

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S235–S258

Measures Introduced: One bill and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2206, S. Res. 356–357, and S. Con. Res. 78. **Page S249**

Measures Passed:

Earthquake Relief Commitment: Senate agreed to S. Res. 356, urging a commitment by the United States and the international community to continue relief efforts in response to the earthquake in South Asia and to help rebuild critical infrastructure in the affected areas. **Pages S252–53**

Condemning Iran: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 78, condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council. **Pages S253–54**

Supreme Court Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. **Pages S235–48**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Monday, January 30, 2006, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon to occur at 4:30 p.m. **Page S254**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Boyd Kevin Rutherford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Randall S. Kroszner, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1994.

Kevin M. Warsh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2004.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S254–58**

Measures Referred: **Pages S248–49**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 2:10 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, January 30, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S254.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 30 through February 4, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination to occur at 4:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, at 11 a.m., after a period of debate and if cloture was invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Also, at 9 p.m., Senate and House of Representatives will meet in the House Chamber for a Joint Session to receive the President's State of the Union address.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: January 31, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine pandemic influenza preparedness at Federal, State and Local levels, 8:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 2, to resume hearings to examine proposals to reform the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: February 2, to hold hearings to examine the CBO budget and economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 31, to hold hearings to examine video franchising, 10 a.m., SD-562.

January 31, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine video content, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

February 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine promotion and advancement of women in sports, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 31, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kristie A. Kenney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, and Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

February 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Dhaka on September 26, 2004 with an exchange of notes enclosed (Treaty Doc. 109-5), Protocol Amending

the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 31, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 109-4), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Estates, Inheritances, and Gifts signed at Washington on November 24, 1978 (Treaty Doc. 109-7), and Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Washington on September 30, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 109-8), 2 p.m., SD-419.

February 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gary A. Grappo, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, and Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 31, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 30, to resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on urban search and rescue during a catastrophe, 2 p.m., SD-342.

January 31, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the challenges during a catastrophe, including the evacuation of New Orleans in advance of Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 1, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on managing the crisis and evacuating New Orleans, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 2, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the role of the Governors in managing the catastrophe, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 3, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on managing law enforcement and communications in a catastrophe, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 1, to hold oversight hearings to examine off-reservation gaming issues, focusing on the process for considering gaming applications, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 1, to hold hearings to examine consolidation in the energy industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

February 1, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the death penalty in the United States, 2 p.m., SD-226.

February 2, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.