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NOTE: An executive summary is attached for each bill.

S. 4050 – Sergeant First Class Robert Lee 'Bobby' Hollar, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act (Sen. Isakson, R-GA)

- Designated the USPS facility located at 103 East Thompson Street in Thomaston, Georgia, as the “Sergeant First Class Robert Lee ‘Bobby’ Hollar, Jr. Post Office Building.”

S. 4093 – A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend a suspension of limitation on the period for which certain borrowers are eligible for guaranteed assistance (Sen. Harkin, D-IA)

- Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend a suspension of limitation on the period for which certain borrowers are eligible for guaranteed assistance.
- Cost implications are unknown.

H.R. 5304 – Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement Act (Murphy, R-PA)

- Makes it a crime to modify caller ID information with the intent to mislead the recipient of a telephone call as to the identify of the person calling, and provides for a fine, up to five years in prison, or both for violations.
- The bill specifies that the bill does not apply to 1) any blocking of caller ID information, or 2) authorized lawful enforcement personnel.

S. 3821 —COMPETE Act of 2006 (Sen. Collins, R-ME)

- Would expand the scope of P-1 (athletes and entertainers) nonimmigrant visas to include the following:
 - a professional athlete
 - a person who performs as an athlete, coach, or part of a team that is located in the United States and is a member of certain amateur foreign leagues or associations from which a significant number of individuals are drafted by major sports leagues or their minor league affiliates; and
 - a professional or amateur athlete who performs in a theatrical ice skating production coming to the United States in a specific ice skating production or tour.

S. 4042 — A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit disruptions of funerals of members or former members of the Armed Forces (Sen. Durbin, D-IL)

- Would prohibit any person from engaging in an activity within 60 minutes before and after, and within a specified distance of, a funeral of a member or former member of the Armed Forces, at a cemetery other than a national cemetery that intentionally disturbs the peace or good order of the funeral.

H.R. 6427 — To increase the amount in certain funding agreements relating to patents and nonprofit organizations to be used for scientific research, development, and education, and for other purposes (Rep. Latham, R-IA)

- Would amend current law regarding nonprofit organizations as follows (new text in **red bold**):
 - (E) with respect to a funding agreement for the operation of a Government-owned-contractor-operated facility, requirements
 - (i)that after payment of patenting costs, licensing costs, payments to inventors, and other expenses incidental to the administration of subject inventions, 100 percent of the balance of any royalties or income earned

and retained by the contractor during any fiscal year up to an amount equal to 5 percent of the annual budget of the facility **or in the case of a facility with an annual budget of less than \$40 million**, shall be used by the contractor for scientific research, development, and education consistent with the research and development mission and objectives of the facility, including activities that increase the licensing potential of other inventions of the facility; provided that if said balance exceeds 5 percent of the annual budget of the facility, **or in the case of a facility with an annual budget of less than \$40 million**, that 75 percent of such excess shall be paid to the Treasury of the United States and the remaining 25 percent shall be used for the same purposes as described above in this clause

H.R. 6428 – To authorize the Secretary of the Army to carry out certain elements of the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana (*Melancon, D-LA*)

- Grants the U.S. Army the authority to carry out certain elements of the hurricane and storm damage project, Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana.

S. 2735 — Veterans Health Care Full Funding Act (Sen. Bond, R-MO)

- S. 2735 directs the Secretary of the Army to compile a list of all dams in the U.S. and their condition. The bill provides aid to the states for their dam safety programs.
- The bill authorizes appropriations for FEMA, for dam inventory, and administrative purposes.

H.R. 5946 — Stevens-Inouye International Fisheries Monitoring and Compliance Legacy Act of 2006 (Pombo, R-CO)

- The bill creates at least 2 new programs: a coastal disaster recovery program, and a program to reduce “bycatch” (presumably marine life the fisherman didn’t intend to catch).
- The coastal disaster recovery program is to provide disaster relief to fishermen, fish processors, and owners of fishing infrastructure. H.R. 5946 also prohibits the killing of polar bears in excess of numbers agreed to by treaties.
- The bill prohibits the movement of products made of polar bear in commerce.

S. Con. Res. 123 — A concurrent resolution providing for correction to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5946 (Sen. Stevens, R-AK)

- Directs the Clerk of the House, in the enrollment of H.R. 5946, to strike section 702 of Title VII.
- Section 702 of title VII, states that nothing Title VII of H.R. 5946 may be construed to reduce or otherwise limit the authority of the Department of Commerce or the Federal Communications Commission.
- H.R. 5946 is the “Stevens-Inouye International Fisheries Monitoring and Compliance Legacy Act of 2006, ” which is on the suspension calendar tonight (12/8/06); thus, the amended version of H.R. 5946 will be considered after S.Con.Res. 123 is passed.

H.R. 4075 — Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2006 (Pombo, R-CA)

- Would amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to grant limited authority for marine mammal product to be exported from the United States for noncommercial and cultural purposes. To read the RSC Legislative Bulletin on the original House version of this legislation, please click [here](#).
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