

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S681–S831

Measures Introduced: Thirty three bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 224–256, S. Res. 27–33, and S. Con. Res. 8. **Pages S738–39**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 29, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 30, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 32, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations. **Page S738**

Measures Passed:

Family Entertainment and Copyright Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 167, to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Brownback (for Leahy/Hatch) Amendment No. 1, of a technical nature. **Pages S826–29**

Commending Palestinian Presidential Election: Senate agreed to S. Res. 27, commending the results of the January 9, 2005, Palestinian Presidential Elections. **Pages S829–31**

Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General. **Pages S687–S732**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination that at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 2, 2005; that the time until 4:30 p.m., be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that following 2 hours of morning business on Thursday, February 3, 2005, Senate continue consideration of the nomination for a period of 8 hours equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their des-

ignees; and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination. **Page S831**

Bill—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 45, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S829**

Appointments:

Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations: The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93–618, as amended by Public Law 100–418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appointed the following Members of the Committee on Finance as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Lott, Baucus, and Rockefeller. **Page S829**

Washington's Farewell Address: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, appointed Senator Burr to read Washington's Farewell Address on Friday, February 18, 2005. **Page S829**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S739–40**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, February 2, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S831.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY PERSONNEL BENEFITS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine death benefits and services available to survivors of military personnel and legislative proposals to enhance these benefits, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; General Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral John B. Nathman, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; General William L. Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps; General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force; and Robert J. Epley, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 29) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office report on the budget and economic outlook for fiscal years 2006 to 2015, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: On Monday, January 31, committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 24) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 30) authorizing expenditures by the committee.

U.S. POLICY IN IRAQ AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strategies for reshaping U.S. policy regarding Iraq and the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Anthony H. Cordesman,

Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Peter Khalil, The Brookings Institution Saban Center for the Middle East Policy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Newbold, USMC (Ret.), GlobeSecNine, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 32) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion: Senators Hagel (Chairman), Alexander, Murkowski, Martinez, Voinovich, Sarbanes, Dodd, Kerry and Obama.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs: Senators Chafee (Chairman), Hagel, Coleman, Voinovich, Sununu, Boxer, Sarbanes, Nelson, and Obama.

Subcommittee on European Affairs: Senators Allen (Chairman), Voinovich, Murkowski, Hagel, Chafee, Biden, Sarbanes, Dodd, and Feingold.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Narcotics Affairs: Senators Coleman (Chairman), Chafee, Allen, Martinez, Sununu, Dodd, Kerry, Boxer, and Nelson.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism: Senators Sununu (Chairman), Voinovich, Allen, Coleman, Alexander, Nelson, Biden, Kerry, and Boxer.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs: Senators Murkowski (Chairman), Alexander, Hagel, Chafee, Allen, Kerry, Biden, Feingold, and Obama.

Subcommittee on African Affairs: Senators Martinez (Chairman), Alexander, Coleman, Sununu, Murkowski, Feingold, Sarbanes, Dodd, and Obama.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 21) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

COMMITTEE RULES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: On Monday, January 31, committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 23) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.