

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S19–S31*

The Senate met in a pro forma session at 10:00:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:00:10 a.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, for a pro forma session.

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### DECENCY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* On Thursday, January, 19, 2005, Committee concluded a hearing to examine decency in broadcasting, cable, and other media, after receiving testimony from Jack Valenti, on behalf of the Motion Picture Association of America, Bruce T. Reese, Bonneville International Corporation, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters, and Jeff McIntyre, American Psychological Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Charles W. Ergen, EchoStar Communications Corporation, Englewood, Colorado; David L. Cohen, Comcast Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Brent Bozell, III, Parents Television Council, Alexandria, Virginia; Martin D. Franks, CBS Corporation, New York, New York; and Alan Rosenberg, Screen Actors Guild, Los Angeles, California.

#### PROTECTING CHILDREN

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* On Thursday, January, 19, 2005, Committee concluded a hearing to examine methods of protecting children on the Internet, after receiving testimony from Senator Lincoln; James H. Burrus, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Laura H. Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice; James B. Weaver, III,

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Department of Communication, Blacksburg; Tim Lordan, Internet Education Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Tatiana S. Platt, America Online, Inc., Dulles, Virginia; and Paul J. Cambria, Jr., Adult Freedom Foundation, Buffalo, New York.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* On Thursday, January, 19, 2005, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Claudia A. McMurray, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, and to be an Assistant Secretary for Resource Management, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### BILATERAL MALARIA ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* On Thursday, January, 19, 2005, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine bilateral malaria assistance, focusing on progress on the President's malaria initiative, malaria program reforms at United States Agency for International Development, lessons on malaria control from the field, and what the experts say about indoor residual spraying, after receiving testimony from Michael Miller, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Global Health, United States Agency for International Development; Donald R. Roberts, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Simon Kunene, Swaziland Ministry of Health, Mbabane; and Andy Arata, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 23 through January 27, 2006

#### Senate Chamber

On Monday, Senate will not be in session.

On *Tuesday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will meet for a pro forma session.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will begin debate on the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue debate on the nomination and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* January 24, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* January 25, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Janet Ann Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bernadette Mary Allen, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, Steven Alan Browning, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, and Robert Weisberg, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo, 4:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* January 24, to hold hearings to examine the perspective of emergency experts, focusing on government performance during Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* January 24, business meeting to consider and vote on the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* January 26, to hold hearings to examine "The Jobs for Veterans Act Three Years Later: Are VETS' Employment Programs Working for Veterans?", 10 a.m., SR-418.

#### House Committees

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, January 31

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will meet for a pro forma session.

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.



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