

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9997–S10056

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1697–1705, S.J. Res. 24, and S. Res. 237–238. **Page S10037**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Army Black Corps of Engineers: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 67, honoring the soldiers of the Army's Black Corps of Engineers for their contributions in constructing the Alaska-Canada highway during World War II and recognizing the importance of these contributions to the subsequent integration of the military, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10055**

National Campus Safety Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 221, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Campus Safety Awareness Month", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10055**

Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 238, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of our Nation. **Page S10055**

Commerce/Justice/Science Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10002–32**

Adopted:

McCain Amendment No. 1707, to express the sense of the Senate regarding funding directives contained in H.R. 2862 or its accompanying report. **Pages S10006–08**

Shelby (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 1694, to waive the match requirement under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant program for purposes of replacing defective vests. **Pages S10019–21**

Shelby (for Martinez) Amendment No. 1708, to provide the sense of Congress on the 11th International Coral Reef Symposium. **Page S10020**

Shelby (for Talent/Dodd) Amendment No. 1709, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. **Pages S10020, S10026–31**

Shelby (for Cantwell/Allen) Amendment No. 1710, to provide additional funding for the Methamphetamine Hot Spots program. **Pages S10020, S10025–26**

Shelby (for Dayton) Amendment No. 1654, to increase funding for Justice Assistance Grants. **Page S10019**

Shelby (for Reid) Amendment No. 1711, to provide additional funding for Violence Against Women Act programs to assist victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence. **Page S10020**

Shelby Amendment No. 1712, to provide additional funds to the National Hurricane Center. **Page S10020**

Shelby (for Clinton) Amendment No. 1701, to increase funding for the Technology Opportunity Program. **Page S10019**

Pryor/Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 1703, to require the FTC to conduct an immediate investigation into gasoline price-gouging. **Pages S10024–25**

Mikulski (for Stabenow) Modified Amendment No. 1688, to prevent the United States Trade Representative from negotiating future trade agreements that prevent the United States from changing United States patent law to allow the importation of pharmaceutical products. **Pages S10031–32**

Shelby (for DeWine) Amendment No. 1715 (to Amendment No. 1671), to make funds available for aeronautics research and development programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Page S10032**

DeWine Amendment No. 1671, to make available, from amounts otherwise available for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, \$906,200,000 for aeronautics research and development programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Page S10032**

Sarbanes Amendment No. 1662, to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina with finding new housing. **Page S10032**

Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 1648, to eliminate the funding for the Advanced Technology Program and increase the funding available for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, community oriented policing services, and State and local law enforcement assistance. (By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 230), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10021–24**

Withdrawn:

Lincoln Amendment No. 1652, to provide for temporary medicaid disaster relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina. **Page S10026**

Sununu Amendment No. 1669, to increase funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, the Southwest Border Prosecutors Initiative, and transitional housing for women subjected to domestic violence. **Page S10026**

Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1665, to prohibit weakening any law that provides safeguards from unfair foreign trade practices. **Pages S10003, S10012–14**

Lieberman Amendment No. 1678, to provide financial relief for individuals and entities affected by Hurricane Katrina. **Page S10003**

Kerry/Landrieu Amendment No. 1695, to strengthen the loan, procurement assistance, and management education programs of the Small Business Administration in order to help small businesses and home owners hurt by Hurricane Katrina meet their existing obligations, finance their businesses, and maintain and create jobs, thereby providing stability to the national economy. **Pages S10010–12, S10018–19**

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

By 40 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Stabenow Modified Amendment No. 1687, to provide funding for interoperable communications equipment grants. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S10003–04**

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 228), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to notice previously given in writing, relative to Dorgan Amendment No. 1670, to establish a special committee of the

Senate to investigate the awarding and carrying out of contracts to conduct activities in Afghanistan and Iraq and to fight the war on terrorism. Subsequently, the Chair sustained the point of order that the amendment was in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on appropriations matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S10004–06, S10009, S10031–32**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 229), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to notice previously given in writing, relative to Clinton Amendment No. 1660, to establish a congressional commission to examine the Federal, State, and local response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of the United States especially in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and other areas impacted in the aftermath and make immediate corrective measures to improve such responses in the future. Subsequently, the Chair sustained the point of order that the amendment was in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on appropriations matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S10006, S10008–10, S10031**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 15, 2005. **Page S10055**

Messages From the House: **Pages S10035–36**

Measures Referred: **Page S10036**

Executive Communications: **Pages S10036–37**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S10048–54**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S10054–55**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—230) **Pages S10004, S10009, S10010, S10023–24**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10055–56.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AVIATION EFFECTS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the aviation industry, focusing on jet fuel markets, airport infrastructure, and the National Airspace System, after receiving testimony from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; James C. May, Air Transport Association, Inc., and Deborah McElroy, Regional Airline Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Frank Miller, Pensacola Regional Airport, Pensacola, Florida.

HURRICANE KATRINA RECOVERY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine issues relating to recovering from Hurricane Katrina, focusing on lessons learned from previous disasters in var-

ious locations across the United States, and the urgent and long-term needs of disaster survivors, receiving testimony from former Senator Pete Wilson; former Mayor Patricia A. Owens, Grand Forks, North Dakota; and former Mayor Marc H. Morial, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Urban League; and Iain B. Logan, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, New York, New York.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States, where the nominee, further testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 3760–3782; 1 private bill, H.R. 3783; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 242–243; and H. Res. 437–438, 441–443 were introduced.

Pages H7947–49

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H7949–50

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 437, a resolution to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 109–220, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 439, providing for the consideration of the resolution H. Res. 437, to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 109–221); and

H. Res. 440, providing for the consideration of the bill H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–222).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Steve Houpe, Pastor, Harvest Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

To reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act: H.R. 3408, to reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act;

Pages H7875–77

Supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina: H. Con. Res. 240, supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and encouraging all Americans to observe that day;

Pages H7877–79

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and

the subsequent desegregation of American society: H. Con. Res. 208, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and the subsequent desegregation of American society; and **Pages H7881–83**

To protect volunteers assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina: H.R. 3736, to protect volunteers assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina. **Pages H7883–87**

Children's Safety Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 3132, to make improvements to the national sex offender registration program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 470. **Pages H7879–81, H7887–H7924**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Judiciary, now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H7924**

Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner amendment (No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record) that makes technical and conforming changes to the bill; **Pages H7897–98**

Sensenbrenner amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record) that inserts a new section providing for assistance in identification and location of sex offenders relocated as a result of Hurricane Katrina; **Page H7898**

Cuellar amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides for a minimum term of not less than 90 days when jurisdictions are imposing criminal penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of the bill; **Page H7898**

Gibbons amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record) that adds a new section providing for GAO studies on feasibility of using driver's license registration processes as additional registration requirements for sex offenders; **Pages H7898–99**

Conyers amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides for establishment of a Children's Safety Office under the general authority of the Attorney General; **Pages H7899–H7900**

Conyers amendment (No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides for grants to combat sexual abuse of children. Such grants shall be made by the Bureau of Justice Assistance; **Page H7900**

Poe amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides for expansion of training and technology efforts with Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers by the Attorney General in consultation with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; **Pages H7900–01**

Conyers amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record) that adds a new section which

provides for inclusion of gender statistics under the Hate Crime Statistics Act; **Pages H7903–05**

Baird amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record) that requires the Justice Department, in cooperation with the Health and Human Services Department, to conduct a study into the creation of a nationwide, interstate tracking system of individuals convicted of, or under investigation for child abuse. This report will analyze the costs and benefits of different mechanism for establishing the system and include the extent to which existing registries could be used. The report would be due to Congress within 90 days of enactment; **Page H7905**

Porter amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record) that allows school districts, through the state executive officer, to access finger-print based criminal history records for prospective employees who will come in close contacts with students; **Page H7905**

Flake amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides that fact-intensive and time-consuming "harmless-error sentencing claims" will be reviewed again in Federal court only if the State court erred in determining that the claim was subject to harmless review; **Pages H7906–08**

