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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2008, at noon.

Senate

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2007

(Legislative day of Wednesday, December 19, 2007)

The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 31, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REED thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 61, as amended, the Senate stands adjourned sine die until Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:00:40 a.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 3, 2008, at 12 noon.

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HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity. (Final Résumé 109th Congress)

See Résumé of Congressional Activity. (Not Final Résumé)

First Session of the 110th Congress adjourned sine die.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate adjourned sine die. The second session of the 110th Congress will convene at 12 noon, Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00:15 a.m. and, in accordance with S. Con. Res. 51, adjourned sine die at 10:00:41 a.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet on Thursday, January 3, 2008 for the convening of the Second Session of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D1642)*

H.R. 3315, to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall. Signed on December 18, 2007. (Public Law 110–139)

H.R. 6, to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes. Signed on December 19, 2007. (Public Law 110–140)

H.R. 4118, to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. Signed on December 19, 2007. (Public Law 110–141)

H.R. 3648, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes. Signed on December 20, 2007. (Public Law 110–142)

H.R. 365, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–143)

H.R. 710, to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, and for other purposes. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–144)

H.R. 2408, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the ''Milo C. Huempfner Department of

Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic''. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–145)

H.R. 2671, to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the ''C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse''. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–146)

H.R. 3703, to amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception from the $1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–147)

H.R. 3739, to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–148)

H.J. Res. 72, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–149)

S. 597, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–150)

S. 888, to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–151)

S. 2174, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the ''Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building''. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–152)

S. 2371, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–153)

S. 2484, to rename the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–154)

S.J. Res. 8, providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on December 21, 2007. (Public Law 110–155)

FINAL Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through December 27, 2006

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	138	101	..
Time in session	1,027 hrs., 48′	850 hrs., 19′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	11,857	9,325	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	2,257	..
Public bills enacted into law	100	320	420
Private bills enacted into law	1	..	1
Bills in conference	1	4	5
Measures passed, total	635	710	1,345
Senate bills	142	87	..
House bills	211	319	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	2	..
House joint resolutions	8	8	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	20	8	..
House concurrent resolutions	41	77	..
Simple resolutions	211	209	..
Measures reported, total	*231	*345	576
Senate bills	160	10	..
House bills	57	223	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	..	9	..
Simple resolutions	7	102	..
Special reports	11	12	..
Conference reports	1	9	..
Measures pending on calendar	303	159	..
Measures introduced, total	2,302	2,451	4,753
Bills	1,953	1,785	..
Joint resolutions	14	27	..
Concurrent resolutions	48	174	..
Simple resolutions	287	465	..
Quorum calls	1	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	279	287	..
Recorded votes	..	252	..
Bills vetoed	..	1	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 157 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 366 reports have been filed in the House.

Interim Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through December 31, 2007

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	189	164	..
Time in session	1,375 hrs., 54′	1,477 hrs., 52′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	16,071	16,951	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	2,664	..
Public bills enacted into law	30	108	..
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	5	7	..
Measures passed, total	621	1,127	1,748
Senate bills	102	44	..
House bills	147	516	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	3	..
House joint resolutions	6	8	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	28	9	..
House concurrent resolutions	32	94	..
Simple resolutions	301	453	..
Measures reported, total	*422	*486	908
Senate bills	257	2	..
House bills	72	328	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	..	..
House joint resolutions	1	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	8	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	6	7	..
Simple resolutions	73	149	..
Special reports	22	8	..
Conference reports	1	12	..
Measures pending on calendar	333	48	..
Measures introduced, total	3,033	6,194	9,227
Bills	2,524	4,930	..
Joint resolutions	27	75	..
Concurrent resolutions	64	278	..
Simple resolutions	418	911	..
Quorum calls	6	9	..
Yea-and-nay votes	442	648	..
Recorded votes	..	529	..
Bills vetoed	1	5	..
Vetoes overridden	1	1	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 253 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 506 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through December 31, 2007

Civilian nominations, totaling 490, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	276
Unconfirmed	180
Withdrawn	31
Returned to White House	3
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 3,807, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,799
Unconfirmed	8
Air Force nominations, totaling 6,096, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,090
Unconfirmed	5
Returned to White House	1
Army nominations, totaling 6,721, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,698
Unconfirmed	19
Returned to White House	4
Navy nominations, totaling 4,691, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,688
Unconfirmed	3
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,342, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,341
Unconfirmed	1

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	23,147
Total confirmed	22,892
Total unconfirmed	216
Total withdrawn	31
Total returned to White House	8

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, January 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Thursday, January 3

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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