

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nominations of Condoleezza Rice, of California, to be Secretary of State, Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty three bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 168–200, S. Res. 13–21, and S. Con. Res. 6–7. **Pages S573–75**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 13, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Res. 14, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S. Res. 15, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S. Res. 16, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 17, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 19, authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. Res. 21, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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Measures Passed:

Auschwitz Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 18, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Poland. **Pages S552–53**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 21, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses. **Page S614**

Ukraine Presidential Election: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 7, congratulating the people of Ukraine for conducting a democratic transparent and fair run-off presidential election on December 26, 2004, and

congratulating Viktor Yushchenko on his election as President of Ukraine and his commitment to democracy and reform. **Pages S613–14**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 85 yeas 13 nays (Vote No. Ex. 2), Condoleezza Rice, of California, to be Secretary of State.

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Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Pages S533–42, S614**

Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S529–32, S614**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—2) **Page S529**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 21, adjourned at 5:30 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, January 31, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S 614.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 14) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

CURRENT MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding current military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; and General John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, United States Central Command.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 15) authorizing expenditures by the committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions: Senators Bennett (Chairman), Allard, Santorum, Sununu, Martinez, Hagel, Bunning, Crapo, Johnson, Carper, Dodd, Reed, Stabenow, and Bayh.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation: Senators Allard (Chairman), Santorum, Dole, Enzi, Bennett, Martinez, Shelby, Reed, Stabenow, Corzine, Dodd, Carper and Schumer.

Subcommittee on Securities and Investment: Senators Hagel (Chairman), Enzi, Sununu, Martinez, Bennett, Bunning, Crapo, Dole, Allard, Santorum, Dodd, Johnson, Reed, Schumer, Bayh, Stabenow, Corzine, and Carper.

Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance: Senators Crapo (Chairman), Hagel, Enzi, Sununu, Dole, Bayh, Johnson, and Corzine.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Bunning (Chairman), Shelby, and Schumer.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Samuel W. Bodman, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy; and

An original resolution (S. Res. 13) authorizing expenditures by the committee.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Alexander (Chairman), Burr, Martinez, Talent, Allen, Bunning, Murkowski, Craig, Thomas, Burns, Dorgan, Akaka, Johnson, Landrieu, Feinstein, Cantwell, Corzine, and Salazar.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests: Senators Craig (Chairman), Burns, Thomas, Talent, Smith, Alexander, Murkowski, Allen, Wyden, Akaka, Dorgan, Johnson, Landrieu, Feinstein, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Thomas (Chairman), Alexander, Allen, Burr, Martinez, Smith, Akaka, Wyden, Landrieu, Corzine, and Salazar.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Murkowski (Chairman), Smith, Craig, Burr, Martinez, Burns, Bunning, Talent, Johnson, Dorgan, Wyden, Feinstein, Cantwell, Corzine, and Salazar.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 17) authorizing expenditures by the committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Senators Bond (Chairman), Warner, Voinovich, Chafee, Murkowski, Thune, Baucus, Lieberman, Boxer, Carper, and Clinton.

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety: Senators Voinovich (Chairman), Bond, DeMint, Isakson, Vitter, Carper, Lieberman, Lautenberg, and Obama.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water: Senators Chafee (Chairman), Warner, Murkowski, DeMint, Vitter, Clinton, Lieberman, Lautenberg, and Obama.

Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management: Senators Thune (Chairman), Isakson, Warner, Bond, Boxer, Baucus, and Lautenberg.

MULTI-EMISSIONS LEGISLATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the need for multi-emissions legislation, focusing on the Clean Air Act, National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and the Clear Skies Act, after receiving testimony from Indiana State Senator Beverly Gard, Indianapolis; Mayor Bob Young, Augusta, Georgia, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; John A. Paul, Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, Dayton, Ohio, on the behalf of State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators and Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials; Ronald R. Harper, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck,