

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13599–S13687*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2105–2118, S. Res. 334, and S. Con. Res. 70–71. **Pages S13659–60**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006.” (S. Rept. No. 109–207)

S. 1312, to amend a provision relating to employment of the United States assigned to, or employed by, an Indian tribe. (S. Rept. No. 109–208)

Report to accompany S. 572, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to give additional biosecurity responsibilities to the Department of Homeland Security. (S. Rept. No. 109–209)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring Former Senator William Proxmire:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 334, relative to the death of William Proxmire, former U.S. Senator from the state of Wisconsin. **Pages S13683–84**

**Real Property Jurisdiction Transfer:** Senate passed S. 2116, to transfer jurisdiction of certain real property to the Supreme Court. **Page S13684**

**Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act:** Senate passed S. 1390, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13684–86**

McConnell (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2677, to make it clear that damage from derelict fishing gear and vessel anchors and anchor chains warrants emergency response action. **Page S13685**

McConnell (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2678, to strike references to certain laws. **Page S13685**

**State Department Authorities:** Senate passed H.R. 4436, to provide certain authorities for the Department of State, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13687**

**Philippines Immigration Centennial:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 218, recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States and acknowledging the contributions of our Filipino-American community to

our country over the last century, after agreeing to the following amendment: **Page S13687**

McConnell (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2679, of a technical nature. **Page S13687**

**Predisaster Mitigation Program Reauthorization Act:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4324, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster mitigation program, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13687**

**Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations—Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Pages S13600–08**

**U.S. Patriot Act Reauthorization—Conference Report:** Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism. **Pages S13608–27**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, December 16, 2005, that there be 60 minutes for debate, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 11 a.m. **Page S13687**

**Deficit Reduction Act—Motions to Instruct Conferees:** Senate continued consideration of the message from the House of Representatives to accompany S. 1932, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95), taking action on the following motions to instruct conferees proposed thereto: **Pages S13630–35**

Adopted:

By 71 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 354), Senate agreed to DeWine Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that any conference report shall not include the provisions contained in section 8701 of the House amendment relating to the repeal of section 754 of the Tariff Act of 1930. **Pages S13630–32**

By 75 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 355), Senate agreed to Kohl Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that any conference report shall not include any