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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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The Senate met in a pro forma session at 10:00:03 a.m. and adjourned at 10:00:26 a.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MINE SAFETY

Committee on Appropriations: On Monday, January 23, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine mine safety issues, focusing on the Sago Mine disaster in West Virginia, after receiving testimony from David G. Dye, Acting Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and Ray McKinney, Administrator, Coal Mine Safety and Health, both of the Department of Labor; Bennett K. Hatfield, International Coal Group, Inc., Ashland, Kentucky; J. Davitt McAteer, Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, West Virginia, former Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health; Chris R. Hamilton, West Virginia Coal Association, Charleston; Cecil E. Roberts, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Bruce Watzman, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.

BROADCAST TELEVISION AND RADIO FLAG TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine digital audio broadcast issues and the use of audio flag for the protection of digital music, focusing on the FCC's Broadcast Flag Order and strategies to protect music and other audio content in a digital age, after

receiving testimony from Andrew Setos, Fox Entertainment Group, Inc., and Thomas B. Patton, Philips Electronics North America Corporation, both of New York, New York; Jonathan Band, American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Library Copyright Alliance; Leslie Harris, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Mitch Bainwol, Recording Industry Association of America, Washington, D.C.; Gary Shapiro, Consumers Electronics Association, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Home Recording Rights Coalition; and Dan Halyburton, Susquehanna Radio Corporation, York, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters.

CATASTROPHIC PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine catastrophic planning and preparedness issues, focusing on hurricane response activities including the Hurricane Pam Exercise, after receiving testimony from Wayne Fairley, Chief, Response Operation Branch, Response and Recovery Division (Region VI), Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Sean R. Fontenot, Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Madhu Beriwal, Innovative Emergency Management, Inc. (IEM), both of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Jesse St. Amant, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.