

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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The Senate met in a pro forma session at 10:00:03 a.m. and adjourned at 10:00:26 a.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MINE SAFETY

Committee on Appropriations: On Monday, January 23, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine mine safety issues, focusing on the Sago Mine disaster in West Virginia, after receiving testimony from David G. Dye, Acting Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and Ray McKinney, Administrator, Coal Mine Safety and Health, both of the Department of Labor; Bennett K. Hatfield, International Coal Group, Inc., Ashland, Kentucky; J. Davitt McAteer, Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, West Virginia, former Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health; Chris R. Hamilton, West Virginia Coal Association, Charleston; Cecil E. Roberts, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Bruce Watzman, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.

BROADCAST TELEVISION AND RADIO FLAG TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine digital audio broadcast issues and the use of audio flag for the protection of digital music, focusing on the FCC's Broadcast Flag Order and strategies to protect music and other audio content in a digital age, after

receiving testimony from Andrew Setos, Fox Entertainment Group, Inc., and Thomas B. Patton, Philips Electronics North America Corporation, both of New York, New York; Jonathan Band, American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Library Copyright Alliance; Leslie Harris, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Mitch Bainwol, Recording Industry Association of America, Washington, D.C.; Gary Shapiro, Consumers Electronics Association, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Home Recording Rights Coalition; and Dan Halyburton, Susquehanna Radio Corporation, York, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters.

CATASTROPHIC PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine catastrophic planning and preparedness issues, focusing on hurricane response activities including the Hurricane Pam Exercise, after receiving testimony from Wayne Fairley, Chief, Response Operation Branch, Response and Recovery Division (Region VI), Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Sean R. Fontenot, Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Madhu Beriwal, Innovative Emergency Management, Inc. (IEM), both of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Jesse St. Amant, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing regarding operations and intelligence in Iraq, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

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

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark D. Wallace, of Florida, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Alternate U.S. Representative to the Sessions

of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be Alternate U.S. Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate U.S. Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, 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.

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: to hold hearings to examine lobbying reform proposals and issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, January 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business, Senate expects to begin consideration of the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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