

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The House passed H.R. 2744, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1194–1205, and S. Res. 163–164. **Page S6225**

Measures Passed:

National Hispanic Media Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 163, designating June 5 through June 11, 2005, as “National Hispanic Media Week”, in honor of the Hispanic Media of America. **Pages S6240–41**

Printing Authority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 164, authorizing the printing with illustrations of a document entitled “Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 138th Anniversary, 1867–2005.” **Page S6241**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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

By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 132), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6218–19**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2005, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S6241**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2005. **Page S6241**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 131), Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

Gretchen C. F. Shappert, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Anthony Jerome Jenkins, of Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Stephen Joseph Murphy, III, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Paul D. Clement, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

Philip J. Perry, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

Regina B. Schofield, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S6242**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Richard Smoak, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

26 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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| Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—132) | Pages S6218, S6219 |

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 9, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6241.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine manufacturing competitiveness in a high-tech era, focusing on current challenges that confront American manufacturers, how manufacturers have responded to these challenges, discuss how recent technological innovations have impacted the manufacturing industry, and explore what government should do to help American manufacturers remain competitive in today's global economy, after receiving testimony from Albert A. Frink, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services of the International Trade Administration; G. Wayne Clough, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Sebastian Murray, FPI Thermoplastic Technologies, Morristown, New Jersey; and Thomas R. Howell, Dewey Ballantine, LLP, Washington, D.C.

DISASTER PROTECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction concluded a hearing to examine research and development to protect America's communities from disaster, focusing on National Institute of Standards and Technology recent World Trade Center report, as well as computer security, and chemical, biological, radiological detection standards, National Science Foundation scientific research in areas such as computer security and data mining, and NOAA's

work developing atmospheric models to aid in prediction of the transport and dispersion of chemical and biological releases, including the hazards alert system, after receiving testimony from Hratch G. Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, and Conrad Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both of the Department of Commerce; and Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 483, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse";

S. 260, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, enhance, and manage private land to improve fish and wildlife habitats through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, with an amendment;

S. 864, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify provisions relating to nuclear safety and security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 865, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 858, to reauthorize Nuclear Regulatory Commission user fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1017, to reauthorize grants for the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, and;

S. 1140, to designate the State Route 1 Bridge in the State of Delaware as the "Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge".

LAND CONSERVATION TAX POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine proposals to reform the tax code relating to land conservation, focusing on legal requirements for deductions for conservation easements, and governance, accountability, and transparency reforms, receiving testimony from Jonathan Selib, Tax Counsel, and Dean Zerbe, Tax Counsel and Senior Counsel to the Chairman, both of the Committee on Finance; Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, Department of the Interior; Steven T. Miller, Commissioner, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Burnet R. Maybank, III, South Carolina Department of Revenue, Columbia; Steven J. McCormick, Nature

Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia; Rand Wentworth, Land Trust Alliance, Washington, D.C.; and Timothy Lindstrom, Jackson Hole Land Trust, Jackson, Wyoming.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, and Roger Dwayne Pierce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine exploring the promise of embryonic stem cell research, focusing on Alzheimer's Disease, Huntington's Disease, diabetes, and Parkinson's Disease, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Goldstein, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine; Douglas A. Doerfler, MaxCyte, Inc., Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; John D. Gearhart, Johns Hopkins University Department of Medicine Institute for Cell Engineering, Baltimore, Maryland; Su-Chun Zhang, University of Wisconsin-Madison Waisman Mental Retardation Center; and Chris Dudley, Portland, Oregon.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 2791–2826; 1 private bill, H.R. 2827; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 174–175; and H. Res. 307–309 were introduced. **Pages H4295–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4296–97**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 481, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000, amended (H. Rept. 109–107);

H.R. 774, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado (H. Rept. 109–108);

H.R. 853, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States (H. Rept. 109–109);

H.R. 873, to provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (H. Rept. 109–110);

H.R. 1084, to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery

who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862 (H. Rept. 109–111);

H.R. 1428, to authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, amended (H. Rept. 109–112);

H.R. 2362, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (H. Rept. 109–113); and

H.R. 432, to require the Secretary of the Interior to permit continued occupancy and use of certain lands and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park (H. Rept. 109–114). **Pages H4294–95**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4191**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Nelson Quinones, Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. **Page H4191**

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

Supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week: H. Con. Res. 159, amended, recognizing the sacrifices being made by the families of members of the Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week. **Pages H4194–97**

Withdrawing approval of the U.S. from the Agreement establishing the WTO—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 304, the rule providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 27, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, by a voice vote. **Pages H4197–S4201**

