

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1489–S1510*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2333 and S.J. Res. 32. **Pages S1504–05**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1052, to improve transportation security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–216)

S. 2013, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to implement the Agreement on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population. (S. Rept. No. 109–217)

H.R. 683, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1504**

**USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2271, to clarify that individuals who receive FISA orders can challenge nondisclosure requirements, that individuals who receive national security letters are not required to disclose the name of their attorney, that libraries are not wire or electronic communication service providers unless they provide specific services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1495–98**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 2895, to establish the enactment date of the Act. **Page S1495**

Frist Amendment No. 2896 (to Amendment No. 2895), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1495**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m., and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill at 2:30 p.m. **Page S1509**

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

John G. Emling, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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

Timothy Anthony Junker, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Patrick Carroll Smith, Sr., of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 5:07 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1509.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### DUBAI PORTS WORLD PURCHASE

*Committee on Armed Services:* On Thursday, February 23, 2006, Committee met to receive a briefing to discuss the national security implications of the acquisition of Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Navigation Company by Dubai Ports World—a government-owned and controlled firm of the United Arab Emirates from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary, and Peter Flory, Assistant Secretary for International Security Policy, both of the Department of Defense, Bob Joseph, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, and Tony Wayne, Assistant

Secretary of the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, both of the Department of State, Robert Kimmitt, Deputy Secretary, and Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, both of the Department of the Treasury, and Michael Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Rear Admiral Thomas Gilmour, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Protection, Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary for Policy, and Jayson Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, all of the Department of Homeland Security, all of behalf of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

#### DUBAI PORTS WORLD PURCHASE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee met in open and closed sessions to

receive a briefing to discuss Dubai Ports World purchase of Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs, Rear Admiral Thomas Gilmour, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, and Jay Ahern, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Beth McCormick, Deputy Under Secretary and Acting Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Department of Defense; and Alan Misenheimer, Director of Arabian Peninsula and Iran Affairs, Department of State.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to H. Con. Res. 345, the House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 117)

H.R. 4745, making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration's disaster loans program. Signed on February 18, 2006. (Public Law 109-174)

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#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 28 through March 4, 2006

##### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 2271, USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill to occur at 2:30 p.m.

On *Wednesday*, at 11 a.m., Senate will meet with the House of Representatives for a joint meeting to hear an address from Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of Italy. Also, Senate expects to vote on final passage of S. 2271, USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments 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 Appropriations:* February 28, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 1, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Library of Congress, Open World Leadership Council, and Government Accountability Office, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine an outline of the Global Nuclear Energy Plan and the future of nuclear power, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 1, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 1, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army Transformation and the future combat

systems acquisition strategy in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 4 p.m., SR-222.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 2, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military installations, military construction, environmental programs, and base realignment and closure programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine regulatory relief proposals, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the Exon-Florio Amendment, focusing on Dubai Ports World acquisition of Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 1, to hold hearings to examine the President's budgetary proposals for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-608.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2007, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine the Universal Service Fund (USF) contribution system, 10 a.m., SD-106.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the security of terminal operations at U.S. ports, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

March 1, Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine winter storms, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine USF distribution, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 28, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Reclamation Reuse and Recycling Program (Title XVI of Public Law 102-575), 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the state of the economies and fiscal affairs in the Territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 1, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Forest Service and other Federal agencies in protecting the health and welfare of foreign guest workers carrying out tree planting and other service contracts on National Health Sys-

tem lands, and to consider related Forest Service guidance and contract modifications issued in recent weeks, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 1, to hold hearings to examine the status of the Yucca Mountain Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 2, to hold a closed briefing on the challenges and responses with respect to a nuclear Iran, 9 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the challenges and responses with respect to a nuclear Iran, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* February 28, Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, to hold hearings to examine S. 2198, to ensure the United States successfully competes in the 21st century global economy, 10 a.m., SD-430.

