

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S995–S1066

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 297–307, and S. Res. 38–42. **Pages S1049–50**

Measure Passed:

Iraqi Election: By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 4), Senate agreed to S. Res. 38, commending the people of Iraq on the January 30, 2005, national elections. **Pages S1043–46**

Congratulating the New England Patriots: Senate agreed to S. Res. 41, congratulating the New England Patriots on their victory in Super Bowl XXXIX. **Pages S1064–65**

Class Action Fairness Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 5, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants. **Pages S999–S1009**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. **Page S1065**

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 2006; 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–3) **Pages S1048–49**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law

106–286, appointed the following members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China; Senators Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, and Dorgan. **Page S1064**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S1066**

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Privilege of the Floor: **Page S1064**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—4) **Pages S1045–46**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1065.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, and Allen Weinstein, of Maryland, to be Archivist of the United States.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the role of credit rating agencies in capital markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the Federal budget for the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of Titles I through III of P.L.

106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine revenue proposals in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, 2:15 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to hold hearings to examine next steps regarding biodefense, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 418, REAL ID Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 5, Class Action Fairness Act.

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

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the Democratic party conference.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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