# Daily Digest

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4297, Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act Senate passed H.R. 4659, USA PATRIOT Act Extension

# Senate

### **Chamber** Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages \$465-\$695

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2240–2244, and S. Res. 365–366. Page S510

#### Measures Reported:

S. 265, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care. (S. Rept. No. 109–215) Page S510

#### Measures Passed:

*Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act:* By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 10), Senate passed H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

#### Adopted:

Frist (for Grassley/Baucus) Amendment No. 2708 (to Amendment No. 2707), of a perfecting nature.

Pages S473, S487

Pages S466-S502

Frist (for Talent) Amendment No. 2727 (to Amendment No. 2707), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the permanent extension of the amendments to the child tax credit made by the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. Page S488

Baucus (for Byrd) Amendment No. 2728 (to Amendment No. 2707), to provide tax incentives for the purchase of advanced mine safety equipment and the training of mine rescue teams. **Pages S488-89** 

Grassley Amendment No. 2732 (to Amendment No. 2707), to support the health needs of our veterans and military personnel. Pages S492–93

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to waive all provisions of the Congressional Budget Act and budget resolutions necessary for the consideration of the Grassley Amendment No. 2732 (listed above), and for the inclusion of the language of the amendment in the consideration of an amendment between the Senate and House of Representatives.

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Grassley Amendment No. 2736 (to Amendment No. 2707), to strengthen America's military.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to waive all provisions of the Congressional Budget Act and budget resolutions necessary for the consideration of the Grassley Amendment No. 2736 (listed above), and for the inclusion of the language of the amendment in the consideration of an amendment between the Senate and House of Representatives.

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By 73 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 9), Menendez Amendment No. 2705 (to Amendment No. 2707), to express the sense of the Senate that protecting middle-class families from the alternative minimum tax should be a higher priority for Congress in 2006 than extending a tax cut that does not expire until the end of 2008. Pages S496-98

Frist (for Grassley/Baucus) Amendment No. 2707, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S472-73 Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 4), Grassley Amendment No. 2731 (to Amendment No. 2707), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Medicare part D prescription drug program.

#### Withdrawn:

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith, with an amendment. Pages S473, S487

Frist	: Amendn	nent No	o. 2709	(to	Amendment	No.
2708),	to provid	e for an	effective	e da	.te.	

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Frist Amendment No. 2710 (to the instructions of the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance), in the nature of a substitute, fell when the motion to commit (listed above) was withdrawn.

Frist (for Talent) Amendment No. 2711 (to Amendment No. 2710), to repeal the sunset of the provisions in EGTRRA relating to the child tax credit, fell when Amendment No. 2710 (listed above) fell. **Page S473** 

By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 3), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Conrad/Bingaman Amendment No. 2729 (to Amendment No. 2707), to provide revenue provisions. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was not germane, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 5), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Nelson (FL)/ Bingaman Amendment No. 2730 (to Amendment No. 2707), to provide for necessary beneficiary protections in order to ensure access to coverage under the Medicare part D prescription drug program. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was not germane, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S491-92** 

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 6), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Clinton Amendment No. 2716 (to Amendment No. 2707), to establish a congressional commission to examine the Federal, State, and local response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of the United States especially in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and other areas impacted in the aftermath and make immediate corrective measures to improve such responses in the future. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was not germane, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. Page S492

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 7), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive certain sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Dodd Amendment No. 2735 (to Amendment No. 2707), to support the health needs of our veterans and military personnel and reduce the deficit by making tax rates fairer for all Americans. Subsequently, the point of order against the amendment was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S493-95** 

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 8), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Reed Amendment No. 2737 (to Amendment No. 2707), to strengthen America's military, to repeal the extension of tax rates for capital gains and dividends, to reduce the deficit. Subsequently, the point of order against the amendment was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S495-96** 

USA PATRIOT Act Extension: By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 11), Senate passed H.R. 4659, to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of such Act, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S502-03

