

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 67, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

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Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Financial Services have until midnight on Friday, February 23, 2007 to file a report on H.R. 556, to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, and to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

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Consideration of Motions to Suspend the Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 161, to provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a Recorded vote of 220 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 101, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 100.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007: H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, by a 2/3 Recorded vote of 360 ayes to 45 noes, Roll No. 102.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 28.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 27, 2007.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Capps wherein she resigned from the Committee on the Budget.

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Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Representatives Kennedy, DeLauro, and Pryce (OH).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1847.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 12 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services; S. 188 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. 487 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1847, H1853, H1853–54, and H1860. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 8 a.m. on Friday, February 16 and at 6:21 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 67, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Future of the Nation's Navigation Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Implementation of U.S. VISIT Entry/Exit Program. Testimony was heard from Bob Mochny, Acting Director, U.S. VISIT, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Forest Service: State and Private Forestry and Research. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA, Forest Service: Abigail R. Kimball, Chief; James E. Hubbard, Deputy Chief; and Ann M. Bartuska, Deputy Chief, Research and Development.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Robert Hixon, Capitol Visitor Center Project Executive; and Terrel Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2007 held a hearing on Emergency Supplemental Request. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

IRS AND THE TAX GAP

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on IRS and the Tax Gap. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Mark W. Everson, Commissioner; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both with the IRS; and J. Russell George, Inspector General, Tax Administration; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues Team, GAO; and a public witness.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Concluded hearings on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION WORKFORCE SECURITY CLEARANCES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Impact of Background and Security Clearances on the Transportation Workforce." Testimony was heard from Robert D. Jamison, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on House Administration: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

OVERSIGHT—INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing entitled "Reports, Audits and Investigations by the General Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Regarding the Department of the Interior." Testimony was heard from Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, Department of the Interior; and Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D175)

H.R. 434, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through July 31, 2007. Signed on February 15, 2007 (Public Law 110-4)

H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007. Signed on February 15, 2007 (Public Law 110-5)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 19 through February 24, 2007

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

No committee meetings are scheduled.