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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S243-S312

Measures Introduced: Twenty-nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 206–234. Pages S282–83

Ethics Bill: Senate began consideration of S. 1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S250–57, S258–74

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3, in the nature of a substitute. Pages \$260-61

Reid Amendment No. 4 (to Amendment No. 3), to strengthen the gift and travel bans. Pages S261-64

Vitter Amendment No. 5 (to Amendment No. 3), to modify the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to Indian tribes.

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Vitter Amendment No. 6 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit authorized committees and leadership PACs from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee.

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Vitter Amendment No. 7 (to Amendment No. 3), to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to establish criminal penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or failing to file or report certain information required to be reported under that Act.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 10, 2007.

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Tributes to the Late President Ford—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that tributes to the late President, Gerald Ford, be printed as a Senate document, and that Senators have until Thursday, February 15, 2007, to submit said tributes.

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Inspector General Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the 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.

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Bill Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of S. 198, to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anthony C. Epstein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

John Preston Bailey, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Valerie L. Baker, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Vanessa Lynne Bryant, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Carol A. Dalton, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Heidi M. Pasichow, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Mary O. Donohue, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Thomas Alvin Farr, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Nora Barry Fischer, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Gregory Kent Frizzell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Philip S. Gutierrez, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Marcia Morales Howard, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

John Alfred Jarvey, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Frederick J. Kapala, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Sara Elizabeth Lioi, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Liam O'Grady, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Lawrence Joseph O'Neill, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

James Edward Rogan, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Thomas D. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Lisa Godbey Wood, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

Otis D. Wright II, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California

George H. Wu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 2009 (Recess Appointment).

Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011 (Recess Appointment).

John R. Steer, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011 (Recess Appointment).

James F. X. O'Gara, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

William W. Mercer, of Montana, to be Associate Attorney General.

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Andrew J. McKenna, Jr., of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Michael J. Burns, of New Mexico, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

Scott A. Keller, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Enrique J. Sosa, of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2012.

Jane C. Luxton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Warren Bell, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2012 (Recess Appointment).

Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Irving A. Williamson, of New York, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2014.

Catherine G. West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2008

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Dean A. Pinkert, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2015.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Daniel Meron, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2010.

Andrew G. Biggs, of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2013.

Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2013.

Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Stanley Davis Phillips, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2010.

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009 (Recess Appointment).

Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

James R. Kunder, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007.

C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Sam Fox, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium.

Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

Katherine Almquist, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Ron Silver, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009.

Leon R. Sequeira, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

David Palmer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2011.

Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2009.

Judy Van Rest, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009.

Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

Patricia Mathes, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2007.

Peter N. Kirsanow, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008.

Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2010.

Richard Allan Hill, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2009.

Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2012.

Paul DeCamp, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2016.

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Susan E. Dudley, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

Wayne Cartwright Beyer, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2010 (Recess Appointment).

John A. Rizzo, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2007.

Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009.

Hans von Spakovsky, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011.

David M. Mason, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009.

Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011.

Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2009.

Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m., and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 10, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$310.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine issues relating to Iraq from members of the intelligence community.

9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring full implementation of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations, after receiving testimony from former Senator Slade Gorton, former Representatives Lee H. Hamilton and Timothy J. Roemer, all former Commissioners, National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, and Carie Lemack, Families of September 11, both of New York, New York; James M. Thomas, Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Hartford; Joseph C. Carter, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mary A. Fetchet, and Carol Ashley, both of the Voices of September 11th, New Canaan, Connecticut.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 321–360; 2 private bills, H.R. 240, 300; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 19–21; and H. Res. 38–44 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hinojosa to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House began consideration of a motion to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure. Subsequently, the motion was withdrawn. Further proceedings were postponed until later in the day.

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Mourning the passing of President Gerald Rudolph Ford and celebrating his leadership and service to the people of the United States: H. Res. 15, amended, to mourn the passing of President Gerald Rudolph Ford and celebrate his leadership and service to the people of the United States (agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time for debate).

Pages H128–32

Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1, to implement the 9/11 Commission recommendations, by a Recorded vote of 299 ayes to 128 noes, Roll No. 15.

Pages H132-99, H209-22

Rejected the Ros-Lehtinen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Foreign Affairs with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a Recorded vote of 198 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 14. Pages H219-21

Title V of H. Res. 6, the portion of the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Friday, January 5.

Enhancing Intelligence Oversight Authority: The House agreed to H. Res. 35, to enhance intelligence oversight authority, by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 13.

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Rejected the Dreier motion to recommit the resolution to the Committee on Rules, by a Yea-and-Nay vote of 195 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 12.

Pages H208-09

Title V of H. Res. 6, the portion of the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Friday, January 5.

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, January 10.

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Mourning the passing of President Gerald Rudolph Ford and celebrating his leadership and service to the people of the United States: H. Res. 15, amended, to mourn the passing of President Gerald Rudolph Ford and celebrate his leadership and service to the people of the United States (agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time for debate).

Pages H222-28

Quorum Calls—Votes: One Yea-and-Nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H208–09, H209, H221, H221–22. There were no quorum calls.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H126.

Senate Referrals: S. 197 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine agriculture and rural America's role in enhancing national energy security, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing regarding U.S. military action in Somalia, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine global oil supplies and what it means for U.S. economic and national security, focusing on U.S. dependence on imported oil, the rapid growth in oil consumption in emerging economies such as China and India and what it means for U.S. energy security, how political stability in the Middle East could affect future oil supplies, and the implications of recent developments in the Russian energy sector for U.S. and global energy security, 9:45 a.m., SDG-50.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine tax incentives for businesses in response to a minimum wage increase, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine securing America's interests and the current situation in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care for all Americans, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine balancing privacy and security, focusing on the privacy implications of government data mining programs, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, to meet for organizational purposes, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to meet for organizational purposes, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 10 Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1. Ethics Bill.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2— Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007.

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