

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 911–918, and S. Res. 111. **Pages S3272–73**

#### Measures Passed:

*Casimir Pulaski:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 5, proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously. **Page S3283**

*Commemorating Founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 14, commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States. **Pages S3283–84**

**Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, agreeing to the committee amendment, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3240–66**

Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 459, to ensure that United States attorneys are promptly nominated by the President, and are appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. **Pages S3251–53**

Sessions Amendment No. 460, to require appropriate qualifications for interim United States attorneys. **Pages S3153–66**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007; that there be 90 minutes of debate on the bill and the pending amendments to run concurrently with the time equally divided and controlled by the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use, or yielding back of time, but not later than 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on, or in relation to, Kyl Amendment No. 459 (listed above), to be followed

by a vote on, or relation to, Sessions Amendment No. 460 (listed above); provided further, that upon disposition of all amendments, the bill be read a third time, and Senate vote on final passage of the bill. **Page S3284**

**Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate action on the amendment (Reid for Biden) Amendment No. 463, of a technical nature, to the preamble to H. Con. Res. 20, calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process, be vitiated. **Page S3283**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

**Pages S3283, S3289**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Robert James Jonker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Paul Lewis Maloney, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Janet T. Neff, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Sharion Aycock, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

David R. Dugas, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

James Randal Hall, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

Richard H. Honaker, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

Richard A. Jones, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3284.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Elias A. Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Joan S. Brugge, Harvard Medical School Department of Cell Biology, Boston, Massachusetts; Brent Iverson, University of Texas at Austin; Robert Siliciano, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; and Stephen M. Strittmatter, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 1559–1576; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 253 and 255, were introduced. **Pages H2670–71**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2671–72**

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

H.R. 1433, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–52, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 254, providing for consideration of H.R. 1227, to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 110–53). **Page H2670**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Corrine Brown to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2625**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2626**

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

**Recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on its 175th anniversary:** H. Res. 138, to recognize the importance of Hot Springs National Park on its 175th anniversary, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 157; **Pages H2627–28, H2637–38**

**More Water and More Energy Act of 2007:** H.R. 902, to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources; **Pages H2628–31**

**Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act:** H.R. 1021, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System; **Page H2631**

**Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act:** H.R. 658, to authorize the Secretary of

the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 158; **Pages H2631–33, H2638–39**

*Providing for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah:* H.R. 838, to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah; **Pages H2633–34**

*Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act:* H.R. 839, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 159; and **Pages H2634, S2639**

*Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2007:* H.R. 1006, to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program. **Page H2634–35**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:01 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2637**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Redesignating the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”:* H.R. 759, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”. **Pages H2636–37**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the lives of United States Armed Services members lost in Iraq. **Page H2638**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 253, electing Representative Moore (WI) to the Committee on the Budget. **Page H2639**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2643.

**Senate Referrals:** S.J. Res. 5 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. Con. Res. 14 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H2670**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2637–38, H2638, and H2639. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FINANCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions held a hearing on OMB. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Portman, Director, OMB.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Employment and Training Administration/Office of Job Corps/Veterans Training/Vocational and Adult Education. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Emily Stover DeRocco, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration; Esther R. Johnson, Director, Office of Job Corps; and Troy Justesen, Assistant Secretary, Vocational and Adult Education; and Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Training Administration, Department of Labor.

### SELECT INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Oversight met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Office Budget. Testimony was heard from Donald Kerr, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense.

### CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE INTERFERENCE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Allegations of Political Interference with Government Climate Change Science. Testimony was heard from James Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; James Hansen, Director, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, NASA; Philip Cooney, former Chief of Staff, Council on Environmental Quality; George Deutsch, former Public Affairs Officer, NASA; and a public witness.

### GULF COAST HURRICANE HOUSING RECOVERY ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules,* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for consideration of H.R. 1227, Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial

Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill as amended shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended, and no further amendments shall be in order except those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution.

The rule provides that the further amendments made in order in Part B may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank of Massachusetts, Representatives Corrine Brown of Florida, Biggert and Neugebauer.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the United States Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to continue hearings to examine economic and safety concerns relating to promoting travel to America (Part II), 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine energy innovation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen Jeffrey

Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 126, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, S. 257, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, S. 443, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, S. 444, to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, S. 500, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, D.C., H.R. 512, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, D.C., S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, and for other proposes; and S. Con. Res. 6, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States", 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to receive testimony on identifying needs, partnerships, and resources relating to a competitive education, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Chad and the Central African Republic, focusing on the regional impact of the Darfur crisis, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the state of Alzheimer's disease research 100 years later, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine Medicare doctors who cheat on their taxes and efforts to address the problem, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine combating war profiteering, focusing on investigating and prosecuting contracting fraud and abuse in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine monopoly or competition from new technologies relating to the XM-Sirius merger, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research and Economics, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, 10 a.m., and on International Trade Administration/Bureau of Industry and Security, 2 p.m., H-310 Capital.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Energy Supply and Conservation/Fossil Energy/Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Determining Critical Infrastructure and How To Protect It, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Endowment for the Humanities/National Endowment for the Arts, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Worker Protection Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Library of Congress: Future of Digital Libraries, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Base Realignment and Closure, 9:30 a.m., and on VA Long-Term Health/Nursing Home Care, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, to mark up the Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007, 4:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests for military construction, family housing, base closures and facilities' operations and maintenance, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on U.S. shipyard modernization initiatives and ship cost reduction, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on Climate Change: Perspectives of Utility CEOs, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 518, International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing on H.R. 180, Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on Proposed Legislation on Iraq, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Welcome to America? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, hearing entitled "Organizational and Policy Proposals for the Fiscal Year 2008 Department of Homeland Security Authorization: Positioning US-VISIT for Success and Establishing a Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Process," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, to continue hearings entitled "Crossing the Border: Immigrants in Detention and Victims of Trafficking," 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Subcommittee on Elections, to continue hearings on Election Reform: Auditing Federal Elections, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, hearing on the Inspector General's Independent Report on the FBI's Use of National Security Letters, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Second Chance Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the effect of global climate change on public lands and resources as a result of federal energy policies and actions, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, oversight hearing on Yellowstone National Park Bison, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Federal Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2006: Fiscal Outlook, Management Weaknesses and Consequences, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on National Science Foundation Reauthorization, Part I, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on Post-Katrina Temporary Housing: Dilemmas and Solutions, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Motorcoach Safety, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on IRS Operations and the Tax Gap, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the U.S. Korea Free Trade Agreement Negotiations, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Signals Intelligence, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the Senate*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 20

Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 214, Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act, and during a period of debate, vote on, or in relation to, Kyl Amendment No. 459, and Sessions Amendment No. 460, following which, Senate will vote on final passage of the bill.

*(Senate will recess following the vote on final passage of S. 214 until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of the following suspension: H. Con. Res. 42—Honoring the heroic service and sacrifice of the 6,500 glider pilots of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. Consideration of H.R. 1227—Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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