Ryun of Kansas amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record) that condemns the decision in *United States v. Helder, Jr.* and encourages the Department of Justice to appeal the decision so that it is overturned; **Pages H7908–10**

Sensenbrenner amendment (No. 29 printed in the Congressional Record) that inserts a new section on page 69, after line 17, which states that notwithstanding any other law, an indictment may be found or an information instituted at any time without limitation for any offense under section 1201 involving a minor victim; **Pages H7910–11**

Sensenbrenner amendment (No. 30 printed in the Congressional Record) that allows checks and access to federal crime information data-base by Child Welfare Agencies for certain purposes; **Pages H7910–11**

Jackson-Lee amendment (No. 31 printed in the Congressional Record) that expresses the sense of Congress that background checks conducted as a precondition to approval of any foster or adoptive placement of children affected by a natural disaster or terrorist attack should be expedited in order to ensure that such children do not become subjected to the offenses enumerated in the Children's Safety Act; **Pages H7911–12**

Weldon of Florida amendment (No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record) that withholds 10 percent of a State's Byrne Grant and Local Government Law Enforcement Grant funds if the State fails to enact a law requiring those who have been accused of sex

crimes to submit to an HIV test within 48 hours of such request; **Page H7912**

Wasserman-Schultz amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record) which states that civil confinement would encompass those who are deemed too dangerous to return to society without proper treatment and rehabilitation after psychological evaluation; **Page H7912**

Nadler amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record) that prohibits the transfer or possession of a firearm by any individual convicted of committing a sex offense against a minor; **Pages H7914–15**

Kelly amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record) that creates a national child abuse registry within the Department of Justice. The amendment also requires the Attorney General to work in consultation with the Secretary of HHS in creating the database; **Page H7915**

Pence amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record) that ensures that children are not exploited in the production and distribution of pornography. Additionally, the amendment provides increased protection to victims of child pornography and strengthens the hand of law enforcement in investigating and bringing charges in obscenity and child pornography cases; **Pages H7915–17**

Conyers amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record) that makes it a crime to knowingly misappropriate the personal identification information of a minor in interstate or foreign commerce; and **Pages H7917–18**

Conyers amendment (No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record) that adds a title and sections to the bill that may be cited as the “Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2005” (by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 469). **Pages H7918–22, H7923**

Rejected:

En bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments: Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 4) that sought to remove mandatory minimum sentences; and Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 7) that sought to eliminate provisions, which call for the death penalty if a death results in connection with a crime against a child; and **Pages H7905–06**

Inglis amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record) that sought to remove the mandatory minimum incarceration provisions for sex offenders who fail to register under the provisions of the bill (by a recorded vote of 106 ayes to 316 naves, Roll No. 468). **Pages H7901–03, H7922–23**

Point of Order sustained against:

McDermott amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record) that sought to allow states that pay for child foster care for children who have

been displaced because of Hurricane Katrina to receive Federal payments both for placement services and foster care for one year, starting this month. **Pages H7913–14**

Aged that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H7924**

H. Res. 436, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H7879–81**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7871.

Senate Referrals: S. 1613 was held at the desk. **Page H7871**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:16 p.m. **Page H7944**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 2 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7922–23, H7923–24 and H7924. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FBI TRANSFORMATION EFFORTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FBI Transformation Efforts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; and Robert Mueller, Director, FBI; Randolph C. Hite, Director, Information Technology, GAO; the following officials of the CRS, Library of Congress: Alfred Cumming, Specialist in Intelligence and National Security Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division; and Todd Masse, Specialist in Domestic Intelligence and Counterterrorism, Domestic Social Policy Division; and Dick L. Thornburgh, former U.S. Attorney General.

QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Quadrennial Defense Review: Goals and Principles. Testimony was heard from Dov S. Zakheim, former Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

HURRICANE KATRINA—FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS' RESPONSE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a

hearing entitled “Hurricane Katrina: The Financial Institutions’ Response.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATURAL GAS CRISIS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Meeting America’s Natural Gas Demand: Are We in a Crisis?” Testimony was heard from Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals, Department of Labor; Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered adversely reported the following measures: H. Res. 375, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all information in the possession of the President and the Secretary of State relating to communication with officials of the United Kingdom between January 1, 2002, and October 16, 2002, relating to the policy of the United States with respect to Iraq; H. Res. 408, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all documents in the possession of the President and Secretary of Defense relating to communications with officials of the United Kingdom relating to the policy of the United States with respect to Iraq; and H. Res. 419, Directing the Secretary of State to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the Secretary of State relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame.

