

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2562–2571, and S. Res. 433–436. **Page S445**

**Measures Passed:**

*Technical Corrections:* Senate passed S. 2571, to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. **Page S454**

*Honoring United States Coast Guard:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 433, honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and selfless service to the United States have led to more than 1 million lives saved over the course of its long and storied 217-year history. **Pages S454–55**

*Catholic Schools Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 435, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. **Pages S455–56**

*National School Counseling Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 436, designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S456**

*Honoring United States Coast Guard:* Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 429, honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and commitment to protecting the United States have led to the confiscation of over 350,000 pounds of cocaine at sea during 2007, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S456**

*Electoral Crisis in Kenya:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 431, calling for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S456–57**

*Protect America Act Extension:* Senate passed H.R. 5104, to extend the Protect America Act of

2007 for 15 days, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S457**

**Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the adoption of a motion to proceed to 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, not displace any pending measures. **Page S457**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S458.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term federal budget outlook, focusing on action that is needed to avoid the possibility of a serious economic disruption in the future, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Douglas H. Shulman,

of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 70 public bills, H.R. 5151–5220; 1 private bill, H.R. 5221; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 284–287; and H. Res. 946–954 were introduced. **Pages H554–58**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H558–59**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3521, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–521). **Page H554**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Israel to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H481**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m. **Page H483**

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

*Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008:* 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, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 35 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 25 and **Pages H485–H509**

*Extending the Protect America Act of 2007 for 30 days:* H.R. 5104, amended, to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 30 days. **Pages H510–17**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days.”. **Page H517**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, January 28th:

*Commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national championship game:* H. Res. 933, amended, to commend the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national cham-

pionship game, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 26.

**Pages H509–10**

**New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act:** The House passed H.R. 1528, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, by a recorded vote of 261 ayes to 122 noes, Roll No. 28. **Pages H517–35**

Rejected the Bishop (UT) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 27. **Page H533**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H531**

Accepted:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–519) that states that State and local laws regarding hunting, fishing, trapping and netting shall be the exclusive laws regarding these activities on the trail. **Pages H532–33**

Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–519) that sought to delay designation of the trail until all environmental analyses and the review required by Public Law 107–338 have been completed by the Secretary of the Interior. **Pages H531–32**

H. Res. 940, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H517–22**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 6th. **Page H537**

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H508–09, H509–10, H534–35 and H535. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and at 8:20 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con.

Res. 279, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **OUTSOURCING—DOD INSPECTOR GENERAL**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session on DOD Inspector General on Outsourcing. Testimony was heard from Claude M. Kicklighter, Inspector General, Department of Defense.

### **INTERAGENCY REFORM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Interagency Reform: Can the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Case Study Illuminate the Future of Reconstruction and Stabilization Operations? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **BOLSTER U.S. ECONOMY—USING FISCAL POLICY**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Using Fiscal Policy to Bolster the U.S. Economy. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, former Secretary of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT PROTECTIONS**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3195, ADA Restoration Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoyer; and public witnesses.

### **COVERING UNINSURED KIDS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Covering Uninsured Kids: Missed Opportunities for Moving Forward.” Testimony was heard from Dennis G. Smith, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Ann C. Kohler, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Services, State of New Jersey; Chris L. Peterson, Specialist in Health Care Financing, Domestic Social Policy Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### **ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS—FDA PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY; FDA SCIENCE MISSION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations agreed by a roll call vote of 12–0 a motion by Chairman Stupak to issue subpoenas relating to witnesses and documents in connection with the Subcommittee’s ongoing investigation into the adequacy of the efforts of the FDA

to protect the American public from excessive risks from prescription drugs and other matters.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Science and Mission at Risk: FDA’s Self-Assessment.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Health Care; and Lisa Shames, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues; Andrew C. von Esehenbach, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Donna V. Porter, Specialist in Life Sciences, Science Policy Research Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### **DIGITAL TV AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Internet held a hearing entitled “Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Services in the Digital TV Age.” Testimony was heard from John B. O’Reilly, Jr., Mayor, Dearborn, Michigan; and public witnesses.

### **WAKE OF DISASTERS—HOUSING PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Safe and Effective Housing Programs in the Wake of Disasters.” Testimony was heard from Carlos Castillo, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Assistance Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Henry Falk, M.D., Director, Coordinating Center, Environmental Health and Injury Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Nelson Bregon, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Michael Gerber, Executive Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs, State of Texas; and a public witness.

### **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CRISIS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Growing Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis: Identifying Solutions and Dispelling Myths. Testimony was heard from Jack Kemp, former Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—STATE SECRETS PRIVILEGE REFORM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on Reform of the State Secrets Privilege. Testimony was heard from Patricia Wald, Retired Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; and public witnesses.

**FEDERAL ESPIONAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Enforcement of Federal Espionage Laws. Testimony was heard from J. Patrick Rowan, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—CALIFORNIA WATER DELIVERIES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the Immediate Federal and State Role in Addressing Uncertain Water Deliveries for California and the Impacts on California Communities.” Testimony was heard from Bob Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Lester Snow, Director, Department of Water Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BREAST-CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING GAP**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 273, Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences; H. Res. 867, Commending the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup; H. Res. 931, Expressing the support for designation of February 17, 2008, as “Race Day in America” and highlighting the 50th running of the Daytona 500; H. Res 942, Recognizing the significance of Black History Month; H. Res. 943, Remembering the space shuttle Challenger disaster and honoring its crew members, who lost their lives on January 28, 1986; H.R. 3532, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the “Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office;” H.R. 3936, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Highway in Cleveland, Georgia as the “Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building;” H.R. 4203, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the “Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building;” H.R. 4454, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3050 Hunsinger Lane in Louisville, Kentucky, as the “Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Military Heroes of Louisville Memorial Post Office Building;” in honor of the service men and women from Louisville, Kentucky, who died in service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; H.R. 5135, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the

“Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building;” S. 2272, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John “Marty” Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007; and S. 2478, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the “Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office.”

