

amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2115–16**

Reid (for Salazar) Amendment No. 267, to add the name of Dr. Hector P. Garcia to a short title. **Page S2116**

Iraq Sense of Congress: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 574, to express the sense of Congress on Iraq. **Page S2015**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of February 15, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur at 1:45 p.m., on Saturday, February 17, 2007. **Page S2015**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 49), Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1986–87**

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 50), Marcia Morales Howard, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S1986–88**

Leon R. Sequeira, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2007. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration.)

Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Page S2117**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—50) **Pages S1987, S1988**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon, on Friday, February 16, 2007.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUTURE READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the current and future readiness of the Army and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, and Lieutenant General Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–8, both of the United States Army; and General James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's proposal to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (Part 1), after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior.

TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's trade agenda for 2007, after receiving testimony from Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the

Republic of Iraq, and William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 343, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999;

S. 457, to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories, a proposed bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

S. 550, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia,

S. 171, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building";

S. 194 and H.R. 49, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building";

S. 219 and H.R. 335, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office";

S. 412 and H.R. 521, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building";

H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building";

H.R. 514, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office"; and

H.R. 577, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building".

TRIBAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for tribal programs, after

receiving testimony from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior; Charles W. Grim, Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Catherine Freeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, and Thomas M. Corwin, Director, Division of Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Analysis, Budget Service, both of the Department of Education; Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Regina B. Schofield, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Ivan D. Posey, Eastern Shoshone Business Council, Fort Washakie, Wyoming; Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; and H. Sally Smith, National Indian Health Board, Verlie Ann Malina Wright, National Indian Education Association, and Marty Shuravloff, National American Indian Housing Council, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 41, honoring and the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers;

S. Res. 47, honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers;

S. Res. 49, recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State;

S. Res. 69, recognizing the African-American spirit as a national treasure; and The nominations of Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, and Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Also, Committee approved for reporting S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

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.

BABY BOOMERS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the retirement of those Americans born between 1946 and 1964 (baby boomers), focusing on the federal budget and senior citizens,

and Social Security benefits, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Josefina Carbonell, Assistant Secretary

for Aging, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 1062–1108; 1 private bill, H.R. 1109; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 66; and H. Res. 165–171 were introduced. **Pages H1789–90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1790–91**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–14). **Page H1787**

Administration of the Oath of Office to Officers of the House: The Speaker administered the Oath of Office to Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House of Representatives and Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives. **Page H1671**

Notify the Senate of the Election of the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 165, informing the Senate of the election of the Clerk. **Page H1671**

Notify the President of the Election of the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 166, instructing the Clerk to inform the President of the United States of the election of the Clerk. **Page H1671**

Clerk Designations: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Ms. Marjorie C. Kelaher, Deputy Clerk, and Mr. Jorge E. Sorensen, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability. **Page H1671**

Disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq: The House continued debate on H. Con. Res. 63, to disapprove of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq. Further proceedings were postponed until Friday, February 16. **Pages H1674–H1782**

H. Res. 157, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to on Tuesday, February 13.

Election of committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Charlie Norwood: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Charlie Norwood: Representatives Lewis (GA), Boehner, Blunt, Bishop (GA), Deal (GA), Kingston, Linder, Gingrey, Marshall, Scott (GA), Barrow, Price (GA), Westmoreland, Johnson (GA), Sensenbrenner, Barton (TX), Coble, Gene Green (TX), Hoekstra, Manzullo, McKeon, Mica, Frelinghuysen, Hastings (WA), LaHood, Latham, Myrick, Shadegg, Tiahrt, Wicker, Aderholt, Pitts, Sessions, Capps, Hayes, Tancredo, Terry, Brown (SC), Pence, Putnam, Shuster, Miller (FL), Wilson (SC), Sullivan, Barrett (SC), Burgess, King (IA), Neugebauer, Conaway, Gohmert, Schmidt, and Bilbray. **Pages H1782–83**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:13 a.m. on Friday, February 16th.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Requests for Iraq and Afghan Security Forces Fund. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Robert Durbin, Commander, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan; BG Michael D. Jones, Deputy Director, Political-Military Affairs, Joint Staff; and Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Coast Guard Iraq Operations, Port Security and Deepwater. Testimony