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006: The House passed H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 238. **Pages H4201–73**

Agreed by unanimous consent to limit the amendments made in order and the time limit for debate on such amendments. **Pages H4251–52**

Agreed to:

Bonilla amendment that increases funding for the Watershed Rehabilitation Program and Rural Cooperative Development Grants; **Pages H4223–24**

Butterfield amendment that increases funding for Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers; **Page H4224**

Baca amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7), offered by Representative Hinojosa, that increases funding for education grants programs for Hispanic-serving Institutions; **Pages H4244–25**

Bonilla amendment that increases the amount available in section 735 of the bill; **Page H4237**

DeLauro amendment that strikes language in section 757 of the bill; **Page H4237**

Schwarz of Michigan amendment (No. 9 printed in Congressional Record of June 7) that expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should use the transfer authority provided by the Plant Protection Act to implement the strategic plan developed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for the eradication of Emerald Ash Borer in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana; **Pages H4244–45**

Weiner amendment that increases funding for the salaries and expenses of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 230); **Pages H4225–26, H4259–60**

Sweeney amendment that prohibits the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to inspect horses under the Federal Meat Inspection Act or under guidelines issued under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 269 yeas to 158 noes, Roll No. 233); and **Pages H4247–51, H4261–62**

Brown of Ohio amendment that prohibits the use of funds to purchase chickens under the Richard B.

Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, after December 31, 2005, unless the Secretary takes into account whether such purchases are in compliance with the standards of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. **Page H4269**

Rejected:

Rehberg amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7) that sought to strike a provision relating to the delay in country of origin labeling for meat and meat products (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 231); **Pages H4238–43, H4260**

Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to grant a waiver of financial conflict of interest requirement for any voting member of an advisory committee or panel of the FDA; or to make a certification under title 18, United States Code, for any such voting member (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 210 noes, Roll No. 232); **Pages H4243–47, H4260–61**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel who make loans in excess of 17 cents per pound for raw sugar cane or 21.6 cents per pound for refined beet sugar (by a recorded vote of 146 yeas to 280 noes, Roll No. 234); **Pages H4252–57, H4262**

Chabot amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to carry out section 203 of the Agriculture Trade Act of 1978, or to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel who carry out a market program under such section (by a recorded vote of 66 yeas to 356 noes, Roll No. 235); **Pages H4257–59, H4262–63**

Hefley amendment that sought to cut overall spending in the bill by 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 80 yeas to 335 noes, Roll No. 236); and **Pages H4264–65, H4271–72**

Garrett of New Jersey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds under the heading “Food and Nutrition Service—Food Stamp Program” in contravention of the Immigration and Nationality Act (by a recorded vote of 169 yeas to 258 noes, Roll No. 237). **Pages H4265–66, H4272–73**

Withdrawn:

Platts amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the salaries and expenses for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; **Pages H4226–27**

Moran of Kansas amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new

section to the bill regarding funding to carry out the Plant Protection Act; and **Pages H4237–38**

Tiahrt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to promulgate regulations without consideration of the effect of such regulations on the competitiveness of American businesses. **Pages H4268–69**

Point of Order sustained against:

Provision beginning with the colon on page 54 line 4 through the word “overseas” on line 9;

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Section 749 of the bill;

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Section 760 of the bill;

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Hinchev amendment that sought to insert a section at the end of the bill regarding Postmarket Studies;

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Stupak amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to keep in effect an exemption for a clinical trial that concerns a serious or life-threatening disease or condition and is not included in the registry of such trials in the Public Health Service Act; and prohibits the use of funds to approve an application under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act that is for a drug for a serious or life-threatening disease or condition and is supported by a clinical trial that has received an exemption under the Act and is not included in the clinical trial registry of the Public Health Service Act;

Pages H4263–64

Kucinich amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the FDA for the approval or process of approval under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of an application for an animal drug for creating transgenic salmon or any other transgenic fish;

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Stupak amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the FDA to conduct any investigation of, or take any employment action against, an officer or employee of the FDA pursuant to the officer or employee providing information that concerns the FDA;

Pages H4266–68

Kucinich amendment that sought to require the Department of Agriculture to test, at the request of a producer or processor, ruminants, ruminant products and by-products for the presence of bovine spongiform encephalopathy; and prohibit the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department to enforce any regulatory prohibition on such testing; and

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Weiner amendment that sought to allow grants to be made to states for distribution to active agricultural producers.

