

**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,

S. 1838, to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, and H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Mayor Anthony A. William, Washington, D.C.; Sally L. Stroup, Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education; and Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

### OFF-RESERVATION GAMING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming activities, focusing on land into trust and the two-part determination related to off-reservation gaming, after receiving testimony from George T. Skibine, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs; Ron Suppah, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Pendleton; Cheryl A. Kennedy, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, Grand Ronde; Carol York, Hood River County Commissioner, Hood River, Oregon; Michael Lang, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Portland, Oregon; and Cheryl Schmit, Stand Up for California, Penryn.

### NSA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relating to wartime executive power and the NSA's surveillance authority, receiving testimony from R. James Woolsey, Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, Virginia, Former Director of Central Intelligence; Harold Hongju Koh, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Ken Gormley, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Douglas W. Kmiec, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California; Bruce Fein, Fein and Fein, and Robert A. Levy, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert F. Turner, University of Virginia Center for National Security Law, Charlottesville.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

### DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain legislative recommendations and concerns of wartime service-connected disabled veterans, after receiving testimony from Paul W. Jackson, David W. Gorman, and Joseph A. Violante, all of the Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 4805–4823; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79; H. Con. Res. 348; and H. Res. 697–700 were introduced. **Pages H449–50**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H450–52**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4167, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements (H. Rept. 109–379); and

H.R. 1071, to direct the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate such facilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–380, Pt. 1). **Page H449**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Aderholt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H391**

**Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Kolbe, Chairman and Representative McCaul of Texas, Vice-Chairman. **Page H393**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Barrow wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education pending his appointment to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, effective immediately. **Page H393**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*A bill to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under*