

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1655–S1730*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 510–524, and S. Res. 74–75. **Pages S1709–10**

#### Measures Passed:

*Congratulating Super Bowl Champions Indianapolis Colts:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 75, congratulating the Indianapolis Colts on their victory in Super Bowl XLI. **Page S1726**

**Casey Nomination:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr., to be Chief of Staff, United States Army. **Page S1684**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 8, 2007; that there be 30 minutes of debate time remaining on the nomination with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Levin and McCain, or their designees; and that upon the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination. **Pages S1726–27**

**Continuing Appropriations:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate begin consideration of H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, following the vote on the confirmation of the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr., to be Chief of Staff, United States Army. **Pages S1726–27**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

J. Michael McConnell, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence.

- 19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force. **Page S1730**

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

- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army. **Pages S1727–30**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 8, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1726.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### FARM BILL PROPOSAL

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture farm bill proposal, after receiving testimony from Michael Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture.

#### LENDING PRACTICES AND HOME FORECLOSURES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine predatory lending practices and home foreclosures, after

receiving testimony from Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and Delores King, both of Chicago, Illinois; Harry Dinham, National Association of Mortgage Brokers, McLean, Virginia; Jean Constantine-Davis, AARP Foundation, Hilary Shelton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Douglas G. Duncan, Mortgage Bankers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Martin Eakes, Center for Responsible Lending and Center for Community Self-Help, Durham, North Carolina; and Amy Womble, Pittsboro, North Carolina.

#### **BUDGET: FISCAL YEAR 2008**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Portman, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change research and scientific integrity, after receiving testimony from William Brennan, Acting Director, U.S. Climate Change Science Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Richard A. Anthes, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado, on behalf of the National Academies; Rick Piltz, Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C.; F. Sherwood Rowland, University of California, Irvine, Departments of Chemistry and Earth System Science; Thomas R. Knutson, Princeton, New Jersey; and James R. Mahoney, Ashburn, Virginia.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

#### **GLOBAL WARMING AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection concluded a hearing to examine global warming and wildlife, focusing on informing the Committee and the United States Senate on issues related to these issues, after receiving testimony from Roger Mann, College of William and Mary Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point; David H. Stalling, Trout Unlimited, Missoula, Montana; A. Lee Foote, University of Alberta, Alberta, Canada; Brendan P.

Kelly, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Thomas E. Lovejoy, H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics, and the Environment, Washington, D.C.

#### **BUDGET**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* On January 24, 2007, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress:

*Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations:* Senators Levin (Chairman), Carper, Pryor, Obama, McCaskill, Tester, Coleman, Coburn, Domenici, Warner, and Sununu.

*Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia:* Senators Akaka (Chairman), Levin, Carper, Pryor, Landrieu, Voinovich, Stevens, Coburn, and Warner.

*Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security:* Senators Carper (Chairman), Levin, Akaka, Obama, McCaskill, Tester, Coburn, Stevens, Voinovich, Domenici, and Sununu.

*Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration:* Senators Pryor (Chairman), Akaka, Landrieu, Obama, McCaskill, Tester, Sununu, Voinovich, Coleman, Domenici, and Warner.

*Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery:* Senators Landrieu (Chairman), Carper, Pryor, Stevens, and Domenici.

Senators Lieberman and Collins are ex officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

#### **ELECTRONIC VOTING**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the hazards of electronic voting systems, focusing on the accuracy, reliability, and security of voting machines and technology, including proposals for a voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT), after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); Representative Holt; Conny B. McCormack, Los Angeles County, Norwalk, California; David J. Becker, People for the American Way, and Warren Stewart, VoteTrustUSA, both of Washington, D.C.; Britain J. Williams, Kennesaw State University, Tucker, Georgia; Dan S. Wallach, Rice University, Houston, Texas; Connie Schmidt, Election Consulting Services, Spring Hill,

Kansas; and Michael Waldman, New York University School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, New York, New York.

## 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.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 866–906; 2 private bills, H.R. 907–908; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 23; H. Con. Res. 60; and H. Res. 133–138 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 365, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories (H. Rept. 110–8) and

H. Res. 133, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 547, to facilitate the development of markets for alternative fuels and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel through research, development, and demonstration and data collection (H. Rept. 110–9).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Kenn Hucks, Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tennessee.

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

*Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007:* H.R. 365, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 426 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 78; Pages H1278–84, H1302

*Recognizing the work and accomplishments of Mr. Britt “Max” Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center’s Tropical Prediction Center upon his retirement:* H. Res. 72, to recognize the work and accomplishments of Mr. Britt “Max” Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center’s Tropical Prediction Center upon his retirement; Pages H1284–86

*Commending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln volleyball team for winning the NCAA Division I Women’s Volleyball Championship:* H. Res. 99, amended, to commend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln volleyball team for winning the

NCAA Division I Women’s Volleyball Championship; Pages H1286–88

*Recognizing the African American spiritual as a national treasure:* H. Res. 120, to recognize the African American spiritual as a national treasure, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 79; Pages H1288–91, H1302–03

*Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through July 31, 2007:* Concur in Senate amendments to H.R. 434, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through July 31, 2007—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H1291–92

*Recognizing and honoring Benny Parsons and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death:* H. Res. 69, to recognize and honor Benny Parsons and to express the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death; Pages H1292–93

*Congratulating the National Football League champion Indianapolis Colts for winning Super Bowl XLI:* H. Res. 130, to congratulate the National Football League champion Indianapolis Colts for winning Super Bowl XLI and for bringing the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana their first Lombardi Trophy; Pages H1293–97

*Amending the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, to extend the term of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and to make a technical correction:* H.R. 742, to amend the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, to extend the term of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and to make a technical correction; Pages H1297–99

*Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse Designation Act:* 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”; **Pages H1299–H1300**

*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:* H.R. 238, to repeal 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; and

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*Recognizing and honoring the lifetime contributions of Rafael Jose Diaz-Balart on the dedication of the Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall at the Florida International University College of Law:* H. Res. 131, to recognize and honor the lifetime contributions of Rafael Jose Diaz-Balart on the dedication of the Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall at the Florida International University College of Law. **Pages H1304–06**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:34 p.m. **Page H1299**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, February 6:

*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, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 80.

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**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: Representative Levin, Chairman. **Page H1316**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1345.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1302, H1302–03, H1303. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Using Risk to Determine Homeland Security Investments. Testimony was heard from William Jenkins, Director, Home-

land Security and Justice Issue Team, GAO; and a public witness.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and GEN Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### TREASURY DEPARTMENT FY 2008 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

### STRENGTHENING AMERICA’S MIDDLE CLASS—ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Strengthening America’s Middle Class: Finding Economic Solutions to Help America’s Families. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN THE U.S.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), One Year After Dubai Ports World.” Testimony was heard from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; former Representative Steve Bartlett of Texas; and public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

### HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT CHALLENGES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “An Overview of Issues and Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: David M. Walker, Comptroller General; and Norman Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 545, Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007; H.R. 137, amended, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007; and H.R. 740, To amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing.

**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

**IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled “Iraqi Reconstruction: Reliance on Private Military Contractors and Status Report.” Testimony was heard from Tina Ballard, Assistant Under Secretary, Procurement and Policy, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

**ADVANCED FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT; OVERSIGHT PLAN**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 547, Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the Committee on Science and Technology amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered for amendment by section with each section considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gordon; and Representatives Hall of Texas, Burgess and King of Iowa.

The Committee adopted an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress, and authorized its transmission to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT PLAN**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following bills: 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, amended, Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 802, amended, Maritime Pollution Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 342, amended, 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, amended, 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, amended, To designate the headquarters building of the Department of Education in Washington, D.C., as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Federal Building.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

**OMB FY 2008 BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2008 for the OMB. Testimony was heard from Ronald J. Portman, Director, OMB.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security met for organizational purposes.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the President’s budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007”, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

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

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the present and future of public safety communications, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the President's foreign affairs budget; there is a possibility of a business meeting to consider the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 9:15 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind reauthorization, focusing on strategies that promote school improvement, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 322, to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project, S. 375, to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, S. 398, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and S. 481, to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities; to be followed by an oversight hearing on diabetes in Indian Country, focusing on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. Res. 36, honoring women's health advocate Cynthia Boles Dailard, S. Res. 37, designating March 26, 2007 as "National Support the Troops Day" and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad, and the nominations of Marcia Morales Howard, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Nora Barry Fischer, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, John Alfred Jarvey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, and Sara

Elizabeth Lioi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*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 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety: Shedding Light on a Broken System, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on oversight of Assistance Programs in Iraq, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on acquisition oversight of the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat System, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Strengthening America's Middle Class Through the Employee Free Choice Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* hearing on the Department of Energy's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* hearing on The Escalating Crisis in Darfur: Are There Any Prospects for Peace? 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* hearing entitled "Management of Massive Homeland Security Contracts: Deepwater and SBInet," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology,* hearing on The State of Climate Change Science 2007: The Findings of the Fourth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Working Group I Report, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* hearing entitled "The Small Business Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* hearing entitled "FY 2008 President's Budget Request for Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency," 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* hearing on the VA's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* hearing on the President's budget proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, February 8

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, February, 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr., to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination; following which, Senate will begin consideration of H.J. Res. 20, Continuing Appropriations.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 547—Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act (Subject to a Rule).

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