National Week of Prayer for Uganda: Senate agreed to S. Res. 366, affirming the importance of increased international action and a national week of prayer for the Ugandan victims of Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Sudan, Uganda, and the international community bring justice and humanitarian assistance to Northern Uganda and that February 2 through 9, 2006 should be designated as a national week of prayer and reflection for the people of Uganda.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimousconsent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, and Majority Whip, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. Page S695

Reading of Washington's Farewell Address: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place, on Friday, February 17, 2006, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader. Page S695

Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act— Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate begin consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, on Monday, February 6, 2006; that if a motion to invoke cloture is filed on Monday, February 6, 2006, on the motion to proceed to the bill, that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote occur at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. Page S695

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—11) Pages S489–90, S491, S492, S495, S496, S498, S501–02, S503

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:28 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, February 6, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S695.)

# Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to reform the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on strengthening the financial solvency of the program, after receiving testimony from David R. Conrad, National Wildlife Federation, J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, David C. John, The Heritage Foundation, and Paul J. Gessing, National Taxpayers Union, all of Washington, D.C.; David Pressly, Pressly Development Company, Inc., Statesville, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Regina M. Lowrie, Gateway Funding Diversified Financial Services, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association; and Pamela Mayer Pogue, Providence, Rhode Island, on behalf of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc.

#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the CBO budget and economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, Congressional Budget Office.

#### TAX TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Convention between the

Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Dhaka on September 26, 2004 with an exchange of notes enclosed (Treaty Doc. 109-5), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 31, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 109-4), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Estates, Inheritances, and Gifts signed at Washington on November 24, 1978 (Treaty Doc. 109-7), and Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Washington on September 30, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 109-8), after receiving testimony from Patricia A. Brown, Deputy International Tax Counsel for Treaty Affairs, Department of the Treasury; Thomas A. Barthold, Acting Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; and William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, Washington, D.C.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gary A. Grappo, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, and Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the role of the Governors in managing the catastrophe, receiving testimony from Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, Jackson; and Louisiana Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Baton Rouge.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Paul J. McNulty, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing entitled "The Jobs for Veterans Act Three Years Later: Are VETS' Employment Programs Working for Veterans?", focusing on labor actions needed to improve accountability and help states implement reforms to veterans employment services, after receiving testimony from Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; Sigurd R. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Anthony J. Principi, former Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Wesley Poriotis, The Center for Military and Private Sector Initiatives, New York, New York; Joseph C. Sharpe, Jr., The American Legion, Washington, D.C.; and Rick Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current and projected national security threats to the United States, focusing on the global jihadist threat, extremism and challenges to effective governance and legitimacy in Iraq and Afghanistan, weapons of mass destruction and states of key concern, and Iran and North Korea, after receiving testimony from John D. Negroponte, Director and General Michael V. Hayden (USAF), Principal Deputy Director, both of National Intelligence; Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Porter J. Goss, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; General Michael D. Maples (USA), Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; Charles Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Carol Rodley, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

#### MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to meet the challenges of the Medicare Drug Benefit implementation, after receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Linda S. McMahon, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Social Security Administration; Timothy R. Murphy, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston; Susan Sutter, Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin, Horicon; Mark B. Ganz, The Regence Group, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the National Blue Cross Blue Shield; Sharon Farr, Center for Individual and Family Services, and Michael Donato, both of Mansfield, Ohio; Robert J. Kenny, Tillamook, Oregon.

# House of Representatives

### **Chamber** Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006.

## Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

#### Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for January 2006, 9:30 a.m., 2212RHOB.

#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 6 through February 11, 2006

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 852, Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act.

On *Tuesday*, at 6 p.m., Senate expects to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 852, Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act. During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

#### (Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 7, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

February 7, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine contracting issues in Iraq in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on the Budget:* February 7, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2007 budget proposal, 3 p.m., SD-608.

