

to provide a new system by which to resolve claims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. (By 70 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 13), Senate tabled the amendment).
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During consideration of this bill, Senate also took the following action:

Cornyn Amendment No. 2749 (to Amendment No. 2748), in the nature of a substitute, fell when Cornyn Amendment No. 2748 (listed above) was tabled.
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, February 10, 2005.
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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Daniel A. Blumenthal of the District of Columbia for a term expiring December 31, 2007.
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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.
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(Prior to the confirmation of the nomination, Senate vitiated the vote on the motion to invoke cloture.)
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—13)
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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 8:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, February

10, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1045.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TSA'S PASSENGER PRE-SCREENING PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine commercial aviation security, focusing on Transportation Security Administration's aviation passenger pre-screening programs, Secure Flight and Registered Traveler, to discuss issues that have prevented these programs from being launched, and to determine their future, receiving testimony from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; James C. May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., and Timothy D. Sparapani, American Civil Liberties Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charles Barclay, American Association of Airport Executives, on behalf of The American Association of Airport Executives and Airports Council International-North America, and Bill Connors, National Business Travel Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Samuel Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

NATURAL GAS PRICES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the impact of clean air regulations on natural gas prices, including electricity generation, after receiving testimony from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; William Wehrum, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Arthur E. Smith, Jr., NiSource, Inc., Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Gas Association; and Joel Bluestein, Energy and Environmental Analysis, Inc., and Jack N. Gerard, American Chemistry Council, both of Arlington, Virginia.

BUDGET: HHS

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new initiatives in cooperative threat reduction, focusing S. 1949, to provide for coordination of proliferation interdiction activities and conventional arms disarmament, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Joseph, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the Defense Department's role in the response, after receiving testimony from Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense; Admiral

Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Northern Command; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Russel L. Honore, Commander, First U.S. Army; and Major General Bennett C. Landreneau, The Adjutant General, State of Louisiana, and Director, Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held a hearing to examine the role of education in global competitiveness, focusing on the knowledge of math and science, and the respective high school reform and national security language initiatives, receiving testimony from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2006.

Committee Meetings**U.S. COMPETITIVENESS—21ST CENTURY MARKETPLACE**

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Sharpening Our Edge—Staying Competitive in the 21st Century Marketplace." Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**RUSSIA**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): on Wednesday, February 9, 2006, Commission concluded a hearing to examine the current situation and future prospects for human rights, civil society, and democratic governance in Russia, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assist-

ant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Barry F. Lowenkron, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, both of the Department of State; Allison Gill, Human Rights Watch, Moscow, Russia; Andrew C. Kuchins, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Andrei Piontkovsky, Hudson Institute, and Natalia Bourjaily, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, all of Washington, D.C.; and Nicolai N. Petro, University of Rhode Island, Kingston.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the roles of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency leadership, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.