

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2221–S2236*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 683–686. **Page S2229**

**Measures Reported:** Reported on Thursday, February 22, during the adjournment:

S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2229**

**Washington's Farewell Address:** Senator Corker performed the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address. **Pages S2221–26**

**Surface Transportation and Rail Security Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 184, to provide improved rail and surface transportation security; that the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided between the Majority and Republican Leaders or their designees; and that at approximately 2:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2236**

### Appointments:

**NATO Parliamentary Assembly:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the 110th Congress: Senator Biden. **Page S2235**

**British-American Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore,

and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the 110th Congress: Senator Leahy. **Page S2235**

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

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

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

S. Ward Casscells, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S2229**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 5:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2236.)

### 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 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 67.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for agriculture programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Supplemental Request for fiscal year 2007, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; there is a possibility of a closed session in S-407 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine America's energy future, focusing on bold ideas and practical solutions, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sam Fox, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and Stanley Davis Phillips, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the need for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation of tobacco products, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007 relating to strengthening the criminal justice system, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., 345 CHOB.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* February 28, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review the proposals of the Department of Agriculture for the 2007 Farm Bill with respect to specialty crops and organic agriculture, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* February 27, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secure Border Initiative, 3 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Interior Context, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Architect of the Capitol: Long-Range Requirements, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 28, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FDA, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on National Science Board, 10 a.m., and on Science Funding, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Energy Outlook—the Next Decade, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Consumer Issues, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

February 28 and 29, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on EPA, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Health Resources Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

February 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Transportation and Housing: Trends and Challenges over the Next Decade, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on USDA's Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on NSF, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Financial Services for Disadvantaged Communities, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Meeting Border Patrol Training Needs, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/National Institute of Drug Abuse/National Institute of Mental Health/and National Institute of Alcohol and Alcoholism, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Architect of the Capitol: Budget, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 1, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Long-Term Challenges for Military Construction and Budget Overview, 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 1, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Global HIV/AIDS, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Walter Reed Infrastructure, 10 a.m., H-140 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry/Chemical Safety Board/National Institute on Environmental Health Sciences, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, February 28, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the impact of changes to the Reserve Montgomery G.I. Bill, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 1, full Committee, on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of the Navy, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on views of military advocacy and beneficiary groups, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on integrated nuclear power systems for future Naval surface combatants, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, February 28, hearing on Fiscal Challenges and the Economy in the Long Term, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

March 1, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Priorities, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, February 27, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on Strengthening Communities: An Overview of Service and Volunteering in America, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Improving

Head Start for America's Children, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, February 28, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "The Lack of Diversity in Leadership Positions in NCAA Collegiate Sports," 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "A Review of the Administration's Energy Proposal for the Transportation Sector," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "H.R. 251, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2007," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "The Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request," 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Covering the Uninsured Through the Eyes of a Child," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Digital Future of the United States: Part I—The Future of the World Wide Web," 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, February 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Insurance Claims Payment Processes in the Gulf Coast after the 2005 Hurricanes," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, February 28, hearing on Iraq, 10 a.m., and a hearing on North Korea, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on North Korean Human Rights: An Update, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy Toward Latin America, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, February 28, Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, joint hearing entitled "Reforming FEMA: Are We Making Progress?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 1, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security's Directorate: Goals and Objectives of the New Under Secretary," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, February 28, to consider Committee funding requests, 9:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, February 28, to consider the following: pending Committee business; a resolution establishing an Antitrust Task Force; and H.R. 1130, Judicial Disclosure Responsibility Act, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 28, Antitrust Task Force, hearing on Competition and the Future of Digital Music, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on S. 1, To provide

greater transparency in the legislative process, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, February 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing to review the proposed fiscal year 2008 budget for the Minerals Management Services, the Bureau of Land Management, Energy and Minerals programs, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the Minerals and Geology Program of the Forest Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey, except for the activities and programs of the Water Resources Division, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 27, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request for NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 27, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request for the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 27, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 28, full Committee, oversight hearing on the Evolving West, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 1, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for the National Park Service, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 1, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 24, San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, February 28, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "Reforming the Presidential Library Funding Disclosure Process," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing entitled "9/11 Health Effects: Federal Monitoring and Treatment of Residents and Responders," 12 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 1, full Committee, hearing entitled "Examine allegations of Political Interference with Government Climate Change Science," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, oversight hearing on The Presidential Records Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, February 27, to consider H.R. 556, National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

February 28, to consider H.R. 800, Employee Free Choice Act, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, February 28, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 85, Energy Technology Transfer Act; H.R. 1068, To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991; H.R. 1126, To reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; and H.R. 363, Sowing the Seeds through Science and Engineering Research Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, February 28, to consider Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2008 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 1, hearing entitled "Increasing Access to Capital for Our Nation's Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, February 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Information and Security Management at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, February 28, to consider Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2008 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on Energy and Tax Policy, focusing on climate change, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's annual March report on Medicare payment policies, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, February 28, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request, 10:30 a.m., H-405.

March 1, executive, to consider pending business, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., 345 CHOB.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business. At 2:15 p.m. Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 184, Surface Transportation and Rail Security Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 2:30 p.m.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.



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