

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3291–S3452*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 919–945, and S. Res. 112–113. **Page S3352**

**Measures Passed:**

*Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act:* By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate passed S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, agreeing to the committee amendment, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3292–S3307**

Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 79), Kyl Amendment No. 459, to ensure that United States attorneys are promptly nominated by the President, and are appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. **Pages S3292, S3302**

By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 80), Sessions Amendment No. 460, to require appropriate qualifications for interim United States attorneys. **Pages S3292, S3302–04**

*Alliance to Save Energy:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 113, commending the achievements and recognizing the importance of the Alliance to Save Energy on the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance. **Page S3452**

**Budget Resolution:** Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3308–40**

Pending:

Sessions Amendment No. 466, to exclude the extension of tax relief provided in 2001 and 2003 from points of order provided in the resolution and other budget points of order. **Pages S3332–36**

Cornyn Amendment No. 477, to provide for a budget point of order against legislation that increases income taxes on taxpayers, including hard-

working middle-income families, entrepreneurs, and college students. **Pages S3336–40**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate continue consideration of the resolution at 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, and that there be 42 hours remaining for debate equally divided; that on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, the first amendment be offered by a Republican Senator and that the next amendment be one offered by the Majority Leader, or his designee; provided further, that no roll call votes occur prior to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2007, and that the first vote in the sequence be the amendment offered by the Majority Leader, or his designee. **Page S3452**

**Appointments:**

*United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:* The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Mark Esper of Virginia, for a term expiring December 31, 2008. **Page S3452**

*NATO Parliamentary Assembly:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the spring session, to be held in Madeira, Portugal, May 2007: Senator Cardin. **Page S3452**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Haiti meeting the conditions regarding enforcement of circumvention under section 213A(e)(1) of the Caribbean Basin Economy Recovery Act; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–10)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Supplementary Agreement on Social Security between the United States and Sweden; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-11)

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3400**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—81) **Pages S3302, S3302-03, S3306-07**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3452.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary, and Tom Weimer, Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior.

### BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Air Force in review of the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Secretary, and General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force.

### PROMOTING TRAVEL

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism continued hearings to examine economic

and safety concerns relating to promoting travel to America (Part II), after receiving testimony from Jamie Estrada, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing; Robert M. Jacksta, Executive Director, Traveler Security and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Alfonso Martinez-Fonts, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Private Sector Office, Policy Directorate, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Tony Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; Chad Prosser, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Columbia; Rex Johnson, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Honolulu, on behalf of the Western States Tourism Policy Council; Ron Peck, Alaska Travel Industry Association, Anchorage; and David Borlaug, Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, Washburn, North Dakota.

### ENERGY INNOVATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine energy innovation, after receiving testimony from William Prindle, American Council for Energy-Efficient Economy, and Michael T. Eckhart, American Council On Renewable Energy, both of Washington, D.C.; Francis R. Preli, Jr., UTC Power, South Windsor, Connecticut; K.R. Sridhar, Bloom Energy, Sunnyvale, California; and James R. Katzer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Laboratory for Energy and the Environment, Cambridge.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Stephen Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 126, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, S. 257, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, S. 443, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, S. 444, to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, S. 500 and H.R. 512, bills to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American