U.S. FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS TO EUROPE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing on U.S. Foreign Aid Programs to Europe. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Thomas C. Adams, Coordinator, U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and Drew W. Luten III, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

RESOLUTION—DIRECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TRANSMIT TO THE HOUSE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF THE IDENTITY OF VALERIE PLAME

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered adversely reported H. Res. 420, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted a modified open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 889, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005 equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule and that it shall be read by title. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the bill that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule allows the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3768 on the legislative day of Thursday, September 15, 2005. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young.

SELECT BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PREPARATION FOR AND RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H. Res. 437, To establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points

of order against consideration of the resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions.

SELECT BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PREPARATION FOR AND RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported H. Res. 437, To establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina.

OVERSIGHT VETERANS MATTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs information technology infrastructure reorganization, and proposed legislation to enhance the role of the Chief Information Officer. Testimony was heard from Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Veterans' Affairs: Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary; Richard A. Wannemacher, Jr., Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration; Robert N. McFarland, Assistant Secretary, Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; and Pedro Cadenas, Associate Deputy Secretary, Cyber and Information Security; Jeff Seifert, Analyst in Information, Science and Technology Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, CRS. Library of Congress; and a public witness.

EFFECTS OF UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Effects of Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel, Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, and Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, each to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the

United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, and David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Export Administration, all of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S.-Indonesia relations, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stewart A. Baker, of Virginia, and Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to markup S. 1182, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, and S. 716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review Canada and Australia's experience with implementing national animal identification systems, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Emergency Housing Needs in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Back to the Drawing Board: A First Look at Lessons Learned from Katrina;" followed by consideration of the following measures: H. Con. Res. 59, Recognizing the contributions of African-American basketball teams and players for their achievements, dedication, and contributions to the sport of basketball and to the Nation; H. Con. Res. 209, Supporting the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families; H.J. Res. 61, Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day; H.R. 2062, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 West Street in Newville, Pennsylvania, as the "Randall D. Shughart Post Office Building;" H.R. 2413, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the "Lillian McKay Post Office Building;" H.R. 3439, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the "Ava Gardner Post Office;" H.R. 3440, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Avenida RL Rodriguez in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, as the "Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building;" H.R. 3667, To designate the facility of the United

States Postal Service located at 200 South Barrington Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Karl Malden Station;” H.R. 3703, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the “Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building;” S. 1275, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the “Alice R. Brusich Post Office Building;” a Committee Report entitled “A Citizen’s Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records; H.R. 3699, To provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property; H.R. 3508, 2005 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act; a measure to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Oak Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the “Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building;” H. Res. 429, Congratulating the West Oahu Little League Baseball team for winning the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series; and H.R. 3128, Clarification of Federal Employment Protections Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark the following measures: H. Con. Res. 195, Commemorating the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923, urging the Government of the Republic of Turkey to acknowledge the culpability of its predecessor state, the Ottoman Empire, for the Armenian Genocide and engage in rapprochement with the Republic of Armenia and the Armenian people, and supporting the accession of Turkey to the European Union if Turkey meets certain criteria; H. Res. 316, Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution; H.R. 1409, Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2005; H.R. 1973, Water for the Poor Act of 2005; H.R. 3184, To ensure that countries that have signed a Small Quantities Protocol also sign, ratify, and implement the Additional Protocol and provide access by IAEA inspectors to their nuclear-related facilities and to direct the United States Permanent Representative to the IAEA to make every effort to rescind and eliminate the Small Quantities Protocol and ensure compliance by all Member States of the IAEA with IAEA obligations and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations; H.R. 3269, To amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to provide for the applicability of that Act to the Bank for International Settlements; H.

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