

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Roger Wicker, of Mississippi, was sworn in.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13–S156

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2533–2544, and S. Res. 419–420. **Pages S93–94**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Tuesday, January 8, during the adjournment:

S. 2532, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve health care provided to Indians under the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Programs. (S. Rept. No. 110–255)

S. 550, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. (S. Rept. No. 110–256)

S. 1650, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–257)

Reported on Tuesday, January 22, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act. (S. Rept. No. 110–258)

H.R. 735, to designate the Federal building under construction at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building".

S. 862, to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal Building".

S. 1189, to designate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse". **Page S93**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Diane Wolf: Senate agreed to S. Res. 419, honoring the life and extraordinary contributions of Diane Wolf. **Pages S14–15**

National Defense Authorization Act: By 91 yeas and 3 nays (Vote No. 1), Senate passed H.R. 4986, to provide for the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, as previously enrolled, with certain modifications to address the foreign sovereign immunities provisions of title 28, United States Code, with respect to the attachment of property in certain judgments against Iraq, the lapse of statutory authorities for the payment of bonuses, special pays, and similar benefits for members of the uniformed services, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S54–57**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 279, providing for an adjournment of the House. **Page S59**

Commending Martin P. Paone: Senate agreed to S. Res. 420, commending Martin P. Paone. **Page S155**

Hydrocephalus Research: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 63, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for additional research into the chronic neurological condition hydrocephalus, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S155–56**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Juneteenth Independence Day: Senate indefinitely postponed H. Con. Res. 155, recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of Congress that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future. **Page S156**

Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2023, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the “Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office”. **Page S156**

Measures Considered:

Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments: Senate began consideration of S. 1200, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Bingaman/Thune Amendment No. 3894 (to Amendment No. 3899), to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a limitation on the charges for contract health services provided to Indians by Medicare providers. **Pages S38–42**

Vitter Amendment No. 3896 (to Amendment No. 3899), to modify a section relating to limitation on use of funds appropriated to the Service. **Pages S42–46**

Brownback Amendment No. 3893 (to Amendment No. 3899), to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States. **Pages S46–52**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3899, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S52–53**

Sanders Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3899), to provide for payments under subsections (a) through (e) of section 2604 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. **Pages S59–65**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that amendments previously considered be conformed to Amendment No. 3899. **Page S52**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, January 23, 2008. **Page S156**

Swearing In of Senator Wicker: Senator Roger Wicker, of Mississippi, was sworn in to fill the unexpired term, ending January 3, 2013, caused by the resignation of Senator Trent Lott. **Page S13**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the proposed Agreement for Cooperation between the U.S. and the Republic of Turkey relative to peaceful uses of nuclear energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–34) **Page S90**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Extradition Treaty with Romania and Protocol to the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters with Romania (Treaty Doc. No. 110–11);

Extradition Treaty with Bulgaria and an Agreement on Certain Aspects of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters with Bulgaria (Treaty Doc. No. 110–12); and

International Convention on Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (Treaty Doc. No. 110–13).

The treaties were 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. **Pages S154–55**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

William J. Brennan, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Jeffrey J. Grieco, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Kurt Douglas Volker, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Jan Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

William J. Hagenah, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

Mark Y. Herring, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

Julia W. Bland, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

Joanne Weiss, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2010.

Sally Epstein Shaywitz, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

Frank Philip Handy, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

Jonathan Baron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

Dorla M. Salling, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Measures Referred: Pages S90–91

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1) Page S57

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 23, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S156.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S ECONOMY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative action aimed at providing stimulus relating to strengthening America's economy, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, who was introduced by Representative Larson, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5085–5100, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 934, were introduced. Pages H389–90

Additional Cosponsors: Page H390

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 866, honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and commitment to protecting the United States have led to the Coast Guard seizing over 350,000 pounds of cocaine at sea during 2007, far surpassing all of our previous records (H. Rept. 110–513) and

H.R. 3992, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treat-

ment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses (H. Rept. 110–514). Page H389

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H353

Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H354

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Oberstar wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on January 16, 2008. Pages H354–57

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

Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3988, to designate

the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the “Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building”;

Pages H357–58

Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3720, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas, as the “Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building”;

Pages H358–59

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States has a moral responsibility to meet the needs of those persons, groups and communities that are impoverished, disadvantaged or otherwise in poverty: H. Con. Res. 198, amended, to express the sense of Congress that the United States has a moral responsibility to meet the needs of those persons, groups and communities that are impoverished, disadvantaged or otherwise in poverty;

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Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 725 Roanoke Avenue in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as the “Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 391 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 19;

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Amending title 23, United States Code, to inspect highway tunnels: H.R. 409, amended, to amend title 23, United States Code, to inspect highway tunnels;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish national tunnel inspection standards for the proper safety inspection and evaluation of all highway tunnels, and for other purposes.”

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Recognizing the American Highway Users Alliance on the occasion of its 75th anniversary: H. Res. 772, to recognize the American Highway Users Alliance on the occasion of its 75th anniversary;

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Honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard: H. Res. 866, to honor the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and commitment to protecting the United States have led to the Coast Guard seizing over 350,000 pounds of cocaine at sea during 2007, far surpassing all of our previous records, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 391 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 20; and

Pages H368–70, S373–74

Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act: Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3432, to establish the Commis-

sion on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade—clearing the measure for the President.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Schiff of California to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation between the United States of America and the Republic of Turkey Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–90).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H374.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H372–73 and H373–74. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ARAB WORLD—CENSORSHIP AND INCITEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on That which is not obligatory is prohibited: Censorship and Incitement in the Arab World. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Justice for All Act (Public Law 108–405), focusing on the administration of the Bloodworth and Coverdell DNA Grant Programs by the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, hearing on Army Contracting Task Force, 10 a.m., and executive, on DOD Outsourcing GAO, 3:30 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on Foreign Assistance in the 21st

Century: Proposals for Reform and Restructuring, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Assessment of U.S. Strategy and Operations in Afghanistan and the Way Ahead, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on A Continuing Dialogue: Post-Surge Alternatives for Iraq (Part 2), 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Investing in Early Education: Paths to Improving Children's Success, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1232, Veterinary Public Health Workforce Expansion Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Combating Nuclear Proliferation: The Effectiveness of the Department of Energy's Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (IPP) Program," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider extension of a committee consultant contract, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, joint hearing on the Proposed U.S. Security Com-

mitment to Iraq: What Will Be In It and Should It Be a Treaty? 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, to mark up the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, 1:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Fortress America Abroad: Effective Diplomacy and the Future of U.S. Embassies, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Limited Health Care Options for Small Businesses in the Small Group Market," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Transportation Workers Identification Credentials—Follow-Up, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Progress Toward Improving Water Quality in the Great Lakes, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on China, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Cap, Auction and Trade: Auctions and Revenue Recycling Under Carbon Cap and Trade," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, January 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1200, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments.

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

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Vote on the President's Veto of H.R. 3963—Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007. Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 3873—Section 515 Rural Housing Property Transfer Improvement Act of 2007; (2) H.R. 3959—To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties; (3) H. Res. 916—Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools; (4) H. Res. 908—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month; (5) H. Res. 493—Congratulating the women's water polo team of the University of California, Los Angeles, for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Water Polo National Championship; (6) H. Res. 852—Raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2008 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; (7) H.R. 3992—Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2007; and (8) H.R. 3971—Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2007.

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