

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1511–S1554

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2334–2341, S. Res. 384–385, and S. Con. Res. 82. **Pages S1539–40**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1614, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. (S. Rept. No. 109–218) **Page S1539**

Measures Passed:

National Sibling Connection Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 381, designating March 1, 2006, as National Sibling Connection Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1553**

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 384, designating March 2, 2006, as “Read Across America Day”. **Page S1554**

USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments: Senate continued consideration of S. 2271, to clarify that individuals who receive FISA orders can challenge nondisclosure requirements, that individuals who receive national security letters are not required to disclose the name of their attorney, that libraries are not wire or electronic communication service providers unless they provide specific services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1515–28**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 2895, to establish the enactment date of the Act. **Page S1515**

Frist Amendment No. 2896 (to Amendment No. 2895), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1515**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 23), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S1522–23**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, with a vote on final passage of the bill to occur at 10 a.m. **Page S1554**

LIHEAP Funding—Cloture Motion: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2320, to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006. **Page S1522**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, March 2, 2006. **Page S1522**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S1522**

Escort Committee Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Honorable Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy, into the House Chamber for the joint meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. **Page S1553**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency blocking property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–41) **Page S1538**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—23) **Page S1523**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1554.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from John D. Negroponte, Director, and General Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Principal Deputy Director, both of the Office of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Michael D. Maples, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Sandra Bushue, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Mayor Patrick L. McCrory, Charlotte, North Carolina, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; and William Millar, American Public Transportation Association, Washington, D.C.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed reforms of the Universal Service Fund (USF) contribution system, including the distribution side of the universal service equation, and wireless carriers providing mobile broadband services, after receiving testimony from Glen Post, CenturyTel, Inc., Monroe, Louisiana; Tom Simmons, Midcontinent Communications, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Trent Boaldin, Epic Touch Company, Elkhart, Kansas; Bonnie Cramer, AARP, Raleigh, North Carolina; and Paul

W. Garnett, CTIA—The Wireless Association, Washington, D.C.

PORT SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the security of terminal operations at U.S. ports, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Admiral Jayson Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, and Rear Admiral Thomas H. Gilmour, Assistant Commandant for Prevention, United States Coast Guard, all of the Department of Homeland Security; H. Edward Bilkey, DP World, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Robert Scavone, P&O Ports North America, Inc, Iselin, New Jersey; Tay Yoshitani, National Association of Waterfront Employers, and Christopher Koch, World Shipping Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Mitre, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Los Angeles, California.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, and Mark Rey, Under Secretary Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture.

WATER REUSE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the current status of the Bureau of Reclamation Reuse and Recycling Program (Title XVI of Public Law 102-575), after receiving testimony from John W. Keys, III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Betsy A. Cody, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Virginia Grebbien, Orange County Water District, Fountain Valley, California; Thomas F. Donnelly, National Water Resources Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Richard Atwater, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Chino, California, on behalf of the WaterReuse Association.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine S. 2060, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 and make certain improvements,