, May 7, 2007. **Pages S5556–57**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, May 7, 2007. **Page S5557**

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

By 63 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 150), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Dorgan Amendment No. 990 (listed above). **Pages S5531–32**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007; that Senate vote on, or in relation to, Cochran Amendment No. 1010, and upon its disposition, vote on, or in relation to, Dorgan Amendment No. 990, as amended, if amended,

and upon its disposition, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified; provided further, that Members have until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007, to file first-degree amendments. **Page S5609**

Water Resources Development Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1495, 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. **Page S5609**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, May 7, 2007. **Page S5609**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S5609**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty: Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Treaty Doc. No. 110–2).

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. **Page S5609**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jill E. Sommers, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2009.

Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2008.

Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Tevi David Troy, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Kerry N. Weems, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Cameron R. Hume, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

Bradford P. Campbell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Stan Z. Soloway, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2011.

James Palmer, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Na-

tional and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2011.

Alejandro Modesto Sanchez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2010.

Gordon James Whiting, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2010.

Andrew Saul, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2008.

Andrew Saul, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2012.

45 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Navy. **Pages S5611–12**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Jane C. Luxton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—150) **Page S5532**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 4, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5609.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

Committee on Appropriations: On Wednesday, May 2, 2007, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for