

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fifty three bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 602–654, S. Res. 82–84, and S. Con. Res. 12–13. **Pages S2022–24**

Measures Reported:

S. 202, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 110–6)

S. 216, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 110–7)

S. 232, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements. (S. Rept. No. 110–8)

S. 240, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992. (S. Rept. No. 110–9)

S. 241, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System. (S. Rept. No. 110–10)

S. 245, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System. (S. Rept. No. 110–11)

S. 255, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans. (S. Rept. No. 110–12)

S. 260, to establish the Fort Stanton Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–13)

S. 262, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area. (S. Rept. No. 110–14)

S. 268, to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail. (S. Rept. No. 110–15)

S. 277, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision. (S. Rept. No. 110–16)

S. 283, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003. (S. Rept. No. 110–17)

S. 320, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands. (S. Rept. No. 110–18)

H.R. 57, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands. (S. Rept. No. 110–19)

S. Res. 41, honoring and the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers.

S. Res. 47, honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers.

S. Res. 49, recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State.

S. Res. 69, recognizing the African American spiritual as a national treasure.

S. 184, to provide improved rail and surface transportation security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2022**

Measures Passed:

Living Kidney Organ Donation Clarification Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 487, to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to clarify that kidney paired donations shall not be considered to involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2115**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 266, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2115**

Voting Rights Act Reauthorization: Senate passed S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, after agreeing to the committee

amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2115–16**

Reid (for Salazar) Amendment No. 267, to add the name of Dr. Hector P. Garcia to a short title. **Page S2116**

Iraq Sense of Congress: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 574, to express the sense of Congress on Iraq. **Page S2015**

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 unanimous-consent agreement of February 15, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur at 1:45 p.m., on Saturday, February 17, 2007. **Page S2015**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 49), Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1986–87**

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 50), Marcia Morales Howard, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S1986–88**

Leon R. Sequeira, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2007. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration.)

Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Page S2117**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—50) **Pages S1987, S1988**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon, on Friday, February 16, 2007.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUTURE READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the current and future readiness of the Army and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, and Lieutenant General Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–8, both of the United States Army; and General James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's proposal to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (Part 1), after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior.

TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's trade agenda for 2007, after receiving testimony from Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the

Republic of Iraq, and William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 343, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999;

S. 457, to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories, a proposed bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

S. 550, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia,

S. 171, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building";

S. 194 and H.R. 49, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building";

S. 219 and H.R. 335, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office";

S. 412 and H.R. 521, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building";

H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building";

H.R. 514, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office"; and

H.R. 577, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building".

TRIBAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for tribal programs, after

receiving testimony from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior; Charles W. Grim, Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Catherine Freeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, and Thomas M. Corwin, Director, Division of Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Analysis, Budget Service, both of the Department of Education; Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Regina B. Schofield, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Ivan D. Posey, Eastern Shoshone Business Council, Fort Washakie, Wyoming; Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; and H. Sally Smith, National Indian Health Board, Verlie Ann Malina Wright, National Indian Education Association, and Marty Shuravloff, National American Indian Housing Council, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 41, honoring and the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers;

S. Res. 47, honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers;

S. Res. 49, recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State;

S. Res. 69, recognizing the African-American spirit as a national treasure; and The nominations of Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, and Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Also, Committee approved for reporting S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BABY BOOMERS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the retirement of those Americans born between 1946 and 1964 (baby boomers), focusing on the federal budget and senior citizens,

and Social Security benefits, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Josefina Carbonell, Assistant Secretary

for Aging, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 1062–1108; 1 private bill, H.R. 1109; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 66; and H. Res. 165–171 were introduced. **Pages H1789–90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1790–91**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–14). **Page H1787**

Administration of the Oath of Office to Officers of the House: The Speaker administered the Oath of Office to Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House of Representatives and Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives. **Page H1671**

Notify the Senate of the Election of the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 165, informing the Senate of the election of the Clerk. **Page H1671**

Notify the President of the Election of the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 166, instructing the Clerk to inform the President of the United States of the election of the Clerk. **Page H1671**

Clerk Designations: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Ms. Marjorie C. Kelaher, Deputy Clerk, and Mr. Jorge E. Sorensen, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability. **Page H1671**

Disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq: The House continued debate on H. Con. Res. 63, to disapprove of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq. Further proceedings were postponed until Friday, February 16. **Pages H1674–H1782**

