

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 1:00 p.m., on Monday, January 22, 2007.

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### STEM CELL RESEARCH

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,

Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Services to examine stem cell research, focusing on ongoing Federal support of both embryonic and non-embryonic stem cell research and scientific progress, including recent findings on amniotic fluid stem cells, after receiving testimony from Story C. Landis, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; George Q. Daley, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; John E. Wagner, University of Minnesota Stem Cell Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Lauren Stanford, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 576–598; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 38–39; and H. Res. 73–75, 78–82 were introduced. **Pages H788–89**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H789–90**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Ross to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H761**

**Director of the Congressional Budget Office—Appointment:** The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Dr. Peter R. Orszag as Director of the Congressional Budget Office, effective January 18, 2007, for the term expiring January 3, 2011. **Page H764**

**Revising the composition of the House of Representatives Page Board:** The House passed H.R. 475, to revise the composition of the House of Representatives Page Board to equalize the number of members representing the majority and minority

parties and to include a member representing the parents of pages and a member representing former pages, by a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 42. **Pages H764–68**

The measure was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached on Thursday, January 18.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H773**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 24. **Page H773**

**State of the Union message:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 38, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the State of the Union on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 9 p.m. **Page H773**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page 768. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MILITARY MEDICAL READINESS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Held a hearing on Military Medical Readiness and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; LTG Kevin C. Kiley, M.D., U.S. Army Surgeon General, Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command; LTG James G. Roudebush, M.D., Surgeon General, Air Force; and VADM Donald C. Arthur, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy Surgeon General, Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Charles Marmar, M.D., Associate Chief of Staff, Mental Health, San Francisco VA Medical Center; and a public witness.

### BAKER-HAMILTON COMMISSION REPORT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a briefing on the Baker-Hamilton Commission Report. The Committee was briefed by Lee Hamilton, Co-Chair, Iraq Study Group (Baker-Hamilton Commission).

### CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE—NEED FOR RENEWED INVESTMENT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Need for Renewed Investment in Clean Water Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 22 through January 26, 2007

### Senate Chamber

On Monday, at 2:00 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2, Fair Minimum Wage.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* January 23, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus, USA, to be General and Commander, Multi-National Forces-Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq and on the Administration's recently announced strategy for continued United States assistance to the Iraqi government and for an increased United States military presence in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* January 25, to hold hearings to examine the billing, mar-

keting, and disclosure practices of the credit card industry, and their impact on consumers, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* January 23, to hold hearings to examine the growing tax gap and strategies for reducing it, 10 a.m., SD-608.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office budget and economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* January 24, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; to be followed by a hearing to examine the potential impact of airline mergers and industry consolidation relating to the state of the airline industry, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* January 24, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; to be followed by a hearing to examine an analysis completed by the Energy Information Administration entitled "Energy Market and Economic Impacts of a Proposal To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Intensity With a Cap and Trade System", 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine oil and gas resources on the Outer Continental Shelf and areas available for leasing in the Gulf of Mexico, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* January 24, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* January 24, business meeting to consider S. Con. Res. 2, expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* January 24, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; committee will also consider the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* January 24, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-342.

January 25, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Federal government's efforts to develop a foreign language strategy, focusing on the government's efforts to increase foreign language education to meet the Federal workforce, national security, and economic competitiveness needs, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: January 25, business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, and committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: January 23, to hold hearings to examine challenges and strategies for securing the U.S. border, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: January 23, to hold oversight hearings to examine Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs collaboration and cooperation to meet the needs of returning military service members, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: January 23, to hold hearings to examine intelligence reform, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine intelligence reform, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, January 23, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, January 22, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Intelligence Readiness, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, January 23, hearing on implications of Iraq policy on total force readiness, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, January 23, hearing on Why Deficits Matter, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, January 24, to meet for organizational purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, January 23, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a mark up of H. Res. 24, Establishing the House Democracy Assistance Commission for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

January 24, hearing on The Escalating Crisis in Darfur, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, January 23, to meet for organizational purposes, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, January 23, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, January 23, to consider a resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to the Congress to cast votes in the committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, 11:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, January 24, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a mark up of the following: H.R. 365, Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007; H. Res. 59, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week; and H. Con. Res. 34, Honoring the life of Percy Lavon Julian, a pioneer in the field of organic chemistry research and development and the first and only African American chemist to be inducted into the National Academy of Sciences, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, January 23, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, on the State of Economic Development, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

January 24, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Surface Transportation System: Challenges for the Future, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, January 22, Subcommittee on Health, to meet for organizational purposes, 6 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

January 23, full Committee, hearing on the State of the U.S. Economy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

January 23, Subcommittee on Oversight, to meet for organizational purposes, 2 p.m., 1105 Longworth.

January 24, full Committee, hearing on Economic and Societal Costs of Poverty, 10 a.m. 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, January 24, executive, hearing on Intelligence Support to the Policy Maker, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

1:00 p.m., Monday, January 22

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Monday, January 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2, Fair Minimum Wage.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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