

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1983–S2118*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifty three bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 602–654, S. Res. 82–84, and S. Con. Res. 12–13. **Pages S2022–24**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 202, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 110–6)

S. 216, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 110–7)

S. 232, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements. (S. Rept. No. 110–8)

S. 240, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992. (S. Rept. No. 110–9)

S. 241, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System. (S. Rept. No. 110–10)

S. 245, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System. (S. Rept. No. 110–11)

S. 255, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans. (S. Rept. No. 110–12)

S. 260, to establish the Fort Stanton Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–13)

S. 262, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area. (S. Rept. No. 110–14)

S. 268, to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail. (S. Rept. No. 110–15)

S. 277, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision. (S. Rept. No. 110–16)

S. 283, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003. (S. Rept. No. 110–17)

S. 320, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands. (S. Rept. No. 110–18)

H.R. 57, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands. (S. Rept. No. 110–19)

S. Res. 41, honoring and the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers.

S. Res. 47, honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers.

S. Res. 49, recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State.

S. Res. 69, recognizing the African American spiritual as a national treasure.

S. 184, to provide improved rail and surface transportation security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2022**

#### Measures Passed:

**Living Kidney Organ Donation Clarification Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 487, to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to clarify that kidney paired donations shall not be considered to involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2115**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 266, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2115**

**Voting Rights Act Reauthorization:** Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee

amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2115–16**

Reid (for Salazar) Amendment No. 267, to add the name of Dr. Hector P. Garcia to a short title. **Page S2116**

**Iraq Sense of Congress:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 574, to express the sense of Congress on Iraq. **Page S2015**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of February 15, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur at 1:45 p.m., on Saturday, February 17, 2007. **Page S2015**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 49), Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1986–87**

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 50), Marcia Morales Howard, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S1986–88**

Leon R. Sequeira, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2007. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration.)

Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration.)

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

Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Page S2117**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—50) **Pages S1987, S1988**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon, on Friday, February 16, 2007.

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### FUTURE READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the current and future readiness of the Army and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, and Lieutenant General Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–8, both of the United States Army; and General James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

### FAA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's proposal to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (Part 1), after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior.

### TRADE AGENDA

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's trade agenda for 2007, after receiving testimony from Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the