

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Milan D. Smith, Jr., of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Frank D. Whitney, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. **Page S1320**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—21) **Pages S1137, S1138, S1139, S1168–69**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1320.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Frances J. Harvey, Secretary, and General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Army; and Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Randall S. Kroszner, of New Jersey, and Kevin M. Warsh, of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, each to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Edward P. Lazear, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, after

the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BROADBAND

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues of municipal broadband and the role of Federal, State and local government in the digital world, after receiving testimony from Robert K. Sahr, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Pierre; Dianne Munns, Iowa Utilities Board, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and John R. Perkins, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, both of Des Moines, Iowa; Michael F. Altschul, CTIA—The Wireless Association, and Donald B. Berryman, Earthlink, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Douglas A. Boone, Premier Communications, Sioux City, Iowa; and Dianah L. Neff, Philadelphia Chief Information Officer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### CANADIAN SOFTWOOD LUMBER

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development concluded a hearing to examine the economic impacts of the Canadian softwood lumber dispute on U.S. industries, focusing on the Administration's efforts to negotiate a settlement to the long-standing trade dispute regarding softwood lumber from Canada, after receiving testimony from Franklin L. Lavin, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Susan Schwab, Deputy United States Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Steve Swanson, The Swanson Group, Glendale, Oregon, on behalf of the Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports; Bill Kluting, Western Council of Industrial Workers, Monmouth, Oregon; and Barry Rutenberg, Barry Rutenberg Homes, Gainesville, Florida, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders.

### OLDER AMERICANS ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging met to discuss the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, receiving testimony from Jo Reed, AARP, Howard Bedlin, National Council on Aging, Laura Howard, National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Programs, Patrick Flood, National Association of State Union on Aging, Sany Markwood, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Karyne Jones, National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc., Bob Blancato, Matz, Blancato and Associates, Inc., on behalf of the Elder Justice Coalition, Barbara B. Kennelly, Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, and George J. Kourpias, Alliance for Retired Americans, all of

Washington, D.C.; Enid A. Borden, Meals on Wheels Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Suzanne Mintz, National Family Caregivers Association, Kensington, Maryland; Clayton S. Fong, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging, Seattle, Washington; and Carmela G. Lacayo, National Association for Hispanic Elderly, Pasadena, California.

Subcommittee expects to discuss this and related issues again.

#### **BUDGET: INDIAN PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for Indian programs, after receiving testimony from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, and Ross Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, both of the Department of the Interior; Charles W. Grim, Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health

Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Darla Marburger, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Tom Corwin, Director of Division of Elementary and Secondary Vocational Analysis, both of the Department of Education; Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Regina B. Schofield, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Joseph A. Garcia, National Congress of American Indians, Kathleen Kitcheyan, National Indian Health Board, Cheryl Parish and Gary Gordon, both of National American Indian Housing Council, and Gary L. Edwards, National Native American Law Enforcement Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Ryan Wilson, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 4740–4753; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 339–340 and H. Res. 673–677 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H274–75**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed on Friday, February 10th, as follows:

H. Res. 593, directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Attorney General, and requesting the President, to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to extraordinary rendition of certain foreign persons, adversely (H. Rept. 109–374);

H. Res. 624, requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to United States policies under the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Geneva Conventions, adversely (H. Rept. 109–375); and

H. Res. 642, requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the Secretary of State's trip to Europe in December 2005, adversely (H. Rept. 109–376).

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

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**Message From the Clerk:** Read a letter from the Clerk notifying the House that she received a message from the President on Monday, February 13, containing the Economic Report of the President.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2006 Economic Report of the President—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–78).

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**Commission Appointment:** Read a letter from the Committee on Ways and Means Ranking Minority Member, Mr. Rangel, whereby he appointed to the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission the following individuals: Mr. Elliot (Lee) Sander, Director of the Rudin Center for Transportation Policy and Management at New York University, and Senior Vice President and Director of Strategic Development at DMJM Harris, of New York City, New York; and Mr. Craig Lentzsch, CEO of Coach USA and KBUS Holdings, of Dallas, Texas.

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

*Expressing the Sense of Congress regarding the contribution of the USO to the morale and welfare*