

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1583–S1654*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 491–509, S. Res. 72–73, and S. Con. Res. 9. **Pages S1626–27**

**Measures Passed:**

*Ronald Reagan Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, designating February 6, 2007, as “Ronald Reagan Day”. **Pages S1653–54**

**Messages Referred:** **Page S1621**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 7, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1654.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 and the fiscal years 2007 and 2008 war supplemental requests in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), both of the Department of Defense; and General Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General George W. Casey Jr., USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Central Command; and 37 nominations in the Army and Air Force.

#### WAR COSTS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine war costs, focusing on the costs of operations in the Iraq theater and issues associated with estimating those costs, while considering the costs of the continuing global war on terror, after receiving testimony from J. Michael Gilmore, Assistant Director for National Security, Congressional Budget Office; and Steven M. Kosiak, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Gordon Adams, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.

#### EPA DECISIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decisions, focusing on EPA actions and documents, including monitoring regulations related to perchlorate, the process for setting National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), the lead NAAQS process, air toxics control (the “once in, always in” policy), the Toxic Release Inventory, and EPA library closures, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration; John R. Balmes, University of California, San Francisco at San Francisco General Hospital, on behalf of the American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society, and Gina M. Solomon, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of San Francisco, California; Leslie Burger, Princeton Public Library, Princeton, New Jersey, on behalf of the

American Library Association; Robert T. Connery, Holland and Hart, Denver, Colorado; and Nancy Klinefelter, Baltimore Glassware Decorators, Baltimore, Maryland.

### BUDGET PROPOSAL

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Secretary of the Treasury.

### SOMALIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine a comprehensive stabilization, reconstruction and counterterrorism strategy for Somalia, after receiving testimony from Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Michael E. Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; David H. Shinn, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, former Ambassador to Ethiopia, and J. Stephen Morrison, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Ken Menkhaus, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina.

### U.S. ATTORNEYS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine if the Department of Justice is politicizing the hiring and firing of U.S. attorneys relating to preserving prosecutorial independence, including S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28,

United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, after receiving testimony from Senator Pryor; Paul J. McNulty, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Mary Jo White, Debevoise and Plimpton, LLP, New York, New York, former United States Attorney; Laurie L. Levenson, Loyola Law School Center for Ethical Advocacy, Los Angeles, California; and Stuart M. Gerson, Epstein, Becker and Green, Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Preston Bailey, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Byrd and Representative Capito, and Otis D. Wright II, and George H. Wu, each to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of J. Michael McConnell, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 833–865; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 22; H. Con. Res. 56–59; and H. Res. 128–132 were introduced. **Pages H1270–72**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1272–73**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Johnson of Georgia to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1213**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1214**

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

***Bainbridge Island Japanese American Monument Act of 2007:*** H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 76;

**Pages H1218–22, H1228–29**

***Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act of 2007:*** H.R. 512, amended, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance