

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2849–S3166*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-eight bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2508–2555, S. Res. 424–433, and S. Con. Res. 86–87. **Pages S2901–02**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–230) **Page S2900**

#### Measures Passed:

**Commending the University of Maryland Women's Basketball Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 425, to commend the University of Maryland women's basketball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Basketball Championship. **Pages S3156–58**

**Commemorating 50th Anniversary of the Interstate System:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 427, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Interstate System. **Page S3158**

**Congratulating the University of Wisconsin Men's Cross Country Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 428, congratulating the University of Wisconsin men's cross country team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Cross Country Championship. **Pages S3158–59**

**Congratulating the University of Wisconsin Women's Hockey Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 429, congratulating the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Hockey Championship. **Page S3159**

**Commending the University of Florida Men's Basketball Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 430, commending the University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship. **Page S3159**

**Endangered Species Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 431, designating May 11, 2006, as "Endangered

Species Day," and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide. **Pages S3159–60**

**Authorizing Testimony:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 432, to authorize testimony of a Member of the Senate in *E.M. Gunderson v. Neil G. Galatz*. **Page S3160**

**Honoring The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 433, honoring The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the 140 years of service that it has provided to the citizens of the United States and their animals. **Page S3160**

**National Day of the American Cowboy:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 371, designating July 22, 2006, as "National Day of the American Cowboy," and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3160–61**

**Appointment to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 81, providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3161**

**Reappointment to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 82, providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3161**

**Securing America's Borders Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2850–96**

Pending:

Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2850**

Kyl/Cornyn Amendment No. 3206 (to Amendment No. 3192), to make certain aliens ineligible for conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status. **Pages S2850, S2856–63**

Cornyn Amendment No. 3207 (to Amendment No. 3206), to establish an enactment date.

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Isakson Amendment No. 3215 (to Amendment No. 3192), to demonstrate respect for legal immigration by prohibiting the implementation of a new alien guest-worker program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to the President and the Congress that the borders of the United States are reasonably sealed and secured.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 3223 (to Amendment No. 3192), to allow United States citizens under 18 years of age to travel to Canada without a passport, to develop a system to enable United States citizens to take 24-hour excursions to Canada without a passport, and to limit the cost of passport cards or similar alternatives to passports to \$20.

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Mikulski/Warner Amendment No. 3217 (to Amendment No. 3192), to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

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Santorum/Mikulski Amendment No. 3214 (to Amendment No. 3192), to designate Poland as a program country under the visa waiver program established under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 3220 (to Amendment No. 3192), to use surveillance technology to protect the borders of the United States.

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Sessions Amendment No. 3420 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3192), of a perfecting nature.

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Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 3421 (to Amendment No. 3420), of a perfecting nature.

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Frist Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (Frist Amendment No. 3424).

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Frist Amendment No. 3425 (to the instructions to the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary), to establish an effective date.

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Frist Amendment No. 3426 (to Amendment No. 3425), of a technical nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the Frist Motion to Commit (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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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, a vote on cloture may occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2006; that the time until 10:30 a.m. be equally divided between the bill managers, or their designees; and that at 10:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Specter Amendment No. 3192 (listed above); provided further, that second-degree amendments be filed at the desk no later than 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2006, pursuant to rule XXII.

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**Nomination:** Senate began consideration of Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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**Nomination:** Senate began consideration of Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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1A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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**Nomination:** Senate began consideration of Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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**Nomination:** Senate began consideration of Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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

Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

David M. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Argentina.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 6, 2006. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3161.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS: LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from William H. Pickle, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; Wilson Livingood, Chairman, Capitol Police Board and Capitol Guide Service; and Christopher McGaffin, Acting Chief of Police, Capitol Police Board; Tom Stevens, Head, Congressional Special Services Office and Capitol Guide Service; and Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, Robert Mueller, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Karen Tandy, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Carl J. Truscott, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and John Clark, Director, U.S. Marshals Service, all of the Department of Justice.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers.

#### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded closed and open hearings to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Defense’s role in combating terrorism, after receiving testimony from Thomas W. O’Connell, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; Vice Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command; Vice Admiral John Scott Redd, USN (Ret.), Director, National Counterterrorism Center; and Jeffrey N. Rapp, Director, Joint Intelligence Task Force-Combating Terrorism, Defense Intelligence Agency.

#### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, focusing on improving contractor incentives, after receiving testimony from Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

#### ASIA PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts concluded a hearing to examine the current and future role of science in the Asia Pacific Partnership, focusing on the public-private initiative that addresses the interconnected challenges of assuring economic growth and development, poverty eradication, energy security, pollution reduction, and mitigating climate change, after receiving testimony from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality; and W. David Montgomery, CRA International, Margo Thorning, International Council for Capital Formation, and David D. Doniger, Natural Resources Defense Council Climate Center, all of Washington, D.C.

**WILDFIRE SEASON**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded an oversight hearing to examine the 2005 wildfire season and the Federal land management agencies' preparations for the 2006 wildfire season, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; and Nina Rose Hatfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**U.S.-INDIA CIVILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States-India Civilian Nuclear Agreement, and non-proliferation goals, global energy requirements, environmental concerns, and the United States geo-strategic relationship with India, focusing on S. 2429, to authorize the President to waive the application of certain requirements under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 with respect to India, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

**ISLAMIST EXTREMISM IN EUROPE**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the nature and scope of Islamist extremism in Europe, focusing on secular and spiritual alienation, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Henry A. Crumpton, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and Tom C. Korologos, United States Ambassador to Belgium, all of the Department of State; and Robin Niblett, and Daniel Benjamin, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Mary

Habeck, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

**PORT SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2459, to improve cargo security, and other related measures, after receiving testimony from Senator Murray; Representatives Lungren and Harman; Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Jeffrey W. Monroe, Department of Ports and Transportation, Portland, Maine; M.R. Dinsmore, Port of Seattle, Seattle, Washington; and Andrew Howell, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and James P. Hoffa, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Washington, D.C.

**FEDERAL FUNDING OF MUSEUMS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine various avenues of Federal funding for museums including authorized programs, grantmaking agencies, and earmarks, after receiving testimony from David A. Ucko, Head, Informal Science Education, Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education, Education and Human Resources Directorate, National Science Foundation; Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Director, Institute of Museums and Library Services; Edward H. Able, Jr., American Association of Museums, and Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, both of Washington, D.C.

**ALL-HAZARDS MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness concluded a hearing to examine all-hazards medical preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from John Agwunobi, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; Ellen Embrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Force Health Protection and Readiness, and Director, Deployment Health Support, Department of Defense; Lawrence Deyton, Chief Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Eddy A. Bresnitz, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Trenton, on behalf of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists; Thomas V. Inglesby, Center for Biosecurity, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland; Richard Serino, Boston Emergency Medical Services, Boston, Massachusetts; and Rob Gougelet, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, New Hampshire.

**METHAMPHETAMINE**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the impact methamphetamine use is having in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Senator Burns; William P. Ragsdale, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Robert McSwain, Deputy Director, Jon Perez, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, and Anthony Dekker, Associate Director, Clinical Services, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, all of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Matthew H. Mead, United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming, Chey-

enne, Department of Justice; Kathleen W. Kitcheyan, San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, Arizona; Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, and Gary L. Edwards, National Native American Law Enforcement Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Karrie Azure, United Tribes Technical College, Bismark, North Dakota.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 5091–5111; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 378–380; and H. Res. 762–765, 768 were introduced. **Pages H1561–63**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1563–64**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 766, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 (H. Rept. 109–405);

H. Res. 767, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–406);

H.R. 2955, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify that the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has exclusive jurisdiction of appeals relating to patents, plant variety protection, or copyrights, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–407);

H.R. 4742, to amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies (H. Rept. 109–408); and

H. Con. Res. 319, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were enacted in 1980 (Public Law 96–517; commonly known as the “Bayh-Dole Act”), on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its enactment (H. Rept. 109–409). **Page H1561**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Capito to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1455**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Clyde P. Thomas, Pastor, Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church, Gaffney, South Carolina. **Page H1455**

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

***Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006:*** H.R. 3127, amended, to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, by a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 90; **Pages H1461–75, H1530**

***Expressing the sense of the Congress that Saudi Arabia should fully live up to its World Trade Organization commitments and end all aspects of any boycott on Israel:*** H. Res. 370, to express the sense of the Congress that Saudi Arabia should fully live up to its World Trade Organization commitments and end all aspects of any boycott on Israel; **Pages H1482–85**

***Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the “Mayor John Thompson ‘Tom’ Garrison Memorial Post Office”:*** H.R. 4688, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the “Mayor John Thompson ‘Tom’ Garrison Memorial Post Office”; **Pages H1485–86**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the “Francisco ‘Pancho’ Medrano Post Office Building”:* H.R. 4561, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the “Francisco ‘Pancho’ Medrano Post Office Building”;

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*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the “Coach John Wooden Post Office Building”:* H.R. 4646, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the “Coach John Wooden Post Office Building”;

Pages H1494–95

*Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service:* H. Con. Res. 360, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service;

Pages H1500–01

*Honoring and congratulating the Minnesota National Guard, on its 150th anniversary, for its spirit of dedication and service to the State of Minnesota and the Nation and recognizing that the role of the National Guard, the Nation’s citizen-soldier based militia, which was formed before the United States Army, has been and still is extremely important to the security and freedom of the Nation:* H. Con. Res. 371, to honor and congratulate the Minnesota National Guard, on its 150th anniversary, for its spirit of dedication and service to the State of Minnesota and the Nation and recognizing that the role of the National Guard, the Nation’s citizen-soldier based militia, which was formed before the United States Army, has been and still is extremely important to the security and freedom of the Nation; and

Pages H1501–05

*Honoring Drs. Roy J. Glauber, John L. Hall, and Theodor W. Hansch for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2005, and Drs. Yves Chauvin, Robert H. Grubbs, and Richard R. Schrock for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2005:* H. Res. 541, to honor Drs. Roy J. Glauber, John L. Hall, and Theodor W. Hansch for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2005, and Drs. Yves Chauvin, Robert H. Grubbs, and Richard R. Schrock for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2005.

Pages H1533–36

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 762, relating to a question of the privileges

of the House, by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 198 noes with 5 voting “present,” Roll No. 87.

Pages H1513–14

**527 Reform Act of 2005:** The House passed H.R. 513, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees by a ye-and-nay vote 218 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 88, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H1506–13, H1514–29

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration, now printed in the bill and modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 109–404, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1506**

H. Res. 755, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 86.

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Agreed to the Dreier amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 85.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, April 4th:

*Commending the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands:* H. Res. 692, amended, to commend the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, by a ye-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 89.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, April 6th.

*Concerning the Government of Romania’s ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania:* H.

Res. 578, concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania;

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*Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience:* H. Con. Res. 320, amended, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience;

**Pages H1479–82**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month:* H. Res. 737, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month;

**Pages H1486–92**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic:* H. Res. 556, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic; and

**Pages H1495–H1500**

*Congratulating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people:* H. Con. Res. 366, to congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages 1564.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H1512–13, H1513, H1514, H1528–29, H1529–30, H1530. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act.

### DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on the Federal Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Julia Smith Gibbons, U.S. Circuit Court Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth District; and Leoniodas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DOE Energy Supply and Conservation, Fossil Energy. Testimony was heard from David Garman, Under Secretary, Science and Environment, Department of Energy.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior: Fran Mainella, Director, Steve Martin, Deputy Director; and Bruce Shaeffer, Comptroller.

### **MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on BRAC 2005 Implementation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Keith Eastin, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Army; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy; and William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

### **SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Carlos Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the State International Organizations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Kristen L. Silverberg, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs; and John R. Bolton, Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

### **MAJOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION REFORMS INITIATIVES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing to review major defense acquisition reform initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Edmund P. Giambastiani, USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; David Patterson, Under Secretary, Comptroller; and Kenneth Krieg, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

### **U.S. SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRIAL BASE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the U.S. Shipbuilding Industrial Base. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gary Powell, Acting Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Policy); Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Ships, Department of the Navy; VADM Paul E. Sullivan, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; and RADM Charles S. Hamilton, II, USN, Program Executive Officer for Ships, Naval Sea Systems Command; Mark L. Montroll, Professor, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University; and public witnesses.

### **MILITARY READINESS—SERVICES CONTRACTING'S IMPACT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on service contracting's impact on military readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Department of the Army; LG Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition; and Ronald Poussard, Air Force Program Executive Officer, Combat Mission Support.

### **DOE NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on future plans for the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex infrastructure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Tom D'Agostino, Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Charles Anderson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Management; and public witnesses.