February 8, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2007 budget proposal, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* February 7, to hold hearings to examine the nominations: of Robert C. Cresanti, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology, and Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Tyler D. Duvall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and Roger Shane Karr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

February 8, Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine S.1215, to authorize the acquisition of interests in underdeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development, 10 a.m., SD-562.

February 8, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine protecting consumers' phone records, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

February 9, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine commercial aviation security, focusing on Transportation Security Administration's aviation passenger screening programs, Secure Flight and Registered Traveler, to discuss issues that have prevented these programs from being launched, and to determine their future, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 9, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Energy Information Administration's 2006 annual energy outlook on trends and issues affecting the United States' energy market, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 8, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

February 9, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine

the impact of clean air regulations on natural gas prices, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Finance:* February 7, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

February 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the new Medicare drug benefit, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* February 7, to hold hearings to examine common defense to common security relating to NATO, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iraq stabilization and reconstruction, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

February 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, and Jeanine E. Jackson, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, 4:30 p.m., SD-419.

February 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine new initiatives in cooperative threat reduction, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* February 9, to hold hearings to examine the role of education in global competitiveness, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* February 6, to resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on managing law enforcement and communications in a catastrophe, 2 p.m., SD-342.

February 7, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal agencies and conference spending, 3 p.m., SD–342.

February 9, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the Defense Department's role in the response, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 6, to hold hearings to examine wartime executive power and the NSA's surveillance authority, 9:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

February 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* February 8, to hold hearings to examine procedures to bring greater transparency to the legislative process, 2 p.m., SR-301.

#### House Committees

*Committee on Armed Services,* February 8, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request from the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 8, hearing on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2007, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Government Reform, February 7, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Human Cloning and Embryonic Stem Cell Research After Seoul: Examining Exploitation, Fraud and Ethical Problems in the Research," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs entitled "Taking on Water: The National Park Service's Stalled Rulemaking Effort on Personal Watercraft," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 9, full Committee, hearing entitled "Sharpening Our Edge—Staying Competitive in the 21st Century Marketplace," 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, February 7, Subcommittee on Investigations, hearing entitled "Armed and Dangerous: Confronting the Problem of Border Incursions," 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

February 8, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology, joint hearing entitled "Protecting the Homeland: Fighting Pandemic Flu From the Front Lines," 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* February 7, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Humans Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on Human Rights in Burma: Where Are We Now and What DO We Do Next? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 8, full Committee, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 593, Directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Attorney General, and requesting the President, to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to extraordinary rendition of certain foreign persons; H. Res. 624, Requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to United States policies under the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Geneva Conventions; and H. Res. 642, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the Secretary of State's trip to Europe in December 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on The Im-

pact of Liberia's Election on West Africa, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Chinese Influence on U.S. Foreign Policy through U.S. Educational Institutions, Multilateral Organizations and Corporate America, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* February 8, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on Offender Re-entry: An Examination of Drug Treatment Programs Needed to Ensure Successful Re-Entry, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, February 8, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, joint oversight hearing on the Effects of High Energy Costs on Jobs and the Potential for Expanded Use of Biomass for Energy, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 8, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4013, To amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Joab County, Utah; H.R. 4080, Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project Contract Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 4204, American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2005; and H.R. 4301, Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, February 8, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Internet Sales Tax: Headaches Ahead for Small Business?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 8, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing entitled "U.S.-E.U Open Skies Agreement: with a focus on DOT's NPRM regarding 'actual control' of U.S. air carriers." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 8, oversight hearing on the VA's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2007, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* February 7 and 8, hearings on the President's Budget Proposals for 2007, 1 p.m., on February 7 and 3:30 p.m., on February 8, 1100 Longworth.

February 8, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 8, full committee, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 Intelligence Budget, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 9, executive, briefing on Reconnaissance Programs, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol. Next Meeting of the SENATE 2 p.m., Monday, February 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business, Senate expects to begin consideration of S. 852, Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 7

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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