

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S781–S873*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2255–2261, S. Res. 370, and S. Con. Res. 80. **Page S864**

#### Measures Passed:

**Bill Enrollment:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 80, relating to the enrollment of S. 1932. **Page S870**

**Honoring Coal Miners:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 370, honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 16 coal miners killed in various mine disasters in West Virginia, and recognizing the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies. **Pages S870–71**

**Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill, pursuant to the order of February 7, 2006. **Pages S786–S837, S837–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, February 9, 2006. **Page S872**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, consistent with the Office of National Drug Control Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1705), the 2006 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–37) **Page S861**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to blocking property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–38) **Page S861**

**Edelman Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. **Pages S871–72**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, February 10, 2006. **Page S872**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Roland Arnall, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. (Prior to this action, the nomination was recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations and it was then discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S870, S873**

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

Patricia P. Brister, of Louisiana, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the Representative of the United States of America on the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Sandra Segal Ikuta, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Michael Brunson Wallace, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Pages S872–73**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S862**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S870**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S872.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### PHONE RECORD PRIVACY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded hearings to examine issues with respect to the procurement and sale of consumers' private phone records, and Federal efforts to protect the privacy and security of telephone records and other types of sensitive consumer information, after receiving testimony from Senator Schumer; former Representative Steve Largent, on behalf of CTIA—The Wireless Association; Kris Anne Monteith, Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Lydia B. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center, and Cindy Southworth, National Network to End Domestic Violence, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert Douglas, PrivacyToday.com, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

### Nominations:

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Terrence L. Bracy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, Dennis Bottorff, of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senators McConnell and Bunning, Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, William B. Sansom, of Tennessee, Howard A. Thraikill, of Alabama, who was introduced by Senators Sessions and Alexander, and Donald R. DePriest, of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, all to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held a hearing to examine implementation of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, focusing on the volume of calls to 1-800-MEDICARE, pharmacy outreach, and total enrollment in the drug benefit program, receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; William Fleming, Humana, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; Susan E. Rawlings, Wellpoint, Inc., Newbury Park, California; David W. Bernauer, Walgreen Company,

Deerfield, Illinois; Tobey Schule, Sykes Pharmacy, Kalispell, Montana; Joy Paeth, Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois, Belleville; and Pamela Willoughby, St. John's Episcopal Church and Bedford Presbyterian Church, Bedford, Virginia.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, and Jeanine E. Jackson, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, who was introduced by Senator Enzi, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ongoing efforts to achieve the reconstruction and development of Iraq, focusing on improving primary health care, expanding access to electricity, providing potable water, restoring sewage systems, improving local governance and community development, connecting Iraq to the global economy, and transforming primary education, after receiving testimony from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR), Office of the SIGIR, Department of Defense; James Jeffrey, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State for Iraq, Department of State; James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

### INDIAN TRIBES AND THE FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearings to examine the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act to Indian tribes and the Federal Election Commission's past decisions in this area, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Toner, Chairman, and Robert D. Lenhard, Vice Chairman, both of the Federal Election Commission; and Philip N. Hogen, National Indian Gaming Commission, W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, Lawrence Noble, Center for Responsive Politics, and James A. Thurber, American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

### LEGISLATIVE PROCESS TRANSPARENCY

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine procedures to bring