

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S681–S831

Measures Introduced: Thirty three bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 224–256, S. Res. 27–33, and S. Con. Res. 8. **Pages S738–39**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 29, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 30, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 32, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations. **Page S738**

Measures Passed:

Family Entertainment and Copyright Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 167, to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Brownback (for Leahy/Hatch) Amendment No. 1, of a technical nature. **Pages S826–29**

Commending Palestinian Presidential Election: Senate agreed to S. Res. 27, commending the results of the January 9, 2005, Palestinian Presidential Elections. **Pages S829–31**

Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General. **Pages S687–S732**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination that at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 2, 2005; that the time until 4:30 p.m., be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that following 2 hours of morning business on Thursday, February 3, 2005, Senate continue consideration of the nomination for a period of 8 hours equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their des-

ignees; and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination. **Page S831**

Bill—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 45, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S829**

Appointments:

Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations: The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93–618, as amended by Public Law 100–418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appointed the following Members of the Committee on Finance as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Lott, Baucus, and Rockefeller. **Page S829**

Washington's Farewell Address: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, appointed Senator Burr to read Washington's Farewell Address on Friday, February 18, 2005. **Page S829**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S739–40**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, February 2, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S831.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY PERSONNEL BENEFITS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine death benefits and services available to survivors of military personnel and legislative proposals to enhance these benefits, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; General Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral John B. Nathman, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; General William L. Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps; General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force; and Robert J. Epley, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 29) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office report on the budget and economic outlook for fiscal years 2006 to 2015, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: On Monday, January 31, committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 24) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 30) authorizing expenditures by the committee.

U.S. POLICY IN IRAQ AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strategies for reshaping U.S. policy regarding Iraq and the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Anthony H. Cordesman,

Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Peter Khalil, The Brookings Institution Saban Center for the Middle East Policy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Newbold, USMC (Ret.), GlobeSecNine, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 32) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion: Senators Hagel (Chairman), Alexander, Murkowski, Martinez, Voinovich, Sarbanes, Dodd, Kerry and Obama.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs: Senators Chafee (Chairman), Hagel, Coleman, Voinovich, Sununu, Boxer, Sarbanes, Nelson, and Obama.

Subcommittee on European Affairs: Senators Allen (Chairman), Voinovich, Murkowski, Hagel, Chafee, Biden, Sarbanes, Dodd, and Feingold.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Narcotics Affairs: Senators Coleman (Chairman), Chafee, Allen, Martinez, Sununu, Dodd, Kerry, Boxer, and Nelson.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism: Senators Sununu (Chairman), Voinovich, Allen, Coleman, Alexander, Nelson, Biden, Kerry, and Boxer.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs: Senators Murkowski (Chairman), Alexander, Hagel, Chafee, Allen, Kerry, Biden, Feingold, and Obama.

Subcommittee on African Affairs: Senators Martinez (Chairman), Alexander, Coleman, Sununu, Murkowski, Feingold, Sarbanes, Dodd, and Obama.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 21) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

COMMITTEE RULES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: On Monday, January 31, committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 23) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 73 public bills, H.R. 433–505; 1 private bill, H.R. 506; and; 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 15–16; H. Con. Res. 37–42, and H. Res. 56–61, were introduced. **Pages H283–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H286–87**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 59, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 36, expressing the continued support of Congress for equal access of military recruiters to institutions of higher education (H. Rept. 109–2). **Page H283**

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

Honoring the contributions of Catholic Schools: H. Res. 23, honoring the contributions of Catholic schools, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 14; **Pages H241–47, H251**

Dalip Singh Saund Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 120, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30777 Rancho California Road in Temecula, California, as the “Dalip Singh Saund Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 15; and **Pages H247–49, H251–252**

Staff Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 289, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the “Staff Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building”. **Pages H249–50**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the “Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building”. **Page H250**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H250**

Iraq Free Election Resolution—Order of Business: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider a resolution relating to the free election in Iraq held on January 30, 2005; that the resolution be considered as read; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and rank-

ing minority member of the Committee on International Relations. **Pages H250–51**

District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 39, providing for the conditional adjournment of the House and the conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page H251**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H239.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 7 was ordered held at the desk. **Page H239**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H251 and H252. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RESOLUTION—COLLEGE MILITARY RECRUITMENT; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H. Con. Res. 36, expressing the continued support of Congress for equal access of military recruiters to institutions of higher education, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kline and Rogers of Alabama.

The Committee also approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing regarding training of Iraqi security forces, 4 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Tsunami Warning System, and S. 50, to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine S. 131, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade

programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine long term outlook for social security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine FELA issues relating to asbestos, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the adequacy of Armed forces, 3:15 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress, 4:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress, 10:45 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to meet for organizational purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Confronting Recidivism: Prisoner Re-entry Programs and a Just Future for All Americans," 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to meet for organizational purposes, 4:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on Options for Hubble Science, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to meet for organizational purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to meet for organizational purposes, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on emerging threats to national security, 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through January 31, 2005

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	7	5	..
Time in session	39 hrs., 47'	24 hrs., 7'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	680	237	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	111	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	..	1	1
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Bills through conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	18	30	48
Senate bills .....	..	..	..
House bills	1	2	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	2	..
House concurrent resolutions	3	5	..
Simple resolutions	11	21	..
Measures reported, total*	11	1	12
Senate bills .....	..	..	..
House bills .....	..	..	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	11	1	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	..	..	..
Measures introduced, total	249	536	785
Bills	214	432	..
Joint resolutions	2	14	..
Concurrent resolutions	7	35	..
Simple resolutions	26	55	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	2	9	..
Recorded votes	2	3	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (109-1)

January 4 through January 31, 2005

Civilian nominations, totaling 66, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	7
Unconfirmed	59
Unconfirmed	261
Unconfirmed	255
Unconfirmed	1,605
Unconfirmed	54
Unconfirmed	1,149
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	3,390
Total confirmed	7
Total unconfirmed	3,383
Total withdrawn	0
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 0 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 1 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Wednesday, February 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: At 9:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General. At 2:30 p.m. Senator Byrd will be recognized for up to 1 hour.

(At 8:40 p.m., Senate will proceed as a body to the House Chamber for a joint session to receive the State of the Union Address by the President of the United States.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 2

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H. Res. ____—Commending the Palestinian people for holding recent elections; and

(2) H. Res. ____—Expressing the strong concern of the House of Representatives that the European Union may end its embargo against the People's Republic of China.

Consideration of H. Con. Res. 36, expressing the continued support of Congress for equal access of military recruiters to institutions of higher education (closed rule, one hour of debate).

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