

U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the 110th Congress: Senator Smith. **Page S2433**

**British-American Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress: Senator Cochran. **Page S2433**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to certain actions and policies intended to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–8) **Page S2353**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 2009 (Recess Appointment).

Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011 (Recess Appointment). **Pages S2433, S2434–35**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—55) **Page S2346**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to provide an overview of the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 for defense-related matters, after receiving testimony from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Defense; and Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### AMTRAK: 2008

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine Amtrak 2008, after receiving testimony from Joseph H. Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, and David Tornquist, Assistant Inspector General, Competition and Economic Analysis, both of the Department of Transportation; Alex Kummant, National Railroad Passenger Corporation—Amtrak, and Edward Wytkind, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert Serlin, RIM Services, LLC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### MINE SAFETY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine improving mine safety, one year after the Sago and Alma coalmining disasters, after receiving testimony from Richard E. Stickler, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health; John Howard, Director, and Jeffery L. Kohler, Director, Office of Mine Safety and Health, both of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; J. Davitt McAteer, Wheeling Jesuit University, Shepherdstown, West Virginia; Chris R. Hamilton, West Virginia Coal Association, Charleston; Cecil Roberts, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Bruce Watzman, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* On Monday, February 26, 2007, Committee adopted its rules of procedure and approved for reporting the following subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress:

*Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies:* Senators Kohl (Chairman), Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, Nelson (NE), Reed, Bennett,

Cochran, Specter, Bond, McConnell, Craig, and Brownback.

*Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies:* Senators Mikulski (Chairman), Inouye, Leahy, Kohl, Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Reed, Lautenberg, Shelby, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Brownback, and Alexander.

*Subcommittee on Defense:* Senators Inouye (Chairman), Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, and Hutchison.

*Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development:* Senators Dorgan (Chairman), Byrd, Murray, Feinstein, Johnson, Landrieu, Inouye, Reed, Lautenberg, Domenici, Cochran, McConnell, Bennett, Craig, Bond, Hutchison, and Allard.

*Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government:* Senators Durbin (Chairman), Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), Brownback, Bond, Shelby, and Allard.

*Subcommittee on Homeland Security:* Senators Byrd (Chairman), Inouye, Leahy, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), Cochran, Gregg, Stevens, Specter, Domenici, Shelby, Craig, and Alexander.

*Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies:* Senators Feinstein (Chairman), Byrd, Leahy, Dorgan, Mikulski, Kohl, Johnson, Reed, Nelson (NE), Craig, Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Bennett, Gregg, Allard, and Alexander.

*Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies:* Senators Harkin (Chairman), Inouye, Kohl, Murray, Landrieu, Durbin, Reed, Lautenberg, Specter, Cochran, Gregg, Craig, Hutchison, Stevens, and Shelby.

*Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch:* Senators Landrieu (Chairman), Durbin, Nelson (NE), Allard, and Alexander.

*Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies:* Senators Johnson (Chairman), Inouye, Landrieu, Byrd, Murray, Reed, Nelson (NE), Hutchison, Craig, Brownback, Allard, McConnell, and Bennett.

*Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs:* Senators Leahy (Chairman), Inouye, Harkin, Mikulski, Durbin, Johnson, Landrieu, Reed, Gregg, McConnell, Specter, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, and Alexander.

*Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies:* Senators Murray (Chairman), Byrd, Mikulski, Kohl, Durbin, Dorgan, Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson, Lautenberg, Bond, Shelby, Specter, Bennett, Hutchison, Brownback, Stevens, Domenici, Alexander, and Allard.

Senators Byrd and Cochran are ex officio members of each of the subcommittees.

## TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, after receiving testimony from Michael McRaith, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Chicago, on behalf of National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Charles Clarke, The Travelers Companies, Inc., Hartford, Connecticut, on behalf of American Insurance Association; Thomas Minkler, Clark-Mortenson Agency, Keane, New Hampshire, on behalf of Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America; Michael J. Pening, Assurant Employee Benefits, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of American Council of Life Insurers; James H. Veghte, XL Reinsurance America, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of Reinsurance Association of America; Arthur M. Coppola, Macerich Company, Santa Monica, California, on behalf of Coalition to Insure Against Terrorism; Janno N. Lieber, World Trade Center Properties, on behalf of Silverstein Properties, and Don Bailey, Willis North America, on behalf of Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers, both of New York, New York; and Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.

## VEHICLE SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety concluded a hearing to examine vehicle safety for children, after receiving testimony from Ronald Medford, Senior Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; former New Hampshire State Representative W. Packy Campbell, Farmington; David McCurdy, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen, both of Washington, D.C.; and Greg Gulbransen, Syosset, New York.

## NASA BUDGET

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Sciences concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

## USDA FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's

budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Forest Service Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Gail Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

### IMMIGRATION REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine comprehensive immigration reform, focusing on gaining effective control of the border, building a robust interior enforcement program, establishing a Temporary Worker Program, and promoting assimilation of new immigrants into society, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce; and Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 89) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009.

### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2008 for the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Steven C. Preston, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration.

### AGING WORKFORCE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the aging workforce, focusing on its meaning for businesses and the economy and engaging and retaining older workers, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Donald L. Kohn, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Marcie Pitt-Catsouphes, Center on Aging and Work/Workplace Flexibility at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts; Javon R. Bea, Mercy Health System, Janesville, Wisconsin; and Preston Pulliams, Portland Community College, Portland, Oregon.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 1221–1253; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 201–202, 204–206, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 203, providing for consideration of H.R. 800, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations and to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts (H. Rept. 110–26).

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

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Tyrone Skinner, Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Altadena, California.

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**National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007:** The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 110.

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Rejected the Neugebauer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 109.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Frank manager's amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of February 27, 2007) that