Pages H4270–71

H. Res. 303, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H4201–08

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Smith of Washington wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary, effective immediately. **Page H4208**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 307 electing Representative Wasserman Schultz to the Committee on the Judiciary and Representative Moore of Kansas to the Committee on Science.

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Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Chairman Kolbe and vice-Chairman Harris (FL), appointed on April 14, 2005: Representatives Dreier, Berman, Barton (TX), Manzullo, Weller, Reyes, and McCaul (TX). **Pages H4273–74**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4259–60, H4260, H4260–61, H4261–62, H4262, H4262–63, H4271–72, H4272–73 and H4273. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL SOLID WASTE IMPORTATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2491, International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2005.

FOREIGN DEBT ASSISTANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Debt and Development: How to Provide Efficient, Effective Assistance to the World’s Poorest Countries?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATION’S ELECTRICITY SYSTEM RELIABILITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Reliability of the Nation’s Electricity System.” Testimony was heard from Pat Wood, III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

DOD BUSINESS SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled "Business Systems Modernization at the Department of Defense." Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas Modly, Deputy Under Secretary, Financial Management, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and Paul A. Brinkley, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary (Acquisition Technology and Logistics) for Business Transformation.

COAST GUARD HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled "The Homeland Security Missions of the Post-9/11 Coast Guard." Testimony was heard from ADM Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

529 FAIRNESS ACT OF 2005

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1316, 527 Fairness Act of 2005.

HENRY J. HYDE UNITED NATIONS REFORM ACT; FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported H.R. 2745, Henry J. Hyde United Nations Reform Act of 2005;

Began markup of H.R. 2601, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

OVERSIGHT—OCEAN SYSTEMS REVIEW

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Scientific Review of Ocean Systems. Testimony was heard from Stephen Murawski, Director, Scientific Programs, Chief Science Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS ACTIONS REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Business Actions Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Financing Water Infrastructure Projects, Part 1. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 14.

TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Tax Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Reuben Jeffery, III, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner and Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and to consider 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 582, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Federal Housing Commissioner, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine general aviation (GA) security, the Transportation Security Administration's proposed plan to reopen Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to GA operations, and to examine the security procedures followed during the recent air incursion that caused

the emergency evacuation of the White House and the U.S. Capitol buildings, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard J. Griffin, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador, and Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Under Secretary of State for Management, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Western Hemisphere initiative, regarding safety and convenience in cross-border travel, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine protecting America's pensions plans from fraud, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to hold hearings to examine bringing promising medical countermeasures to bioshield, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending health care related legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on PBGC's Unfunded Pension Liabilities: Will Taxpayers Have To Pay The Bill? 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing entitled "The Role of Non-Profit Organizations in State and Local High School Reform Efforts," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Issues before the U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Patient Safety and Quality Initiatives," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Financial Services Regulatory Relief: The Regulators' Views," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Assessing the Department of Homeland Security's Mission Effectiveness: Is it Enough to Meet the Terrorist Threat?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "The Promise of Registered Traveler," 11 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on the Emergency Preparedness of the House and the Evacuation of May 11, 2005, 9:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to continue markup of H.R. 2601, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007; and to mark up H. Res. 199, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives re-

garding the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation, hearing entitled "Proliferation Security Initiative: An Early Assessment," 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on the Patent Act of 2005, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the following: H.R. 764, To require the Attorney General to establish a Federal register of cases of child abuse or neglect; H.R. 95, Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Database Act of 2005; H.R. 1355, Child Predator's Act of 2005; H.R. 1505, Jessica Lunsford Act; H.R. 2423, Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act; H.R. 244, Save Our Children: Stop the Violent Predators Against Children DNA Act of 2005; and the DNA Enhancement and Child Protection Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on "Protection of our Nation's Children from Sexual Predators and Violent Criminals: What Needs to Be Done?" 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on "The Olympic Family—Functional or Dysfunctional?" 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 562, To authorize the Government of Ukraine to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the victims of the manmade famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932-1933; H.R. 1096, To establish the Thomas Edison National Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Thomas Edison Historic Site; and H.R. 1515, To adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Amtrak Food and Beverage Operations, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, to mark up H.R. 1220, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Federal Foster Care Financing, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, 3 p.m., 2167 RHOB.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 10 a.m., 2118 RHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 4 p.m.; following which, pursuant to the order of May 24, 2005, Senate will consider the nominations of David W. McKeague, of Michigan, and Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, with votes on confirmation of the nominations to occur thereon.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 27, Withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization. Begin consideration of H.R. 2475, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (subject to a rule)

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