

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S697–S732

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2245–2247. **Page 728**

Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. **Pages S697–98, S706–20**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the order of February 2, 2006, a vote on cloture will occur at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. **Page S718**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. **Page S731**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2007; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations. (PM–36) **Pages S724–25**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Benedict S. Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

Todd S. Farha, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2006.

Todd S. Farha, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2009.

Robert M. McDowell, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2004.

Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2009.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

21 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S731–32**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S731.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed a hearing to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on managing law enforcement and communications in a catastrophe, pre-landfall preparation, post-landfall deployment, the Wireless Priority Service (WPS), and the state of law and order during the crisis, receiving testimony from Michael J. Vanacore, Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Peter M. Fonash, Deputy Manager

and Director, National Communications System, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge, Boston Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Warren J. Riley, New Orleans Police Department, F.G. Dowden, New Orleans Department of Homeland Security and Public Safety, and William L. Smith, BellSouth Corporation, all of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, February 7, 2006.

NSA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine wartime executive power and the Na-

tional Security Agency surveillance authority, receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: on Friday, February 3, 2006, Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for January 2006, after receiving testimony from Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine contracting issues in Iraq in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2007 budget proposal, 3 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine net neutrality, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert C. Cresanti, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology, and David C. Sanborn, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Tyler D. Duvall, of Virginia, to be an As-

sistant Secretary, Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and Roger Shane Karr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine common defense to common security relating to NATO, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal agencies and conference spending, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Timothy C. Batten, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Thomas E. Johnston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, Leo Maury Gordon, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Aida M. Delgado-Colon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, 4 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Investigations, hearing entitled "Armed and Dangerous: Confronting the Problem of Border Incursions," 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on Human Rights in Burma: Where Are We Now and What Do We Do Next? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, February 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 852, Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 6 p.m.

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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