

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S369–S402

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2560–2561, and S. Res. 432. **Pages S394–95**

Measures Considered:

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT: Senate continued consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act. **Pages S375–88**

Pending:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S375**

Feingold/Dodd Amendment No. 3909 (to Amendment No. 3911), to require that certain records be submitted to Congress. **Page S375**

Bond Amendment No. 3916 (to Amendment No. 3909), of a perfecting nature. **Page S375**

Reid Amendment No. 3918 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911), relative to the extension of the Protect America Act of 2007. **Page S375**

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

By 48 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 3), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911 (listed above). **Pages S387–88**

By 48 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 4), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid Amendment No.

3918 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911) (listed above). **Page S388**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. **Page S401**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on January 28, 2008; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–35) **Pages S390–94**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Ed Schafer, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of Agriculture. **Pages S375, S402**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S370**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S395–96**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S396–98**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—4) **Pages S387–88**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 10:11 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S402.)

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5137–5150; and H. Res. 942–945 were introduced. **Pages H478–79**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H479–80**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 4140, to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the “Richard B. Anderson Federal Building” (H. Rept. 110–515);

H. Res. 845, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–516, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 832, honoring the Texas Water Development Board on its selection as a recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency’s 2007 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Performance and Innovation Award (H. Rept. 110–517);

H.R. 3913, to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met (H. Rept. 110–518);

H. Res. 940, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1528) to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail (H. Rept. 110–519); and

H. Res. 941, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–520). **Page H478**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H459**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Felix Sparks Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4240, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the “Felix Sparks Post Office Building”; **Pages H460–62**

Larry S. Pierce Post Office Designation Act: S. 2110, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the “Larry S. Pierce Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 23—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H462–63, H470–71**

Richard B. Anderson Federal Building Designation Act: H.R. 4140, to designate the Port Angeles

Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the “Richard B. Anderson Federal Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 24; **Pages H463–64**

Amending the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met: H.R. 3913, to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met; **Pages H464–65**

Honoring the Texas Water Development Board on its selection as a recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency’s 2007 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Performance and Innovation Award: H. Res. 832, amended, to honor the Texas Water Development Board on its selection as a recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency’s 2007 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Performance and Innovation Award; and **Pages H465–66**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Honoring the Texas Water Development Board on its selection as a 2007 recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Performance and Innovation in the SRF Creating Environmental Success Award.”. **Page H466**

Commending the West Virginia University Mountaineer football team for exemplifying the pride, determination, and spirit of the Mountain State and overcoming adversity with skill, commitment, and teamwork to win the 2008 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl: H. Res. 938, amended, to commend the West Virginia University Mountaineer football team for exemplifying the pride, determination, and spirit of the Mountain State and overcoming adversity with skill, commitment, and teamwork to win the 2008 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. **Pages H468–70**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 5:02 p.m. **Page H470**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, January 29th:

Commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national championship game: H. Res. 933, amended, to commend the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning

the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national championship game. **Pages H467–68**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:38 p.m. and reconvened at 8:37 p.m. **Page H472**

State of the Union Address: President George W. Bush delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 282. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Emanuel, Larson (CT), Van Hollen, Becerra, DeLauro, Slaughter, Boehner, Blunt, Putnam, McCotter, Granger, Carter, Cole (OK), and Cantor and Senators Reid, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Dorgan, Stabenow, Biden, Dodd, McConnell, Kyl, Alexander, Hutchison, Cornyn, Ensign, and Coleman. The President's message was referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–82). **Pages H472–76**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H460.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H470–71 and H471. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE—ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain rules reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any rule reported on the legislative day of January 29, 2008, providing for consideration of a bill to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL DESIGNATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1528, New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill ex-

cept clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Grijalva and Bishop of Utah.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the long-term budget outlook, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Douglas H. Shulman, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, DOD Inspector General on Outsourcing, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Interagency Reform: Can the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Case Study Illuminate the Future of Reconstruction and Stabilization Operations? 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Using Fiscal Policy to Bolster the U.S. Economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on H.R. 3195, ADA Restoration Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Covering Uninsured Kids:

Missed Opportunities for Moving Forward,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to vote on the issuance of subpoenas for witnesses and documents in connection with the Subcommittee’s ongoing investigation into the adequacy of the efforts of the FDA to protect the American public from excessive risks from prescription drugs and other matters, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing entitled “Science and Mission at Risk: FDA’s Self-Assessment,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Internet, hearing entitled “Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Services in the Digital TV Age,” 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Ensuring Safe and Effective Housing Programs in the Wake of Disasters,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Growing Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis: Identifying Solutions and Dispelling Myths, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on Reform of the State Secrets Privilege, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Enforcement of Federal Espionage Laws, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the Immediate Federal and State Role in Addressing Uncertain Water Deliveries for California and the Impacts on California Communities,” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 273, Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences; H. Res. 76, Urging the establishment and observation of a legal public holiday in honor of Cesar E. Chavez; H. Res. 867, Commending the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup; H.R. 3532, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the “Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office;” H.R. 3936, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Highway in Cleveland, Georgia as the “Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building;” H.R. 4203, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the “Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office

Building;” H.R. 4454, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3050 Hunsinger Lane in Louisville, Kentucky, as the “Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Military Heroes of Louisville Memorial Post Office Building;” in honor of the servicemen and women from Louisville, Kentucky, who died in service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; H.R. 5135, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the “Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building;” S. 2272, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John “Marty” Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007; and S. 2478, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the “Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office;” followed by a hearing on Addressing the Screening Gap: The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, to consider H.R. 3548, Plain Language in Government Communications Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, to continue hearings on Pakistani Elections: Will They Be Free and Fair or Fundamentally Flawed (Part II), 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “SBIR: America’s National Technology Development Incubator,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the Use of Artificial Intelligence to Improve the VA’s Claims Processing System, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on VA Credentialing and Privileging: A Patient Safety Issue, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Pakistan, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine taking stock, focusing on combating anti-Semitism in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:00 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2248, FISA Amendments Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: 1) H.R.—Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008 and 2) H.R. 5104—To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 30 days. Consideration of H.R. 1528—New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act (Subject to a Rule).

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