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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—36)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 31, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1357–58.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Central Command, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 48) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Lieberman, (Chairman), Akaka, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, Webb, McCaskill, Cornyn, Warner, Inhofe, Sessions, Ensign, and Chambliss.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Reed (Chairman), Kennedy, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Clinton, Dole, Warner, Collins, Graham, Cornyn, and Martinez.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Nelson (NE) (Chairman), Kennedy, Lieberman, Webb, McCaskill, Graham, Collins, Chambliss, and Dole.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Akaka (Chairman), Byrd, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, McCaskill, Ensign, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, and Dole.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Kennedy (Chairman), Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Thune, Warner, Collins, Ensign, and Martinez.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Nelson (FL) (Chairman), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Sessions, Inhofe, Graham, and Thune.

Senators Levin and McCain are ex officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

FISCAL CHALLENGES

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine long-term fiscal challenges, focusing on the current budget situation and outlook, and

long-run imbalance and related solutions, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Reischauer, and C. Eugene Steuerle, both of the Urban Institute, and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, all of Washington, D.C.

WILDLIFE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES COSTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held a hearing to examine the status of Federal land management agencies' efforts to contain the costs of their wildlife suppression activities and to consider recent independent reviews of and recommendations for those efforts, receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, both of the Department of Agriculture; Nina Rose Hatfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Business Management and Wildland Fire; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; James Caswell, Idaho Office of Species Conservation, Boise, on behalf of the Strategic Issues Panel on Fire Suppression Costs of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council; Kirk Rowdabaugh, Arizona State Forester, Phoenix, on behalf of sundry organizations; and Bruce D. McDowell, National Academy of Public Administration, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

FUEL EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held a hearing to examine transportation sector fuel efficiency, focusing on challenges to and incentives for increased oil savings through technological innovation including plug-in hybrid vehicles, receiving testimony from Senator Stabenow; Elizabeth Lowery, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; John German, American Honda Motor Company, Inc., and Walter S. McManus, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, both of Ann Arbor; Menahem Anderman, Advanced Automotive Batteries, Oregon House, California; William J. Logue, FedEx Express, Memphis, Tennessee; and David L. Greene, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 46) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Senators' perspectives on global warming, focusing on Senators'

views on global warming and what each Senator believes the Nation's response should be to the issue, after receiving testimony from Senators Bingaman, Feinstein, Kerry, McCain, Obama, Levin, Murkowski, Akaka, Lincoln, Durbin, and Nelson (FL).

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Lieberman and Stevens, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee resumed hearings to examine securing America's interests in Iraq, focusing on the remaining options, alternative plans and the Iraq Study Group, receiving testimony from James A. Baker, III, and Lee H. Hamilton, both a Co-Chair, Iraq Study Group.

Hearings to continue on Wednesday, January 31.

CONSTITUTIONAL POWER

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine exercising Congress' constitutional power to end a war, after receiving testimony from Louis Fisher, Specialist in Constitutional Law, Library of Congress Law Library; David J. Barron, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts;

Robert F. Turner, University of Virginia School of Law Center for National Security Law, Charlottesville; Bradford A. Berenson, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Walter Dellinger, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina, former Acting Solicitor General of the United States.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters and ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 50, an original resolution amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to make amendments arising from the enactment of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and to make other amendments; and

S. Res. 51, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Prior to this action, Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: On Monday, January 29, 2007, Committee approved for reporting an original resolution (S. Res. 45) authorizing expenditures by the Committee and adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 718–737; 2 private bills, H.R. 738–739; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 47; and H. Res. 105–115 were introduced. **Pages H1053–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1054–55**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 116, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 (H. Rept. 110–6).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Meeks to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H989**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H991**

United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representatives Gillmor, Regula, Boozman, and Shimkus. **Page H995**

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

Establishing the House Democracy Assistance Commission for the One Hundred Tenth Congress: H. Res. 24, amended, to establish the House Democracy Assistance Commission for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 62;

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Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent,