

proxy not count for the purposes of establishing a quorum present; provided further, that if the Committee on the Budget orders reported a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009 on Thursday, March 6, 2008, such measure be deemed to have been ordered reported in compliance with Rule XXVI, paragraph 7 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and the rules of the Senate Committee on the Budget. **Page S1545**

**Message 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 and sanctions with respect to those persons whose actions undermine the democratic processes or institutions of Zimbabwe; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-40)

**Page S1521**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S1521**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1522-23**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S1523-31**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1531-45**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S1545**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1545**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1545**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—37) **Page S1517**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1547.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for

fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

### APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Henrietta H. Fore, Director, Foreign Assistance, and Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Central Command and the United States Special Operations Command, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, United States Central Command, and Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the military space programs, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gary E. Payton, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs, General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, Lieutenant General William L. Shelton, USAF, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, United States Strategic Command, and Rear Admiral Kenneth W. Deutsch, USN, Director, Warfare Integration, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

### BANKING INDUSTRY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the banking industry, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency, and John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Donald L. Kohn, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; JoAnn M.

Johnson, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and Thomas B. Gronstal, Iowa Division of Banking, Des Moines, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors.

### PROTECTING OUR SHORES FROM OIL SPILLS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting seashores from oil spills, focusing on operational procedures and ship designs, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thad Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Paul G. Kirchner, American Pilots' Association (APA), Washington, D.C.; Captain Edward Page, Marine Exchange of Alaska, Juneau; and Kirsi Tikka, American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), Paramus, New Jersey.

### ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Energy Information Administration's revised "Annual Energy Outlook", after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

### BALKANS REGION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Kosovo, focusing on the Balkans region, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; and Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Daniel Serwer, United States Institute of Peace, and Ivan Vejvoda, German Marshall Fund of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

### FEMA DISASTER HOUSING STRATEGY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a joint hearing with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster housing strategy, after receiving testimony from Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Howard Frumkin, Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and Milan Ozdinec, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Housing and Voucher Programs.

### NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine National Security Presidential Directive-54 and Homeland Security Presidential Directive-23 (NSPD-54/HSPD-23) and the comprehensive national cyber security initiative, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Jamison, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for National Protection and Programs Directorate; Melissa E. Hathaway, Cyber Coordination Executive, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; G. Dennis Bartko, Special Assistant to the Director for Cyber, National Security Agency; and Scott O'Neal, Section Chief, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Menendez; and George Lisicki, and Robert E. Wallace, both of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

### LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Senator Webb; and Robert T. Reynolds, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.