

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1067–S1148

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 308–323, S. Res. 43–46, and S. Con. Res. 10–11. **Pages S1115–16**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating James Madison University Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 45, commending the James Madison University Dukes football team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division I–AA National Football Championship. **Pages S1143–44**

Honoring Zurab Zhvania: Senate agreed to S. Res. 46, commemorating the life of the late Zurab Zhvania, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Georgia. **Page S1144**

Class Action Fairness Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1076–S1110**

Durbin (Modified) Amendment No. 3, to preserve State court procedures for handling mass actions. **Page S1110**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, and that Senator Pryor be recognized to offer an amendment. **Page S1144**

Appointments:

The National Council of the Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of The National Council of the Arts:

Senators DeWine and Bennett. **Page S1143**

President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order No. 12131, reappointed the following Member to the President's Export Council:

Senator Enzi. **Page S1143**

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed Senator Cochran to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, vice Senator Stevens. **Page S1143**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

22 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Pages S1145–48**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 9, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1144–45.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CREDIT RATING AGENCIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of credit rating agencies in capital markets, after receiving testimony from Kathleen A. Corbet, Standard and Poor's, The McGraw-Hill, Companies, Inc.,

Stephen W. Joynt, Fitch Ratings, and Raymond W. McDaniel, Jr., Moody's Investors Services, Inc., all of New York, New York; Yasuhiro Harada, Rating and Investment Information, Inc., Tokyo, Japan; Sean J. Egan, Egan-Jones Ratings Company, Haverford, Pennsylvania; Micah S. Green, The Bond Market Association, Washington, D.C.; and James A. Kaitz, Association for Financial Professionals, Bethesda, Maryland.

2006 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; Ed Shepard, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; James B. French, Trinity County Office of Education, Weaverville, California; Timothy Creal, Custer School District, Custer, South Dakota; Reta Griffith, Pocahontas County, Marlinton, West Virginia, on behalf of County Commissioners' Association of West Virginia, and Sherry Krulitz, Shoshone County, Wallace, Idaho, on behalf of the Idaho Association of Counties, both on behalf of the National As-

sociation of Counties; and Tim Lillebo, Oregon Natural Resources Council, Bend, Oregon.

BUDGET REVENUE PROPOSALS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine revenue proposals in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

NIH BIODEFENSE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness concluded a hearing to examine the biodefense research program of the National Institutes of Health, focusing on the development of medical countermeasures against a bioterrorist attack, after receiving testimony from Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Penrose C. Albright, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology; Gerald L. Epstein, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Gordon Cameron, Acambis, PLC, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jon S. Abramson, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and George Painter, Chimerix, Inc., La Jolla, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 63 public bills, H.R. 609-670, 676; 7 private bills, H.R. 671-675, 677, 678; and; 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 46-49, and H. Res. 68-72 were introduced. **Pages H409-12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H412-14**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 71, resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 418, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terror-

ists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego Border fence (H. Res. 109-3). **Page H409**

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

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month: H. Res. 46, supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 20; **Pages H357-60, H367**

John Milton Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 315, to designate the United States courthouse at 300 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida, as the “John Milton Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 21; and **Pages H360–362, H367–68**

Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 548, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the “Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, by a ye-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 22.

Pages H362–66, H368–69

Recess: The House recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Pages H366–67**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 68, electing Representative Simpson to the Committee on the Budget. **Page H369**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2006—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–2).

Pages H356–57

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H367, H367–68 and H368–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PRESIDENT’S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from Joshua B. Bolten, Director, OMB.

REAL ID ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing one hour and 40 minutes of general debate on H.R. 418, Real ID Act of 2005, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary, 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that after general debate the

Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion and no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except by a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner, Representatives Kolbe, Jackson-Lee, Nadler, Meek and Farr. Prior to this action the Committee met for organizational purposes.

PRESIDENT’S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to continue hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed hearings to examine an update on six-party talks, 11 a.m., S–407, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 172, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices, S. 265, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, S. 306, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, S. 302, to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, S. 285, to reauthorize the Children’s Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, S. 288, to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools, and the nominations of A. Wilson Greene, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Katina P. Strauch, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, and Edward L. Flippen, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Services, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Social Security: Defining the Problem, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, to mark up H.R. 27, Job Training Improvement Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider the following: an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress; and H.R. 310, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act 2005, 12:30 p.m., and to hold a hearing entitled "Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Proposal and the Energy Policy Act of 2005: Ensuring Jobs for Our Future with Secure and Reliable Energy," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services are Changing the Face of Communications: A View from Technology Companies," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Accounting Irregularities at Fannie Mae and the Impact on Investors," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to meet for organizational purposes and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 324, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service. Located at 321 Montgomery Road in Altamonte Springs, Florida, as the "Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Post Office Building;" and H. Con. Res. 25, Recognizing the contributions of Jibreel Khazan (Ezell

Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, and Franklin McCain, known as the "Greensboro Four," to the civil rights movement, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn; and to hold a hearing entitled "Financial Report of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2004," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress, 2 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to meet for organizational purposes and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing on Implementation of the Help America Vote Act, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to meet for organizational purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, briefing on The Volcker Interim Report on the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, hearing on Improving the Nation's Energy Security: Can Cars and Trucks Be Made More Fuel Efficient? 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Commercial Space Transportation: Beyond the X Prize, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, to meet for organizational purposes, following full Committee hearing, 1129 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 1129 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to meet for organizational purposes, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 5, Class Action Fairness Act, and Senator Pryor will be recognized to offer an amendment.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H. Con. Res. 6, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Department of Defense should continue to exercise its statutory authority to support the activities of the Boy Scouts of America, in particular the periodic national and world Boy Scout Jamborees;

(2) H. Con. Res. 26, honoring the Tuskegee Airmen for their bravery in fighting for our freedom in World War II, and for their contribution in creating an integrated United States Air Force; and

(3) H. Con. Res. 30, supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/Aids Awareness Day.

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