

Monday, December 4, 2006

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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U.S.-INDIA NUCLEAR AGREEMENT—CONFEREES: The Chair announced the following conferees on the part of the Senate to H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India: Senators Lugar, Hagel, Allen, Frist, Biden, and Dodd. **Page S11108**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Robert M. Gates, of Texas, to be Secretary of Defense. **Page S11110**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S11109**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S11109–10**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., in a pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:02 a.m., until 12 noon, on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. **Page S11110**

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Scott Wallace Stucky, of Maryland, and Margaret A. Ryan, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: December 6, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leland A. Strom, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, and Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: December 5, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert M. Gates, of Texas, to be Secretary of Defense; with the possibility of a closed session in S-407 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

December 6, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing on the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Report of events from November 2005 in the Iraqi town of Haditha and on the probe by Army Major General Eldon Bargewell on how the chain of command handled the initial reporting of the incidents, 1:30 p.m., SR-222.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 5 through December 9, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 12 noon, Senator DeWine will be recognized to speak for up to two hours. At 2 p.m., Senate will consider H.R. 5384, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 5, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jane C. Luxton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Steven R. Chealander, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Charles E. Dorkey III, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: December 6, business meeting to consider the nominations of Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, and Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, and Diane Humetewa, of Arizona, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

December 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to climate change and the media, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: December 5, to hold hearings to examine a report card on tax exemptions and incentives for higher education, 10 a.m., SD-215.

December 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anthony W. Ryan, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Markets, Phillip L. Swagel, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, Dean A. Pinkert, of Virginia, and Irving A. Williamson, of New York, both to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, and Mark Warshawsky, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, Social Security Administration (pending receipt by the Senate), 12 noon, SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: December 5, business meeting to consider pending nominations, 5 p.m., Room to be announced.

December 6, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 5, Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability, to hold hearings to examine the successes and shortcomings of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

December 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the extent of fraud, waste, and abuse relating to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

December 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, 3 p.m., SD-342.

December 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 5, to hold hearings to examine enforcement of criminal insider trading and hedge fund activity, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

December 6, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

December 6, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings to examine implementation of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (Public Law 109-8), 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

December 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine vertically integrated sports programming, focusing on whether cable companies are excluding competition, 11 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: December 6, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 7, to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, December 6, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing to examine criteria for awards and decorations, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

December 7, full Committee, hearing on U.S. military transition teams in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, December 5, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, meeting to consider a motion to Approve the Interim Report on the Administrative Law, Process and Procedure Project for the 21st Century, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 5, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act: Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to Cold War Veterans When We Created the Program?" (Part V), 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 7, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on The Arbitration Process of the National Football League Players Association, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, December 7, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing to review Departments' actions regarding the recommendations of the 1999 Transition Commission Report, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, December 6, hearing on Patient Safety and Quality Issues in End State Renal Disease Treatment, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, December 5, executive, briefing on Intelligence Collection Architecture, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.