

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1583–S1654*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 491–509, S. Res. 72–73, and S. Con. Res. 9. **Pages S1626–27**

**Measures Passed:**

*Ronald Reagan Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, designating February 6, 2007, as “Ronald Reagan Day”. **Pages S1653–54**

**Messages Referred:** **Page S1621**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 7, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1654.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 and the fiscal years 2007 and 2008 war supplemental requests in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), both of the Department of Defense; and General Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General George W. Casey Jr., USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Central Command; and 37 nominations in the Army and Air Force.

#### WAR COSTS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine war costs, focusing on the costs of operations in the Iraq theater and issues associated with estimating those costs, while considering the costs of the continuing global war on terror, after receiving testimony from J. Michael Gilmore, Assistant Director for National Security, Congressional Budget Office; and Steven M. Kosiak, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Gordon Adams, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.

#### EPA DECISIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decisions, focusing on EPA actions and documents, including monitoring regulations related to perchlorate, the process for setting National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), the lead NAAQS process, air toxics control (the “once in, always in” policy), the Toxic Release Inventory, and EPA library closures, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration; John R. Balmes, University of California, San Francisco at San Francisco General Hospital, on behalf of the American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society, and Gina M. Solomon, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of San Francisco, California; Leslie Burger, Princeton Public Library, Princeton, New Jersey, on behalf of the

American Library Association; Robert T. Connery, Holland and Hart, Denver, Colorado; and Nancy Klinefelter, Baltimore Glassware Decorators, Baltimore, Maryland.

### BUDGET PROPOSAL

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Secretary of the Treasury.

### SOMALIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine a comprehensive stabilization, reconstruction and counterterrorism strategy for Somalia, after receiving testimony from Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Michael E. Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; David H. Shinn, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, former Ambassador to Ethiopia, and J. Stephen Morrison, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Ken Menkhaus, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina.

### U.S. ATTORNEYS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine if the Department of Justice is politicizing the hiring and firing of U.S. attorneys relating to preserving prosecutorial independence, including S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28,

United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, after receiving testimony from Senator Pryor; Paul J. McNulty, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Mary Jo White, Debevoise and Plimpton, LLP, New York, New York, former United States Attorney; Laurie L. Levenson, Loyola Law School Center for Ethical Advocacy, Los Angeles, California; and Stuart M. Gerson, Epstein, Becker and Green, Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Preston Bailey, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Byrd and Representative Capito, and Otis D. Wright II, and George H. Wu, each to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of J. Michael McConnell, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 833–865; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 22; H. Con. Res. 56–59; and H. Res. 128–132 were introduced. **Pages H1270–72**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1272–73**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Johnson of Georgia to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1213**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1214**

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

**Bainbridge Island Japanese American Monument Act of 2007:** H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 76;

**Pages H1218–22, H1228–29**

**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act of 2007:** H.R. 512, amended, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance

of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC; **Pages H1222–25**

*Allowing for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District:* H.R. 235, amended, to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District; **Page H1225**

*Removing certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States:* H.R. 356, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States; and **Pages H1225–26**

*Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2007:* H.R. 386, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 77. **Pages H1226–27, H1229**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, February 7:

*American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2007:* H.R. 482, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project. **Pages H1227–28**

**Resignation of the Clerk of the House:** Read a letter from Karen L. Haas, in which she announced her resignation as Clerk of the House of Representatives, effective midnight on February 14, 2007. **Pages H1229–30**

**Resignation of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:** Read a letter from Jay Eagen, in which he announced his resignation as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, effective midnight on February 14, 2007. **Page H1230**

**Electing Officers of the House of Representatives:** The House agreed to H. Res. 129, electing Lorraine C. Miller as Clerk of the House of Representatives and Daniel P. Beard as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, after agreeing to divide the question. **Pages H1230–33**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1228–29, H1229. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Major Management Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security in Implementing Legislated and Other Security Improvements. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

### PRESIDENT'S FY 2008 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Portman, Director, OMB.

### HHS'S FY 2008 BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing entitled "A Review of the Department of Health and Human Services' Fiscal Year 2008 Budget." Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met and adopted a motion to issue subpoenas to several individuals to appear as witnesses before the Subcommittee in connection with a planned hearing on adequacy of the Food and Drug Administration to assure the safety of the drug supply on February 13, 2007.

