

voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2199**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

Surface Transportation and Rail Security Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 184, to provide improved rail and surface transportation security. **Page S2217**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. **Page S2217**

Authority for Committees: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all committees were authorized to file legislative and executive reports on Thursday, February 22, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. **Page S2219**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S2219**

Appointments:

United States Commission on Civil Rights: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Section 2(b) of Public Law 98-183, as amended by Public Law 103-419, appointed Gail

Heriot, of California, to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. **Pages S2219-20**

Japan-United States Friendship Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94-118, Section 4(a)(3), appointed Senator Murkowski to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. **Pages S2219-20**

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Dennis Shea of Virginia, for a term expiring December 31, 2008, vice Fred Thompson. **Pages S2219-20**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, on Saturday, February 17, 2007, and adjourned pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 67, at 3:27 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, February 26, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 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 until 2

p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, February 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senator Corker will be recognized to read Washington's Farewell Address; following which, Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

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