March 1, Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, to continue hearings to examine S. 2198, to ensure the United States successfully competes in the 21st century global economy, 10 a.m., SD-430.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act relating to fighting the AIDS epidemic of today, 3 p.m., SD-430.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of mine safety and health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* February 28, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine S. 2060, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 and make certain improvements, S. 1838, to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, and H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 2, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2128, to provide greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* February 28, to hold oversight hearings to examine Indian gaming activities, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine the settlement of Cobell v. Norton, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 28, to resume hearings to examine issues relating to wartime executive power and the NSA's surveillance authority, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 1, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold joint hearings to examine Federal strategies to end border violence, 9 a.m., SD-226.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 2, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* February 28, business meeting to markup an original bill to make the legislative process more transparent, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* March 1, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., SH-216.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, the Gold Star Wives of America, and the Military Officers Association of America, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 1, to receive a closed briefing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 2, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Office of Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of the Interior, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 1, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on FCC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Avian Influenza-International Response, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Administrator of EPA, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on American Competitiveness Initiative, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 9:30 a.m., on American Battler Monuments Commission, 10 a.m., on Arlington National Cemetery, 10:30 a.m., and on Armed Forces Retirement Home, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NSF, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* February 28, Subcommittee on Protection Forces, hearing on the U.S. Air Force on Aerial Refueling Recapitalization Requirements, 6 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 1, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 1, full Committee, to mark up the following resolutions: H. Res. 645, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the President or the Secretary of Defense relating to the collection of information pertaining to persons inside the United States without obtaining court-ordered warrants authorizing the collection of such information and relating to the policy of the United States with respect to the gathering of counterterrorism intelligence within the United States; and H. Res. 685, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to any entity with which the United States has contracted for public relations purposes concerning Iraq, 6:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy's Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 4:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 2, full Committee, hearing on the National Security Implications of the Dubai Ports World Deal to Take over Management of U.S. Ports, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* March 1, hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2007, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* March 1, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Evaluating Health and Safety Regulations in the American Mining Industry," 12 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* March 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Car Title Fraud: Issues and Approaches for Keeping Consumers Safe on the Road," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Part D; Implementation of the New Drug Benefit," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Legislation to Implement the POPs, PIC, and LRTAP POPs Agreements," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, February 28, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Fair Housing Issues in the Gulf Coast in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Rita," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Foreign Investment, Jobs and National Security: The CFIUS Process," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, February 28, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations hearing entitled "Progress Since 9/11: Protecting Public Health and Safety Terrorist Attacks," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "Oil and Gas Royalties: The Facts, The Remedies," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Apportionment in the Balance: A Look into the Progress of the 2010 Decennial Census," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "U.S. Fiscal Outlook and the FY 2005 Governmentwide Financial Statements," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Plain English Regulations: Helping the American Public Understand the Rules," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 1, executive briefing on the acquisition of terminal operations in six United States ports by Dubai Port World, 5:30 p.m., H2-176 Ford Building.

March 1, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "The State of Interoperable Communications: Perspectives from State and Local Governments," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 2, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, executive, joint briefing on terrorist intentions toward U.S. aircraft, 10 a.m., H2-176 Ford.

*Committee on International Relations*, February 28, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4423, Ethiopia Consolidation Act of 2005; H.R. 3189, Central Asia Democracy and Human Rights Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 320, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience; and H. Res. 578, Concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania, 5 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 2, full Committee, hearing on United States Policy Toward the Palestinians in the Aftermath of Parliamentary Elections, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, oversight hearing on Assessing Rights under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, oversight hearing on Western Hemisphere Energy Security, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, February 28, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to continue oversight hearings on The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) Part 2: Gun Show Enforcement, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 1, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2829, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 4709, Law Enforcement and Phone Privacy Protection Act of 2006; H.R. 4356, Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement Act of 2005; H.R. 1871, Volunteer Pilot Organization Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1176, Nonprofit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 2955, Intellectual Property Jurisdiction Clarification Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act—Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to these Veterans of the Cold War When We Created the Program," 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "The Scope and Myths of Roe v. Wade," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims and the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, joint oversight hearing entitled "Outgunned and Outmanned: Local Law Enforcement Confronts Violence Along the Southern Border," 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, March 1, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "How the Federal Marketing Administrations are Implementing the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and an Assessment of the Proposed Fiscal Year Budgets for these Agencies," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 2, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on the National Park Service's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 2, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Requests for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Water Division of the U.S. Geological Survey," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, March 1, to consider H.R. 4167, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

March 2, hearing entitled "Lobbying Reform: Accountability through Transparency," 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, March 2, hearing on NASA Science Mission Directorate: Impacts of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 2, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs, oversight hearing on the SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 1, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the United States Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission Fiscal Year Budget Requests, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007 for the following Agencies: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Curbside Operations: Bus Safety and ADA Regulatory Compliance, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, March 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, oversight hearing regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs' Fiscal Year 2007 information technology budget, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on MedPAC's March Report on Medicare Payment Policies, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 2, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Social Security Number High-Risk Issues, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, February 28, executive, hearing in Accordance with the Framework Agreement, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 28, executive, hearing on the Department of Defense's Intelligence Budget, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: March 1, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine the settlement of Cobell v. Norton, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, February 28

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 28

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2271, USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill to occur thereon at 2:30 p.m.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

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



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