H. Res. 157, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to on Tuesday, February 13.

Election of committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Charlie Norwood: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Charlie Norwood: Representatives Lewis (GA), Boehner, Blunt, Bishop (GA), Deal (GA), Kingston, Linder, Gingrey, Marshall, Scott (GA), Barrow, Price (GA), Westmoreland, Johnson (GA), Sensenbrenner, Barton (TX), Coble, Gene Green (TX), Hoekstra, Manzullo, McKeon, Mica, Frelinghuysen, Hastings (WA), LaHood, Latham, Myrick, Shadegg, Tiahrt, Wicker, Aderholt, Pitts, Sessions, Capps, Hayes, Tancredo, Terry, Brown (SC), Pence, Putnam, Shuster, Miller (FL), Wilson (SC), Sullivan, Barrett (SC), Burgess, King (IA), Neugebauer, Conaway, Gohmert, Schmidt, and Bilbray. **Pages H1782–83**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:13 a.m. on Friday, February 16th.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Requests for Iraq and Afghan Security Forces Fund. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Robert Durbin, Commander, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan; BG Michael D. Jones, Deputy Director, Political-Military Affairs, Joint Staff; and Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Coast Guard Iraq Operations, Port Security and Deepwater. Testimony

was heard from ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Steve Caldwell, Assistant Director; and John P. Hutton, both with GAO.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on (Panel I) Overview on America's Workers and Education for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on (Panel II) Overview on Health Care Access and the Aging of America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Long-Term Health Care Challenges. Testimony was heard from Stephen Heffler, Director, National Health Statistics Group, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; A. Bruce Steinwald, Director, Healthcare Team, GAO; and Allison Percy, Principal Analyst; and John P. Hutton, both with CBO.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION OVERVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on overview of recruiting and retention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; LTG Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1; VADM John C. Harvey, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; LTG Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel; and LTG Ronald S. Coleman, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

USDA FY 2008 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the U.S. Department of Agriculture Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Priorities. Testimony was heard from Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; AFGHANISTAN AT THE BRINK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 957, To amend the Iran Sanctions Act to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed.

The Committee favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 98, as amended, Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of Sudan; H.R. 987, NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007; H.R. 1003, To amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; H. Res. 107, as amended, Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldiers held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah; H. Res. 149, Supporting the goals of International Women's Day; and H. Res. 64, as amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Bangladesh should immediately drop all pending charges against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury.

The Committee also held a hearing on Afghanistan on the Brink: Where Do We Go From Here? Testimony was heard from Representative Kirk; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS OF COMFORT WOMEN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Protecting the Human Rights of Comfort Women. Testimony was heard from Representative Honda; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Lessons Learned and Grading Goals: The Department of Homeland Security of 2007." Testimony was heard from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT—PATENT SYSTEM REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on American Innovation at Risk: The Case for Patent Reform. Testimony was heard from Suzanne Michel, Chief Intellectual Property Counsel and the Deputy Assistant Director for Policy Coordination, FTC; and public witnesses.

YOUTH VIOLENCE AND GANG INTERVENTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled "Making Communities Safer: Youth Violence and Gang Interventions that Work." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Iraq Reconstruction: An Overview." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; William H. Reed, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Department of Defense; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

NIST ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS ROLE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on The National Institute of Standards and Technology's Role in Supporting Economic Competitiveness in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from William Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

SHORT SEA SHIPPING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "The Development of Short Sea Shipping in the United States." Testimony was heard from Sean Connaughton, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Collister Johnson, Jr. Administrator, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; and public witnesses.

FILIPINO VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on Equity for Filipino Veterans. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bordallo, Hirono and Honda; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carlos D. Sorreta, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of the Philippines; and public witnesses.

VA INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing on VA Inspector General-Budget and Best Practices. Testimony was heard from George J. Opfer, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

U.S.-CHINA TRADE RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the U.S.-China trade relationship. Testimony was heard from Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; from former Representatives Dan Glickman of Kansas and Patricia Schroeder of Colorado; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT-SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot-Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

IRAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN IRAQ

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Iran's Involvement in Iraq. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 16, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine paying for college in the future relating to higher education, higher cost and higher student debt, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, hearing on Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Future of the Nation's Navigation Infrastructure, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Implementation of U.S. VISIT Entry/Exit Program, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Forest Service: State and Private Forestry and Research, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Visitor Center, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2007 Emergency Supplemental Request, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on IRS and the Tax Gap, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue hearings on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Impact of Background and Security Clearances on the Transportation Workforce,” 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, to meet for organizational purposes and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing entitled “Reports, Audits and Investigations by the General Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Regarding the Department of the Interior,” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Friday, February 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

8 a.m., Friday, February 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: The time until 12:30 p.m. shall be equally divided and controlled by the Majority and Republican Leaders; following which, Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Continue consideration of H. Con. Res. 63—To disapprove of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq. Consideration of H.R. 976—Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007.

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