

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, February 5, 2007. **Pages S1542–43**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 40), Lawrence Joseph O'Neill, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Pages S1479–82, S1543**

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 41), Gregory Kent Frizzell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. **Pages S1478–83, S1543**

Valerie L. Baker, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S1479–82, S1543**

Irving A. Williamson, of New York, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2014. **Pages S1540, S1543**

Dean A. Pinkert, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2015. **Pages S1540, S1543**

Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2013. **Pages S1540, S1543**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—43) **Pages S1482, S1483, S1499–S1500, S1512**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, February 5, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1543.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gen. George W. Casey Jr., USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DEFICIT AND FOREIGN DEBT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current account deficit and the foreign debt of the United States, after receiving testimony from C. Fred Bergsten, and William R. Cline, both of Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; and David R. Malpass, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: On January 31, 2007, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 52) authorizing expenditures by the Committee and adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a view from the Federal Communications Commission relating to assessing the communications marketplace, focusing on telecommunications, media, consumer protection, and enhancing public safety, after receiving testimony from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, and Michael J. Copps, Jonathan S. Adelstein, Deborah Taylor Tate, and Robert M. McDowell, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On January 31, 2007, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 58) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

TRANSPORTATION BIOFUELS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine accelerated biofuels diversity, focusing on ways home-grown biologically derived fuels can blend into the nation's transportation fuel mix, after receiving testimony from sundry public witnesses.

CHIP

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the health of America's children relating to the future of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), focusing on State experiences in implementing CHIP and issues to consider before its reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Kathryn G. Allen, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue, Atlanta, on behalf of the Southern Governors' Association; Anita Smith, Iowa Department of Human Services, Des Moines; Cindy Mann, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families, Washington, D.C.; and Craig Bedford, Kim Lee Bedford, and Job Timothy Bedford, all of Baltimore, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 64) authorizing expenditures by the Committee during the 110th Congress.

IRAQ: STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing America's interests in Iraq, focusing on the remaining options in Iraq in the strategic context, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft, USAF (Ret.), Scowcroft Group, and Zbigniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C., both a former National Security Advisor.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On January 31, 2007, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 60) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

PRIVATE HEALTH RECORDS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded an oversight hearing to examine privacy implications of the Federal government's health information technology initiative relating to private health records, focusing on the efforts of Department of Health and Human Services to integrate privacy into the Health Information Technology national infrastructure and Office of Per-

sonnel Management's efforts to expand the use of Health Information Technology through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and the impact such actions have on Federal employees' health information privacy, after receiving testimony from Robert Kolodner, Interim National Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel A. Green, Deputy Associate Director, Center for Employee and Family Support Policy, Office of Personnel Management; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mark A. Rothstein, University of Louisville School of Medicine Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law, Louisville, Kentucky; and Carol C. Diamond, Markle Foundation, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

Prior to this action, committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: On January 31, 2007, Committee approved for reporting an original resolution (S. Res. 55) authorizing expenditures by the Committee and adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of J. Michael McConnell, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 2, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.