

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 3569, U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 440, Adjournment Resolution.

The House passed H.R. 5672—Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007.

House Committees ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3596–3629, S.J. Res. 40, and S. Res. 524–526.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2023, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to improve that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–272)

H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–273)

H.R. 5427, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–274)

H.R. 5386, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 460, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should increase its support to the people of Somalia in their efforts to end decades of violence, establish lasting peace, form a democratically elected and stable central government, and become an effective partner in eradicating radicalism and terrorism from their country and the region.

S. 1554, to establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security

needs of Federal, State, and local governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 105, commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan. **Pages S6783–84**

Measures Passed:

U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement: By 60 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 190), Senate passed S. 3569, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S6746–70**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 440, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S7176**

Printing Authority: Senate passed S.J. Res. 40, authorizing the printing and binding of a supplement to, and revised edition of, Senate Procedure. **Page S7176**

Louis Braille Bicentennial—Braille Literacy Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed S. 2321, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille. **Pages S7176–78**

Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed S. 811, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. **Pages S7178–80**

Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy Promotion Act: Senate passed S. 2125, to promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7178–80**

McConnell (for Obama) Amendment No. 4545, to make certain improvements to the bill.

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Recognizing the FDA: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 426, recognizing the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Food and Drugs Act for the important service it provides to the Nation, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Job Training Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 27, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1021, Senate companion measure, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Enzi) Amendment No. 4546, in the nature of a substitute.

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Subsequently, S. 1021 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Stem Cell Research Legislation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration en bloc of H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, and S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos, and S. 3504, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of tissue from fetuses gestated for research purposes, that both bills be discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; that there be 12 hours of debate equally divided between the Majority and Democratic Leaders, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to any of the bills; that following the use, or yielding back of time, the bills be read a third time, respectively, and the Senate begin three consecutive votes on final passage of the bills in the following order: S. 3504, S. 2754, and H.R. 810; provided further, that any bill that does not receive 60 votes in the affirmative have its votes

on passage be vitiated, and that those bills be returned to the calendar or to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and that it not be in order for the Senate to consider any bill or amendment relating to stem cell research during the remainder of the 109th Congress.

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Pearce Nomination—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Drue Pearce, of Alaska, to be the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, be discharged from the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Whip, and Senators Warner and Allen, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Homeland Security Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2006, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael L. Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Michael E. Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Australia.

Jonann E. Chiles, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2008.

Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

John Clint Williamson, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues.

Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

W. Stuart Symington IV, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Peter R. Coneway, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Thomas C. Foley, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bruce I. Knight, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

Bruce I. Knight, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Frank R. Jimenez, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve

System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

Nathaniel F. Wienecke, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Donald C. Johnson, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

17 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Text of S. 2766, S. 2767, S. 2768, S. 2769, H.R. 5122, as previously passed **Pages S6854–S7169**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—190) **Page S6763**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res 440, adjourned at 7 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, July 10, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7258.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for reporting to the full Committee H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.