

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S235–S258

Measures Introduced: One bill and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2206, S. Res. 356–357, and S. Con. Res. 78. **Page S249**

Measures Passed:

Earthquake Relief Commitment: Senate agreed to S. Res. 356, urging a commitment by the United States and the international community to continue relief efforts in response to the earthquake in South Asia and to help rebuild critical infrastructure in the affected areas. **Pages S252–53**

Condemning Iran: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 78, condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council. **Pages S253–54**

Supreme Court Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. **Pages S235–48**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Monday, January 30, 2006, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon to occur at 4:30 p.m. **Page S254**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Boyd Kevin Rutherford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Randall S. Kroszner, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1994.

Kevin M. Warsh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2004.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S254–58**

Measures Referred: **Pages S248–49**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 2:10 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, January 30, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S254.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 30 through February 4, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination to occur at 4:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, at 11 a.m., after a period of debate and if cloture was invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Also, at 9 p.m., Senate and House of Representatives will meet in the House Chamber for a Joint Session to receive the President's State of the Union address.

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: January 31, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine pandemic influenza preparedness at Federal, State and Local levels, 8:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 2, to resume hearings to examine proposals to reform the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: February 2, to hold hearings to examine the CBO budget and economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 31, to hold hearings to examine video franchising, 10 a.m., SD-562.

January 31, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine video content, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

February 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine promotion and advancement of women in sports, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 31, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kristie A. Kenney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, and Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

February 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine 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), 2 p.m., SD-419.

February 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings 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, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 31, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 30, to resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on urban search and rescue during a catastrophe, 2 p.m., SD-342.

January 31, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the challenges during a catastrophe, including the evacuation of New Orleans in advance of Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 1, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on managing the crisis and evacuating New Orleans, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 2, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the role of the Governors in managing the catastrophe, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 3, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on managing law enforcement and communications in a catastrophe, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 1, to hold oversight hearings to examine off-reservation gaming issues, focusing on the process for considering gaming applications, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 1, to hold hearings to examine consolidation in the energy industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

February 1, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the death penalty in the United States, 2 p.m., SD-226.

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

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

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 2, to hold hearings to examine "The Jobs for Veterans Act Three Years Later: Are VETS' Employment Programs Working for Veterans?", 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 1, to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the world threat, 10 a.m., SD-106.

February 2, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: February 2, to hold hearings to examine meeting the challenges of Medicare Drug Benefit Implementation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, February 1, hearing on countering a nuclear Iran, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 1, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Ground Forces Vehicle and Personnel Protection and Rotary Wing Safety of Flight Update, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 1, hearing entitled "Phone Records For Sale: Why Aren't Phone Records Safe From Pretexting?" 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, February 1, to consider the following measures: H.R. 4054, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office;" H.R. 4346, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the "Malcolm Melville 'Mac' Lawrence Post Office;" H.R. 4456, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the "Hattie Caraway Station;" H.R. 4509, To des-

ignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building;" H. Res. 629, Supporting the goals and ideals of a day of Hearts, Congenital Heart Defect Day in order to increase awareness about congenital heart defects; and S. 1989, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Rolfe Square in Cranston, Rhode Island, as the "Holly A. Charette Post Office;" followed by a hearing entitled "Restoring the Public Trust: A Review of the 'Federal Pension Forfeiture Act,'" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 1, 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," 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, January 31, to consider the following: a Conference Report to accompany S. 1932, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; a measure to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of such Act; and a resolution Limiting Access of Former Members and Officers to the Hall of the House and Member Exercise Facilities, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, February 1, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports and the Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture, and Technology, joint hearing entitled "Transforming the Tax Code: An Examination of the President's Tax Reform Panel Recommendations," 3 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 1, to mark up H.R. 1631, Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century, 2:45 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: February 3, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for January 2006, 9:30 a.m., 2212 RHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Monday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, January 31

Senate Chamber

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House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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