### **WMD THREAT REDUCTION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on implementing the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) recommendations to combat weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Flory, Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy; and James A. Tegnalia, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Director, U.S. Strategic Command Center, Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (SCC—WMD).

### **COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITY, PROMOTION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action, as amended, the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006.

### **DUBAI PORTS WORLD DOCUMENTS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H. Res. 718, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the Dubai Ports World acquisition of six United States ports leases.



## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.” Testimony was heard from James H. Lambright, Chairman and Acting President, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

## FHA TRANSFORMATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Transforming the Federal Housing Administration for the 21st Century.” Testimony was heard from Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commission, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

## WESTERN STATES WATER MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled: “Conjunctive Water Management: A Solution to the West’s Growing Water Demand?” Testimony was heard from Jason Peltier, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## FEDERAL AGENCY PAYMENTS OVERSIGHT.

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “The Improper Payments Information Act—Are Agencies Meeting the Requirements of the Law?” Testimony was heard from Linda Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; Charles E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Budget, Technology, and Finance, Department of Health and Human Services; and McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

## SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Sarbanes-Oxley Act Four Years Later: What Have We Learned?” Testimony was heard from Representatives Feeney, Kirk and Meeks of New York; and public witnesses.

## U.S.-INDIA GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

## LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, as amended;: H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

## PATENT QUALITY ENHANCEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing entitled “Patent Quality Enhancement in the Information-Based Economy.” Testimony was heard from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

## INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 4777, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; Bruce Ohr, Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

## INDIAN GAMING RESTRICTIONS

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4893, to amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming. Testimony was heard from Fulton Sheen, Representative, State of Michigan, JoAnn D. Osmond, Representative State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5025, Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act; H.R. 5016, Las Cienegas Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3534, Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe and Capps; Tom Lonnie, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty, and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Matt Garrett, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—WATER AND POWER SUPPLIES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “The Bureau of Reclamation’s 21st Century Challenges in Managing, Protecting and Developing Water and Power Supplies.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Mark A. Limbaugh, Assistant Secretary, Water and

Science; and John Keys, III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FY 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for general debate only on H. Con. Res. 376, a concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011. The rule provides 4 hours of general debate, with 3 hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, and 1 hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton of New Jersey and Representative Maloney of New York or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides that after general debate the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion and no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except by a subsequent order of the House.

#### LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2006

*Committee on Rules:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

#### SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of April 6, 2006, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

#### WORKPLACE GLOBALIZATION REPORT

*Committee on Science:* Ordered adversely reported without recommendation H. Res. 717, Directing the Secretary of Commerce to transmit to the House of Representatives a copy of a workforce globalization final draft report produced by the Technology Administration.

#### SMALL BUSINESS TAX ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "IRS Latest Enforcement: Is the Bulls-eye on Small Businesses?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury; Mark W. Everson, Commissioner; and Kevin Brown, Commissioner, Small Business/Self-Employed Division Internal; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 235, Expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual; H. Con. Res. 349, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 359, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H. Con. Res. 372, amended, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Interstate Highway System; H.R. 3858, Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2005; H.R. 4880, amended, Maritime Terminal Security Enhancement Act of 2006; H.R. 5076, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 2006; and H.R. 5074, Railroad Retirement Technical Improvement Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; and GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions.

#### U.S.-OMAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on implementation of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. Testimony was heard from Susan Schwab, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

#### PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAM TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the use of technology to improve public benefit programs. Testimony was heard from Diane Ruth, Chair and Commissioner, Public Workforce Commission, State of Texas; Marketa Gautreau, Assistant Secretary, Community Services, Department of Social Services, State of Louisiana; Don Winstead, Deputy Secretary, Department of Children and Families, State of Florida; Lisa Henley, Project Director, EBT Project, Department of Human Services, State of Oklahoma; and

