

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1375–S1450

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2293–2320, S. Res. 373–381, and S. Con. Res. 81.

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Measures Passed:

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 374, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *United States of America v. David Hossein Safavian*. **Pages S1444–45**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 375, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *State of New Hampshire v. William Thomas, Keta C. Jones, John Francis Bopp, Michael S. Franklin, David Van Strein, Guy Chichester, Jamilla El-Shafei, and Ann Isenberg*. **Pages S1444–45**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 376, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Keyter v. McCain*, et al. **Pages S1444–45**

Honoring Dr. Norman Shumway: Senate agreed to S. Res. 377, honoring the life of Dr. Norman Shumway and expressing the condolences of the Senate on his passing. **Pages S1445–46**

National MPS Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 378, designating February 25, 2006, as “National MPS Awareness Day”. **Pages S1446–47**

Recognizing NASCAR-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium: Senate agreed to S. Res. 379, recognizing the creation of the NASCAR-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium. **Page S1447**

Celebrating Black History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 380, celebrating Black History Month. **Pages S1447–48**

USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act: Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1377–79**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 2895, to establish the enactment date of the Act. **Page S1379**

Frist Amendment No. 2896 (to Amendment No. 2895), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1379**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 15, 2006, the cloture vote will occur at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. **Pages S1379, S1448**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 22), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Page S1379**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

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 for a term expiring October 6, 2010.

Bernadette Mary Allen, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

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.

Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Steven Alan Browning, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Jeanine E. Jackson, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

Kristie A. Kenney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Robert Weisberg, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo.

Janet Ann Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Claudia A. McMurray, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

James D. McGee, of Florida, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros.

Gary A. Grappo, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management).

Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of State.

Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

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 Representative of the United States of America 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 for a term of five years.

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

27 Army nominations in the rank of general.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—22) Page S1379

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:36 a.m., and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, February 17, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1448.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine priorities and plans for the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and to review the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Preston M. Geren, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army, James I. Finley, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, and 3,576 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Randall S. Kroszner, of New Jersey, and Kevin M. Warsh, of New York, 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.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the