

## 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.