Dennis Fecci, former Chief Information Officer, Human Resources Administration, New York City.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Coast Guard's role in border and maritime security, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine health care in the District of Columbia, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy Shipbuilding in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture, focusing on current proposals to regulate offshore aquaculture operations, discuss research in this field being conducted off the coasts of New England and Hawaii, and the impacts that expanded aquaculture operations would have on fishermen, seafood processors, and consumers, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1510, to designate as wilderness certain lands within the Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 1719 and H.R. 1492, bills to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, S. 2034 and H.R. 394, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and assess the suitability

and feasibility of including the farm in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2252, to designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, and S. 2403, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to include in the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park land and interests in land of the GT Park Subdivision, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care coverage for small businesses, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction, to hold hearings to examine if America is saving enough to be competitive in the global marketplace relating to saving for the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark C. Minton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the Small Business Administration, focusing on SBA programs and their financial impact on the budget and economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, and Timothy Anthony Junker, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, both of the Department of Justice, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, and S. Res. 398, relating to the censure of George W. Bush, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine proposals for a legislative solution relating to orphan works, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the VA's 5-year capital construction plan, 2 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine employment and community service for low-income seniors, 10 a.m., SD-106.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on NIH, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Oversight of DOE's Waste Treatment Plant at Hanford, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secure Border Initiative/Immigrations Custom Enforcement/Customs Border Protection, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on DEA/ATF, 10 a.m., and on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on policy, compensation and benefits overview, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on Integration of Energy Efficient Propulsion Systems for Future U.S. Navy Vessels, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Navy Transformation, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request—Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on information technology issues and defense transformation, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, hearing entitled "Building America's Competitiveness: Examining What Is Needed to Compete in a Global Economy," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: What Parents, Kids, and Congress Need To Know About Child Predators," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Project Bioshield Reauthorization Issues, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Counterterrorism Financing Foreign Training and Assistance: Progress Since 9/11," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, to consider the following: H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006; a measure to increase the transparency of agency contacts with the private sector, enhance the revolving door restrictions on executive branch employees, and provide for disclosure of federal sponsorship of communications; a Committee report "Strengthening Disease Surveillance; and a Committee report "Updating Nuclear Security Standards: How Long Can the Department of Energy Afford To Wait?"; followed by a hearing entitled "Looking a Gift Horse in the Mouth: A Post-Katrina Review of International Disaster Assistance," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information-Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Protection of Privacy in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise," 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, executive, briefing on the implementation plan for the President's National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza, 1:30 p.m., Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, to mark up H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark up the following: H.R. 4681, Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006; and H. Res. 697, Congratulating the people and Government of Italy, the Torino Olympic Organizing Committee, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2006 United States Olympic Team, and all international athletes upon the successful completion of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on An End to Impunity: Investigating the 1993 Killing of Mexican Archbishop Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4423, Ethiopia Consolidation Act of 2005; and H. Res. 608, Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation, hearing on Checking Terrorism at the Border, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Iraqi Documents: A Glimpse Into the Regime of Saddam Hussein, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, oversight hearing entitled "The United States Department of Justice," 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Role of the Federal Government and Federal Lands in Fueling Renewable and Alternative Energy in America, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 138, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA-06P; H.R. 479, To replace a Coastal

Barrier Resources System map relating to Coastal Barrier Resources System Grayton Beach Unit FL-95P in Walton County, Florida; H.R. 1656, To correct maps depicting Unit T-10 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 3280, To exempt certain coastal barrier areas in Florida from Limitations on Federal expenditures and financial assistance under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act, and limitations on flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and H.R. 4165, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on Visitation Trends in the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "Protecting Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta Water Supplies and Responding to Catastrophic Failures in California Water Deliveries," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Assessing the Goals, Schedule and Costs of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing entitled "Can Small Healthcare Groups Feasibly Adopt Electronic Medical Records Technology?" 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on H.R. 4650, National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Marines of World War II Act of 2005; H.R. 601, Native American Veterans Cemetery Act of 2005; H.R. 2188, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the placement in a national cemetery of memorial markers for the purpose of commemorating servicemembers or other persons whose remains are interred in an American Battle Monuments Commission cemetery; H.R. 2963, Dr. James Allen Disabled Veterans Equity Act; H.R. 4843, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5037, Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act; and H.R. 5038, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and expand the application of the Department of Veterans Affairs benefit for Government markers for marked graves of veterans buried in private cemeteries and to provide Government markers or memorial headstones for deceased dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable for burial, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on health information technology (IT), 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the 2006 tax return filing season, the Internal Revenue Service budget for fiscal year 2007, and other issues in tax administration, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, Briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., and, executive, Briefing entitled "Use of Strategic Communications by al-Qaeda," 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 6

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, April 6

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 2454, Securing America's Borders Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192 to occur at approximately 10:30 a.m.

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Begin consideration of H. Con. Res. 376—Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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