

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S157–S223*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2545–2550, and S. Res. 421–424. **Page S207**

#### Measures Passed:

*American Printing House for the Blind 150th Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, honoring the 150th anniversary of the American Printing House for the Blind. **Pages S214–15**

*Commending Louisiana State University Tigers Football Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national championship game. **Page S215**

*Return of the USS Pueblo:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 423, seeking the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy. **Page S215**

*Electing the Secretary for the Majority:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 424, electing Lula Johnson Davis, of Maryland, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate. **Page S215**

#### Measures Considered:

**Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1200, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S158–79**

##### Pending:

Bingaman/Thune Amendment No. 3894 (to Amendment No. 3899), to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a limitation on the charges for contract health services provided to Indians by Medicare providers. **Page S158**

Vitter Amendment No. 3896 (to Amendment No. 3899), to modify a section relating to limitation on use of funds appropriated to the Service. **Page S158**

Brownback Amendment No. 3893 (to Amendment No. 3899), to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and

offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States. **Page S158**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3899, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S158**

Sanders Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3899), to provide for payments under subsections (a) through (e) of section 2604 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. **Page S158**

**FISA Amendments Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act. **Pages S179–94**

By the authority of the Committee on the Judiciary, the amendment in the nature of a substitute reported by the Committee on the Judiciary was modified. **Page S184**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday January 24, 2008. **Pages S215–216**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

D. Kathleen Stephens, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S219–23**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Andrew G. Biggs, of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2013, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Andrew G. Biggs, of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring

January 19, 2013 (Recess Appointment), which was sent to the Senate on May 16, 2007.

E. Duncan Getchell, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2007.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thurs-

day, January 24, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S215–16.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### JUSTICE FOR ALL ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Justice for All Act (Public Law 108–405), focusing on the administration of the Bloodsworth and Coverdell DNA Grant Programs by the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, and John Morgan, Deputy Director, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, both of the Department of Justice; Peter M. Marone, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, on behalf of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations; Larry A. Hammond, Osborn Maledon, Phoenix, Arizona; and Peter Neufeld, Cardozo School of Law Innocence Project, New York, New York.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 36 public bills, H.R. 5101–5136; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 281–283; and H. Res. 935–939 were introduced. Pages H454–56

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H456–57

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Saúl Santos, Jr., Fountain of Truth Church, Fontana, California. Page H391

**Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007—Presidential Veto:** The House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 3963, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 260 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 22 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). Earlier, the House agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 21. Pages H395–H407

Subsequently, the message (H. Doc. 110–80) and the bill were referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means. Pages H407–08

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 6, 2008. Page H408

**Providing for a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 282, providing for a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the State of the Union on Monday, January 28, 2008. Pages H409–10

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Section 515 Rural Housing Property Transfer Improvement Act of 2007:** H.R. 3873, to expedite the transfer of ownership of rural multifamily housing projects with loans made or insured under section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 so that such projects are rehabilitated and preserved for use for affordable housing; Pages H410–12

*Amending the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties:* H.R. 3959, amended, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties; **Pages H412–13**

*Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools:* H. Res. 916, to honor the contributions of Catholic schools; **Pages H414–17**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month:* H. Res. 908, to support the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month; **Pages H417–20**

*Expressing support for designation of the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008 as “National School Counseling Week”:* H. Res. 932, to express support for designation of the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008 as “National School Counseling Week”; **Pages H420–22**

*Raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2008 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”:* H. Res. 852, amended, to raise awareness and encourage prevention of stalking by establishing January 2008 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”; **Pages H422–24**

*Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2007:* H.R. 3992, amended, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses; and **Pages H424–28**

*Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2007:* H.R. 3971, amended, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies. **Pages H428–31**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.”. **Page H431**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H406–07 and H407. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ARMY CONTRACTING TASK FORCE; DOD OUTSOURCING—GAO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Army Contracting Task Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Ross Thompson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; and Daniel Quinn, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on DOD Outsourcing—GAO. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

### FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY—PROPOSALS FOR REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Foreign Assistance in the 21st Century: Proposals for Reform and Restructuring. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AFGHANISTAN—U.S. STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Assessment of U.S. Strategy and Operations in Afghanistan and the Way Ahead. Testimony was heard from LTG David W. Barno, USA (Ret.), Director, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### IRAQ—POST SURGE ALTERNATIVES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on A Continuing Dialogue: Post-Surge Alternatives for Iraq (Part 2). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CBO BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO.

### EARLY EDUCATION

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Investing in Early Education: Paths to Improving Children’s Success. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE EXPANSION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1232, Veterinary Public Health Workforce Expansion Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMBATING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Combating Nuclear Proliferation: The Effectiveness of the Department of Energy’s Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (IPP) Program.” Testimony was heard from Adam Scheinman, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of Nonproliferation and International Security, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Richard Stratford, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; and Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO.

### IRAQ—PROPOSED U.S. SECURITY COMMITMENT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing on the Proposed U.S. Security Commitment to Iraq: What Will Be In It and Should It Be a Treaty? Testimony was heard from Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2008

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008.

### FUTURE OF U.S. EMBASSIES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Fortress America Abroad: Effective Diplomacy and the Future of U.S. Embassies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SMALL BUSINESSES HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “Limited Health Care Options for Small Businesses

in the Small Group Market.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TRANSPORTATION WORKERS IDS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Transportation Workers Identification Credentials—Follow-Up. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Safety, Security, and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard; and Maurine Fanguy, Transportation Workers Identification Credentials Program Manager, Transportation Security Administration; John Porcari, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Maryland; and a public witness.

### GREAT LAKES IMPROVING WATER QUALITY PROGRESS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Progress Toward Improving Water Quality in the Great Lakes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky, Stupak, Kirk and Emanuel; David Maurer, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Stephen B. Brandt, Director, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Charles Wooley, Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Christina Muedeking, Central Regional Assistant Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and Irene Brooks, Chair, U.S. Section, International Joint Commission of the U.S. and Canada.

### CHINA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on China. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### AUCTION AND REVENUE RECYCLING UNDER CARBON CAP AND TRADE

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled “Cap, Auction, and Trade: Auctions and Revenue Recycling Under Carbon Cap and Trade.” Testimony was heard from Ian Bowles, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 24, 2008**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ed Schafer, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of Agriculture, 3:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office budget and economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold oversight hearings to examine ways to reform the Mining Law of 1872, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to deny the California waiver, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine international climate change negotiation, focusing on Bali and the path toward a post-2012 climate treaty, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1843, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the United Nations Development Program in North Korea, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, with the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold joint hearings to examine management and oversight of contingency contracting in hostile zones, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the report of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, focusing on veterans disability compensation, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

**House**

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, January 28

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 2248, FISA Amendments Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Joint Meeting of Congress to receive the President's State of the Union Message.

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