

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met for the Inauguration of President George Walker Bush and Vice President Richard Bruce Cheney.

Senate confirmed the nominations of Mike Johanns, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Agriculture and Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be Secretary of Education.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Carlos M. Gutierrez, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Commerce at 3 p.m., on Monday, January 24, 2005, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur following 2 hours of debate. **Page S78**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Condoleezza Rice, of California, to be Secretary of State at a time to be announced on Tuesday, January 25, 2005, with 9 hours for debate; following which, when the Senate resumes consideration of the nomination on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, a vote on confirmation of the nomination will occur following 40 additional minutes for closing remarks. **Page S78**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that nominations to the Office of Inspector General, except the Office of Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency, be referred in each case to the committee having primary jurisdiction over the department, agency, or entity, and if and when reported in each case, then to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for not to exceed 20 calendar days, except in cases when the 20-day period expires while the Senate is in recess, the committee shall have 5 additional calendar days after the Senate reconvenes to report the nomination, and that if the nomination is not reported after the expiration of

that period, the nomination be automatically discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar. **Page S105**

Inaugural Ceremony—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the proceedings from today's inaugural ceremony be printed in today's Congressional Record. **Page S101**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275, further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), and S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), the appointment of the following Senator to serve as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 109th Congress: Senator Frist. **Page S105**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 109th Congress: Senator Brownback. **Page S105**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Mike Johanns, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be Secretary of Education. **Page S105**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 5:09 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, January 24, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S105.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: On Wednesday, January 19, Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Samuel W. Bodman, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: On Wednesday, January 19, Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Wednesday, January 19, committee concluded hearings and ordered favorably reported the nomination of Condoleezza Rice, of California, to be Secretary of State.

On Tuesday, January 18, Committee began hearings on the nomination of Condoleezza Rice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Fein-

stein, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: On Tuesday, January 18, Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ASBESTOS CLAIMS RESOLUTION

Committee on the Judiciary: On Tuesday, January 11, Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed legislation to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, after receiving testimony from Judge Edward Becker, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John Engler, National Association of Manufacturers, Margaret Seminario, Department of Occupational Safety and Health, AFL–CIO, Craig Berrington, American Insurance Association, Michael Forscey, American Trial Lawyers Association, and Jeffrey D. Robinson, Baach, Robinson & Lewis, all of Washington, DC; Mary Lou Keener, McLean, Virginia; and Billie Joe Speicher, Ontario, Canada.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: On Wednesday, January 19, Committee began consideration of the nomination of Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, January 26.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 292–294; 1 private bill, H.R. 295; and; 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 19 were introduced. Page H141

Additional Cosponsors: Page H142

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Activities of the House Committee on Government Reform for the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–815);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Administration during the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–816);

Summary of Activities of the Committee on Science for the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–817); and

Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on Budget, 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–818).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H139

Joint Economic Committee Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Saxton to the Joint Economic Committee.

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Public Interest Declassification Board appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed David Skaggs of Colorado to the Public Interest Declassification Board for an initial 2-year term. **Page H139**

Order of Members to act as Speaker Pro Tempore: The Chair announced that on January 19, 2005, the Speaker delivered a letter to the Clerk listing Members in the order in which each shall act as Speaker pro tempore under clause 8(b)(3) of rule 1. **Page H139**

Succession of the Speaker of the House: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative DeLay to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate or his designee in the event of the death or inability of the Speaker, to notify Members of the House and Senate of any reassembly. **Page H139**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. **Page H140**

Inauguration Ceremonies: Pursuant to H. Res. 9, the House proceeded in a body led by the Dean of the House of Representatives, Representative John Dingell, to the Inauguration Ceremony for President George Walker Bush and Vice President Richard Bruce Cheney. Upon completion of the ceremony, the House adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25. **Page H140**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 12:33 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of H. Res 9, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PRIVATE LAWS

(For last listing of Private Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1124)

H.R. 530, for the relief of Tanya Andrea Goudeau. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Private Law 108–6)

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D6)

H.R. 241, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami. Signed on January 7, 2005. (Public Law 109–1)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 24 through January 29, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will consider the nomination of Carlos M. Gutierrez, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Commerce, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur after 2 hours of debate.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Condoleezza Rice, of California, to be Secretary of State, with 9 hours for debate.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Condoleezza Rice, of California, to be Secretary of State, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur following 40 minutes for closing remarks.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: January 26, 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, 10 a.m., SD–332.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 26, 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, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 26, business meeting to consider pending Calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 26, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 26, business meeting to continue consideration of the nomination of Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: January 24, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR–418.

Special Committee on Aging: January 26, to hold hearings to examine the risks and benefits associated with Internet pharmacy and importation, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, January 26, to hold an organizational meeting, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, January 26, hearing on Combating Spyware: H.R. 29, Spy Act, 10 a.m., and to hold an organizational meeting, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, January 26, briefing on The Tsunami Tragedy: How the U.S. is Responding and Providing Relief, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, January 26, to hold an organizational meeting, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, January 25, to hold an organizational meeting, and to consider H.R. 54, Congressional Gold Medal Enhancement Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, January 26, hearing on Tsunamis: Is the U.S. Prepared?, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, January 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, January 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will consider the nomination of Carlos M. Gutierrez, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Commerce, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur following 2 hours of debate.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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