

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S613–S678

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2592–2593, and S. Res. 443. **Page S658**

Measures Reported:

S. 310, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity. (S. Rept. No. 110–260)

S. 1892, to reauthorize the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–261) **Page S658**

Measures Passed:

Lease Extensions: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2457, to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by the Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S670**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 3988, to prohibit gaming activities on certain land. **Page S670**

National Drug Prevention and Education Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 434, designating the week of February 10–16, 2008, as “National Drug Prevention and Education Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S671**

Go Direct Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, designating February 2008 as “Go Direct Month.”. **Page S671**

Measures Considered:

Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits, agreeing to the motion to proceed thereon, began consideration of the bill, and taking

action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S626–39, S655–56**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3983, of a perfecting nature. **Page S656**

Reid Amendment No. 3984 (to Amendment No. 3983), to change the enactment date. **Page S656**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3985, to establish the enactment date. **Page S656**

Reid Amendment No. 3986 (to the instructions of the Reid motion to commit), to change the enactment date. **Page S656**

Reid Amendment No. 3987 (to Amendment No. 3986), to change the enactment date. **Page S656**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 3983 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, February 5, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:45 p.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. **Page S656**

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

By 73 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 6), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S623**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. **Page S656**

FISA Amendments Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S639–55**

Pending:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S639–40**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 3920, to provide procedures for compliance reviews.

Feingold Amendment No. 3979, to provide safeguards for communications involving persons inside the United States.

Cardin Amendment No. 3930, to modify the sunset provision.

Feingold/Dodd Amendment No. 3915, to place flexible limits on the use of information obtained using unlawful procedures.

Feingold Amendment No. 3913, to prohibit reserve targeting and protect the rights of Americans who are communicating with people abroad.

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Feingold/Dodd Amendment No. 3912, to modify the requirements for certifications made prior to the initiation of certain acquisitions.

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Dodd Amendment No. 3907, to strike the provisions providing immunity from civil liability to electronic communication service providers for certain assistance provided to the Government.

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Bond/Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 3938 (to Amendment No. 3911), to include prohibitions on the international proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

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Bond/Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 3941 (to Amendment No. 3911), to expedite the review of challenges to directives under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

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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, February 6, 2008.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Hugo Llorens, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

Marianne Matuzic Myles, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde.

Clyde R. Cook, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S624**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—6) **Page S624**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S672–73.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Lieberman (Chairman), Akaka, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, Webb, McCaskill, Cornyn, Warner, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, and Wicker;

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Reed (Chairman), Kennedy, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Clinton, Dole, Warner, Collins, Graham, Cornyn, and Martinez;

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chairman), Kennedy, Lieberman, Webb, McCaskill, Graham, Collins, Chambliss, and Dole;

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Akaka (Chairman), Byrd, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, McCaskill, Thune, Inhofe, Chambliss, Dole, and Wicker;

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Kennedy (Chairman), Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Martinez, Warner, Sessions, Collins, and Cornyn;

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Nelson (FL) (Chairman), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Sessions, Inhofe, Graham, and Thune.

Senators Levin and McCain are ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

2009: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2009, after receiving testimony from Jim Nussle, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

2009: BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2009, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine veterans' disability compensation, after receiving testimony from Ruth A. Fanning, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Kristin Day, LCSW, Chief Consultant, Care Management and Social Work, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; James Rothrock, Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services, and Linda Winslow, National Rehabilitation Association, both of Richmond, Virginia; Dorcas R. Hardy, DRHardy and Associates, Spotsylvania, Virginia; and John Lancaster, National Council on Independent Living, Douglas B. Carmon, Easter Seals, Inc., and Richard Daley, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

WORLD THREATS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current and projected national security threats, after receiving testimony from Mike McConnell, Director, National Intelligence; Michael Hayden, Director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Justice; Randall M. Fort, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; and Lieutenant General Michael D. Maples, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 279.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2009 budget and revenue proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the Surface Transportation Commission report, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2146, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, 10:05 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2009, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Six Party Talks for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, James Francis Moriarty, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Deborah K. Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, all of the Department of State, 1 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on Sudan, 3 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on F-15 Aircraft, 10 a.m., and executive, briefing on World-Wide Threat, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of Defense, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on the Political Crisis in Kenya: A Call for Justice and Peaceful Resolution, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Wednesday, February 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2248, FISA Amendments Act. Also, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5140, Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 3983 at 5:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.



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