The Committee also held a hearing on Addressing the Screening Gap: The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Testimony was heard from Rosemarie Henson, Deputy Director, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Pama Joyner, Director, Breast and Cervical Health Program, Department of Health, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

**PLAIN LANGUAGE IN GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives approved for full Committee action H.R. 3548, Plain Language in Government Communications Act of 2007.

**PAKISTANI ELECTIONS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings on Pakistani Elections: Will They Be Free and Fair or Fundamentally Flawed (Part II). Testimony was heard from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State.

**SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATING RESEARCH**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “SBIR: America’s National Technology Development Incubator.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**VA’S CLAIMS PROCESSING IMPROVEMENTS**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the Use of Artificial Intelligence to Improve the VA’s Claims Processing System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kim Graves, Director, Office of Business Process Integration, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Stephen W. Warren, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Information

and Technology; Gary Christopherson, former Veterans Health Administration Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

#### VA CREDENTIALING AND PATIENT SAFETY

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA Credentialing and Privileging: A Patient Safety Issue. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John D. Daigh, M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; Gerald M. Cross, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health; and a public witness.

#### BRIEFING—PAKISTAN

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executives session to receive a briefing on Pakistan. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine anti-Semitism in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on initiatives, lessons learned, and the way forward in monitoring and combating anti-Semitism, after receiving testimony from Gert Weisskirchen, Personal Representative on Combating Anti-Semitism, and Kathrin Meyer, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, both of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Vienna, Austria.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1672)

H.R. 366, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-156)

H.R. 797, an act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve low-vision benefits matters, matters relating to burial and memorial affairs, and other matters under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. (Public Law 110-157)

H.R. 1045, to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-158)

H.R. 2011, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th

Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-159)

H.R. 2761, to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-160)

H.R. 2764, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-161)

H.R. 3470, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 744 West Oglethorpe Highway in Hinesville, Georgia, as the "John Sidney 'Sid' Flowers Post Office Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-162)

H.R. 3569, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the "Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-163)

H.R. 3571, to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-164)

H.R. 3974, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 797 Sam Bass Road in Round Rock, Texas, as the "Marine Corps Corporal Steven P. Gill Post Office Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-165)

H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-166)

H.R. 4009, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepessing Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the "Turrill Post Office Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-167)

S. 1396, to authorize a major medical facility project to modernize inpatient wards at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-168)

S. 1896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the "Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110-169)

S. 1916, to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for

the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–170)

S.J. Res. 13, granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–171)

H.R. 4839, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections. Signed on December 29, 2007. (Public Law 110–172)

S. 2499, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend provisions under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs. Signed on December 29, 2007. (Public Law 110–173)

S. 2271, to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies. Signed on December 31, 2007. (Public Law 110–174)

S. 2488, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act). Signed on December 31, 2007. (Public Law 110–175)

S. 2436, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Signed on January 4, 2008. (Public Law 110–176)

H.R. 660, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members. Signed on January 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–177)

H.R. 3690, to provide for the transfer of the Library of Congress Police to the United States Capitol Police. Signed on January 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–178)

S. 863, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds. Signed on January 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–179)

H.R. 2640, to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Signed on January 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–180)

H.R. 4986, to provide for the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, as previously enrolled, with certain modifications to address the foreign sovereign immunities provisions of title 28, United States Code, with respect to the attachment of property in certain judgments against Iraq, the lapse of statutory authorities for the payment of bonuses, special pays, and similar benefits for members of the uniformed services. Signed on January 28, 2008. (Public Law 110–181)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the economic stimulus, focusing on budget policy for a strong economy over the short- and long-term budget outlook, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider S. 86, to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers, S. 127, to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, S. 128, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to designate a new management entity, make certain technical and conforming amendments, enhance private property protections, S. 189, to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan, S. 327, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 783, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, S. 868, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1039, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey, S. 1143, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, S. 1247, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, S. 1304, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail, S. 1329, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, S. 1341, to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, S. 1365, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, S. 1377, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, S. 1433, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska, S. 1476, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources study of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, California, to determine suitability and

feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System, S. 1522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2014, S. 1634, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, S. 1740, to amend the Act of February 22, 1889, and the Act of July 2, 1862, to provide for the management of public land trust funds in the State of North Dakota, S. 1802, to adjust the boundaries of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in the State of Idaho, S. 1921, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, S. 1939, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1940, to reauthorize the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, and S. 1941, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, and any other pending legislation, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the threats and protections for the polar bear, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine private fees for service in Medicare Advantage plans, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008”, and to consider changes to the rules of procedure of the Committee on Finance, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador, Goli Ameri, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and David J. Kramer, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, all of the Department of State, 11:15 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing from members of the intelligence community, 3:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration’s accountability, focusing on the efficacy of women’s contracting and lender oversight, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

## House

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming,* hearing entitled “Learning from a Laureate: Science, Security and Sustainability,” 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Wednesday, February 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

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