

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2545–2550, and S. Res. 421–424. **Page S207**

Measures Passed:

American Printing House for the Blind 150th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, honoring the 150th anniversary of the American Printing House for the Blind. **Pages S214–15**

Commending Louisiana State University Tigers Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national championship game. **Page S215**

Return of the USS Pueblo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 423, seeking the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy. **Page S215**

Electing the Secretary for the Majority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 424, electing Lula Johnson Davis, of Maryland, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate. **Page S215**

Measures Considered:

Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments: Senate continued consideration of S. 1200, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S158–79**

Pending:

Bingaman/Thune Amendment No. 3894 (to Amendment No. 3899), to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a limitation on the charges for contract health services provided to Indians by Medicare providers. **Page S158**

Vitter Amendment No. 3896 (to Amendment No. 3899), to modify a section relating to limitation on use of funds appropriated to the Service. **Page S158**

Brownback Amendment No. 3893 (to Amendment No. 3899), to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and

offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States. **Page S158**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3899, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S158**

Sanders Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3899), to provide for payments under subsections (a) through (e) of section 2604 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. **Page S158**

FISA Amendments Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act. **Pages S179–94**

By the authority of the Committee on the Judiciary, the amendment in the nature of a substitute reported by the Committee on the Judiciary was modified. **Page S184**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday January 24, 2008. **Pages S215–216**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

D. Kathleen Stephens, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S219–23**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Andrew G. Biggs, of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2013, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Andrew G. Biggs, of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring

January 19, 2013 (Recess Appointment), which was sent to the Senate on May 16, 2007.

E. Duncan Getchell, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2007.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thurs-

day, January 24, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S215–16.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

JUSTICE FOR ALL ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Justice for All Act (Public Law 108–405), focusing on the administration of the Bloodsworth and Coverdell DNA Grant Programs by the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, and John Morgan, Deputy Director, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, both of the Department of Justice; Peter M. Marone, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, on behalf of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations; Larry A. Hammond, Osborn Maledon, Phoenix, Arizona; and Peter Neufeld, Cardozo School of Law Innocence Project, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 5101–5136; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 281–283; and H. Res. 935–939 were introduced. Pages H454–56

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H456–57

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Saúl Santos, Jr., Fountain of Truth Church, Fontana, California. Page H391

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007—Presidential Veto: The House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 3963, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 260 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 22 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). Earlier, the House agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 21. Pages H395–H407

Subsequently, the message (H. Doc. 110–80) and the bill were referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means. Pages H407–08

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 6, 2008. Page H408

Providing for a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 282, providing for a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the State of the Union on Monday, January 28, 2008. Pages H409–10

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

Section 515 Rural Housing Property Transfer Improvement Act of 2007: H.R. 3873, to expedite the transfer of ownership of rural multifamily housing projects with loans made or insured under section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 so that such projects are rehabilitated and preserved for use for affordable housing; Pages H410–12