

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills H.R. 5640–5655; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 317–319; and H. Res. 1051–1060 were introduced. **Pages H1770–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1771–72**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 5577, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend, modify, and recodify the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–550, Pt. I) **Page H1770**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Wasserman Schultz to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1705**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 148 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 146. **Pages H1705, H1760–61**

FISA Amendments Act of 2008: The House agreed to the Senate amendment with an amendment, made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 110–549, to H.R. 3773, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 197 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 145. **Pages H1707–60**

H. Res. 1041, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 144, after agreeing to order the previous question by a

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 2, 2008. **Page H1761**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 31, 2008. **Page H1761**

House of Representatives Page Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's and Minority Leader's joint reappointment of the following individuals to the House of Representatives Page Board for a term of one year, effective March 20, 2008: Ms. Lynn Silversmith Klein of Maryland and Mr. Adam Jones of Michigan. **Page H1761**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H1705–06.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 71 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H1706**

Quorum Calls Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1719, H1719–20, H1760, H1761. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:34 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 316, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2008.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE MENTAL HEALTH OVERVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Mental Health Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: S. Ward Casscells, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; LTG Eric Schoomaker, M.D., USA, Surgeon General, U.S. Army; VADM Adam Robinson, M.D., USN, Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; and LTG James G. Roudebush, M.D., USAF, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; and a public witness.

NAVY SHIPBUILDING BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Navy Shipbuilding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Ship Programs; and VADM Barry

McCullough, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources and Requirements; Eric Labs, Senior Naval Analyst, CBO; and Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, CRS, Library of Congress.

FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS AVAILABILITY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Ensuring the Availability of Federal Student Loans. Testimony was heard from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education; and public witnesses.

INDIAN LAND CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kilpatrick and Berkley; Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Tuesday, March 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 31

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

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