### HURRICANE KATRINA—FEDERAL HOUSING RESPONSE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Federal Housing Response to Hurricane Katrina." Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor, Jefferson, Boustany, Jr., and Melancon; Roy A. Bernardi, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; David Garratt, Acting Director of Recovery, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Walter Leger, Chairman, Housing and Redevelopment Task Force, Louisiana Recovery Authority, State of Louisiana; Gray Swoope, Executive Director, Development Authority, State of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

### RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled "Update on Federal Rail and Public Transportation Security Efforts." Testimony was heard from

Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary; Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Terry Rosapep, Deputy Associate Administrator, Program Management, Federal Transit Administration; and Michael Haley, Deputy Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration; and Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 545, Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007; H.R. 137, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007; and H.R. 740, To amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on these bills. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania; and Udall of New Mexico; Barry M. Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "The Lasting Impact of CPA Decision-Making on Iraq Reconstruction." Testimony was heard from Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, former Administrator, Coalition Provisional Authority; Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; and David R. Oliver, Jr., former Advisor, Iraq Ministry of Finance, former Director of Management and Budget, Coalition Provisional Authority.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 798, To direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy; H.R. 799, Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 187, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse;" H.R. 342, To designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independent Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr., United States Courthouse;" H.R.

399, To designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse;" H.R. 429, To designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse;" H.R. 430, To designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York as the "Conrad Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse;" H.R. 478, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 544, To designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Sante Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse;" and H.R. 584, To designate the headquarters building of the Department of Education in Washington, D.C., as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Federal Building.

#### PRESIDENT'S FY 2008 BUDGET PROPOSALS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the President's FY 2008 budget proposals. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture farm bill proposal, 9:15 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007"; to be followed by hearings to examine predatory lending practices and home foreclosures, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine climate change research and scientific integrity, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection, to hold hearings to examine global warming and wildlife, focusing on informing the Committee and the United States Senate on issues related to global warming and wildlife, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*: to hold hearings to examine the hazards of electronic voting, focusing on the machinery of democracy, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Using Risk to Determine Homeland Security Investments, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on the Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2008 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, hearing on Strengthening America's Middle Class: Finding Economic Solutions to Help America's Families, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, hearing entitled "Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), One Year After Dubai Ports World," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, hearing entitled "An Overview of Issues and Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security," 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 545, Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007; H.R. 137, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007; and H.R. 740, To amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, 10:15, a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, to meet for organizational purposes, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, hearing entitled "Iraqi Reconstruction: Reliance on Private Military Contractors and Status Report," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 547, Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act; and an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 720, Water Quality Financing Act of 2007; H.R. 569, Water Quality Investment Act of 2007; H.R. 700, Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007; H.R. 798, To direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy; H.R. 799, Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 802, Maritime Pollution Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 342, To designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independent Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr., United States Courthouse;" H.R. 399, To designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse;" H.R. 429, To designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse;" H.R. 430, To designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York as the "Conrad Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse;" H.R. 478, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 544, To designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Sante Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse;" and H.R. 584, To designate the headquarters building of the Department of Education in Washington, DC, as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Federal Building; and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on the President's FY 2008 for the OMB, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to meet for organizational purposes, 11 a.m., 1105 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, to consider the following: Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress; and Member requests to view classified documents, 5 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 7

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate expects to consider certain pending executive nominations.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 7

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 742—Amending the Antitrust

Modernization Commission Act of 2002, to extend the term of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and to make a technical correction; (2) H.R. 365—Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007; (3) H. Res. 72—Recognizing the work and accomplishments of Mr. Britt “Max” Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center’s Tropical Prediction Center, upon his retirement; (4) H. Res. 99—Commending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln volleyball team for winning the NCAA Division I Women’s Volleyball Championship; (5) H. Res. 120—Recognizing the African American spiritual as a national treasure; (6) H.R. 187—Designating the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the “Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse”; and (7) H.R. 238—Repealing a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas with respect to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project, California.

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