

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Robert Menendez of the State of New Jersey was administered the oath of office.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2177–2179, and S. Res. 348. **Page S14**

**Measures Passed:**

**Minority Committee Appointments:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 348, making minority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 109th Congress. **Page S4**

**Swearing in of Senator Menendez:** The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-designate Robert Menendez of the State of New Jersey, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S4**

**Committee Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that committees be authorized to file legislative and executive reports from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday, January 24, 2006. **Pages S3–4**

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

Gale A. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Preston M. Geren, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

Roger Shane Karr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Tyler D. Duvall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

David C. Sanborn, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

Mark D. Wallace, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Mark D. Wallace, of Florida, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Donald T. Bliss, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Eugene Hickok, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on October 17, 2005.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:52 a.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, January 20, 2006 for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S17.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Monday, January 9 through Friday, January 13, committee held hearings on the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, where the nominee, on Monday, was introduced by Senator Lautenberg and former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, and presented a statement in his own behalf. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf. On Thursday, testimony was received from Stephen L. Tober, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Marna

Tucker and John Payton, both of Washington, DC, all on behalf of the American Bar Association; Judge Edward R. Becker, Chief Judge Anthony J. Scirica, Judge Maryanne Trump Barry, Judge Ruggero J. Aldisert, all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Judge Leonard I. Garth, Chicago, Illinois, all of the United States Court of Appeals; John J. Gibbons, Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, Newark, New Jersey, former United States Court of Appeals Judge (Ret.); Timothy K. Lewis, Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis, Washington, DC, former United States Court of Appeals Judge (Ret.); Edna Ball Axelrod, Law Offices of Edna Ball Axelrod, South Orange, New Jersey; Michael J. Gerhardt, University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill; Peter Kirsanow, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, Cleveland, Ohio, and Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Samuel Issacharoff, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; Carter Phillips, Sidley Austin, Washington, DC; and Goodwin Liu, University of California, Berkeley; and on Friday, testimony was received from Representatives Gonzalez and Wasserman Schultz; Nora Demleitner, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York; Erwin Chemerinsky, Duke University Law School, Durham, North Carolina; Anthony Kronman, Yale Law School, and Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., both of New Haven, Connecticut; Beth Nolan, Crowell & Moring, former Counsel to the President (1999–2001), Kate Michelman, on behalf of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL), Amanda Frost, American University Washington College of Law, Reginald M. Turner, Jr., National Bar Association, and Theodore Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, all of Washington, DC; Charles Fried, former Solicitor General of the United States, and Laurence H. Tribe, both of Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Fred Gray, Gray, Langford, Sapp, McGowan, Gray & Nathanson, Tuskegee, Alabama; John G. S. Flym, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; Kate Pringle, Friedman, Kaplan, Seiler & Adelman, New York, New York; and Jack White, Kirkland & Ellis, San Francisco, California.