

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1731–S1812

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 525–542, and S. Res. 76. **Page S1781**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2007”. (S. Rept. No. 110–4)

S. 372, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 110–5)

S. Res. 36, honoring women’s health advocate Cynthia Boles Dailard.

S. Res. 37, designating March 26, 2007 as “National Support the Troops Day” and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad.

S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, with amendments. **Page S1780**

Continuing Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1746–50**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 237, to change an effective date. **Page S1746**

Reid Amendment No. 238 (to Amendment No. 237), of a technical nature. **Page S1746**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 239, to change an effective date. **Page S1746**

Reid Amendment No. 240 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a technical nature. **Page S1746**

Reid Amendment No. 241 (to Amendment No. 240), of a technical nature. **Page S1746**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the resolution and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, February 13, 2007. **Pages S1746–50**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Members have until 2:30 p.m., on Monday, February 12, 2007, to file first-degree amendments to the resolution. **Page S1811**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 83 yeas 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 45), Gen. George W. Casey Jr., U.S. Army **Pages S1737–43**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Williamson Evers, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy. **Page S1812**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–45) **Page S1743**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:12 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, February 12, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1811.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Secretary of Transportation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 372, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to provide the resources to protect public transportation from terrorism.

BUDGET: FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's budget and revenue proposals for fiscal year 2008, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the present and future of public safety communications, focusing on a need for broadband technology for America's fire and emergency services, after receiving testimony from Charles L. Werner, Charlottesville Fire Department, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of International Association of Fire Chiefs; Harlin R. McEwen, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of Major Cities Chiefs Association, National Sheriffs' Association, and Major County Sheriffs' Association; Morgan O'Brien, Cyren Call Communications, McLean, Virginia; Steve Largent, CTIA—The Wireless Association, Washington, D.C.; David Billstrom, National Interop, Inc., Seattle, Washington; and Matthew J. Desch, Iridium Satellite LLC, Bethesda, Maryland.

OIL AND GAS ROYALTY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, after receiving testimony from David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, and James Benedetto, Labor Ombudsman, both of the Department of the Interior; Jeannette Franzel, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Lieutenant Government Timothy P. Villagomez, Lauri Bennett Ogumoro, Karidat, and Juan T. Guerrero, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Mary Stella Mangona, Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and Kayleen Entena, all of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Pedro A. Tenorio, Resident Representative to the United States, Washington, D.C.; and F. Haydn Williams, San Francisco, California.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for foreign affairs, including the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John D. NegroponTE, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the No Child Left Behind Act reauthorization, focusing on strategies that promote school improvement, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Flanagan, Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lansing; Alana Dale Turner, Easton High School, Easton, Maryland; Richard Coleman, Sr., An Achievable Dream Academy, Newport News, Virginia; Kimberly Johnson, Briggs Chaney Middle School, Silver Spring, Maryland; Yvonne W. Brandon, Richmond Public Schools, Richmond, Virginia; Martha S. Barber, Alabama Reading Initiative Regional Principal Coach, Birmingham, Alabama; Hosanna Mahaley-Johnson, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois; and Paul Reville, Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts.