

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1321–S1373

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2287–2292, and S.J. Res. 31. **Page S1353**

Measures Passed:

Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 32, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1367–70**

Frist (for Specter) Amendment No. 2889, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1369**

Katrina Emergency Assistance Act: Senate passed S. 1777, to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1371–72**

Frist (for Collins) Amendment No. 2890, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1371**

USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2271, to clarify that individuals who receive FISA orders can challenge nondisclosure requirements, that individuals who receive national security letters are not required to disclose the name of their attorney, that libraries are not wire or electronic communication service providers unless they provide specific services. **Pages S1325–44**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote on the pending motion to proceed to consideration of the bill occur at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006, that if cloture is invoked, notwithstanding Rule 22, Senate proceed immediately to the bill, that if a cloture motion is filed on the bill during Thursday's session, then that cloture vote occur at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2006; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the bill, then at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, the bill be read a third time, and the Sen-

ate proceed to a vote on the bill with no intervening action or debate. **Page S1344**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2006, with the time equally divided until 10:30 a.m. **Page S1372**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1372–73.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed hearings to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect, and Robert C. Hixon, Jr., Capitol Visitor Center Project Manager, both of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director,

and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Preston M. Geren, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Michael L. Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, who was introduced by Senator Allard, James I. Finley, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, who was introduced by Senator Dayton, and Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HURRICANE KATRINA REBUILDING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rebuilding needs in Hurricane Katrina-impacted areas, focusing on the Federal response to the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, including ongoing efforts to assist affected families and individuals in finding both short-term and permanent housing, and the overall progress of the recovery efforts in the five affected states, after receiving testimony from Senators Landrieu and Vitter; Representative Baker; Alphonso R. Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Donald E. Powell, Federal Coordinator, Office for Gulf Coast Rebuilding, and David Garratt, Acting Director of Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Martin J. Gruenberg, Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Herbert Mitchell, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration.

FEDERAL TAX GAP

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the causes and solutions to addressing the Federal tax gap, focusing on making significant progress in improving tax compliance which rests on enhancing current Internal Revenue Service techniques and adopting new legislative actions, after receiving testimony from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Taxpayer Advocate Service, both of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

VIDEO FRANCHISING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to video franchising, and competition in the video marketplace, after receiving testimony from Representative Blackburn; Ivan Seidenberg, Verizon, New York, New York; Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., AT&T, Anthony T. Riddle, Alliance For Community Media, Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, on behalf of Consumer Federation of America and Free Press, and Gigi B. Sohn, Public Knowledge, all of Washington, D.C.; Thomas M. Rutledge, Cablevision Systems Corporation, Bethpage, New York; Lori Panzino-Tillery, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, San Bernardino, California, on behalf of National League of Cities, United States Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, Government Finance Officers Association and Telecommunity; and Brad A. Evans, Cavalier Telephone, Richmond, Virginia.

NANOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developments in nanotechnology, the science and technology of building electronic circuits and devices from single atoms and molecules, focusing on national priorities and agency missions, and moving closer to achieving societal goals in areas such as healthcare, energy, security, and quality of life, after receiving testimony from E. Clayton Teague, Director, National Nanotechnology Coordination Office; Richard O. Buckius, Acting Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation; Jeffery Schloss, Division of Extramural Research, National Human Genome Research Institute, and Co-Chair, National Institutes of Health Nanomedicine Roadmap Initiative, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark E. Davis, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, on behalf of City of Hope; J. Clarence Davies, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.; Timothy Swager, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Alan Gotcher, Altair Nanotechnologies, Inc., Reno, Nevada; Todd L. Hylton, Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia; and Bryant R. Linares, Apollo Diamond, Inc., Ashland, Massachusetts.

PACE-ENERGY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2197, to improve the global competitiveness of the United States in science and energy technology, to strengthen basic research programs at the Department of Energy, and

to provide support for mathematics and science education at all levels through the resources available through the Department of Energy, including at the National Laboratories, after receiving testimony from Raymond L. Orbach, Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy; Charles M. Vest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Luis M. Proenza, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio.

FIRE RETARDANT AIRCRAFT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded an oversight hearing to review the progress made on the development of interim and long-term plans for use of fire retardant aircraft in Federal wildfire suppression operations, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Nina Rose Hatfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget; James Hall, Hall and Associates LLC, Washington, D.C.; and James B. Hull, Texas Forest Service, College Station, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Terrence L. Bracy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, Dennis Bottorff, of Tennessee, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, William B. Sansom, of Tennessee, Howard A. Thrailkill, of Alabama, and Donald R. DePriest, of Mississippi, all to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

BUDGET: EPA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUDGET: FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for foreign affairs, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Claudia A.

McMurray, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Resource Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of State, Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be U.S. Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be U.S. Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as U.S. Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, Janet Ann Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Bernadette Mary Allen, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, Steven Alan Browning, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Robert Weisberg, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo, Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Jeanine E. Jackson, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, James D. McGee, of Florida, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros; Kristie A. Kenney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Gary A. Grappo, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Donald T. Bliss, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund; and 2 Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the Homeland Security Department's preparation and response, boosting state capabilities, the Federal Management Agency (FEMA), debris removal, and enhancing communications between Federal and state government agencies, receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

MINE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety met to discuss communication and mine safety technology issues, receiving testimony from Starnes Walker, Technical Director, Office of Naval Research, U.S. Navy; Bob Campman, Grace Industries, Fredonia, Pennsylvania; Pat Droppleman, Ocenco Corporation, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; R. Larry Grayson, University of Missouri-Rolla Department of Mining and Nuclear Engineering, Rolla; Wes Kenneweg, Draeger Industries, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Roy Nutter, West Virginia University College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, Morgantown; Dennis O'Dell, UMWA, Fairfax, Virginia; Sam Shearer, CSE Corporation, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Gary Zamel, Mine Site Technologies Pty. Ltd, Artarmon, NSW, Australia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen G. Larson, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, Jack Zouhary, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator DeWine, and John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R.4754–4766; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 341–344; and H. Res. 678–685 were introduced. **Pages H332–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H333**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Final Report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 109–377). **Pages H331–32**

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

Expressing the sense of Congress that no United States assistance should be provided directly to the Palestinian Authority if any representative political party holding a majority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel: S. Con. Res. 79, to express the sense of Congress that no United States assistance should be provided directly to the Palestinian Authority if any representative political party holding a majority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel, by a ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 10; **Pages H280–88, H297–98**

Paying tribute to Shirley Horn in recognition of her many achievements and contributions to the world of jazz and American culture: H. Con. Res. 300, amended, to pay tribute to Shirley Horn in recognition of her many achievements and contributions to the world of jazz and American culture; **Pages H288–90**

National Flood Insurance Program Enhanced Borrowing Authority Act of 2006: S. 2275, amended, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program; and **Pages H290–93**

Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration's disaster loans program: H.R. 4745, to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration's disaster loans program, by a ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 11. **Pages H293–97, H298**

Condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council—Order of Business: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it should be in order at any time to consider H. Con. Res. 341, to condemn the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing