

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House passed H.J. Res. 10, proposing a Constitutional amendment authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6979–S7201

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1285–1289, and S. Res. 179. **Page S7070**

Measures Reported:

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 amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–86) **Page S7069**

Measures Passed:

Sigma Chi Fraternity Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 163, honoring the Sigma Chi Fraternity on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7198**

Congratulating Small Business Development Centers: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 165, congratulating the Small Business Development Centers of the Small Business Administration on their 25 years of service to America's small business owners and entrepreneurs, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7198–99**

National Time Out Day: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 40, supporting the goals and ideas of National Time Out Day to promote the adoption of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' universal protocol for preventing errors in the operating room, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7199**

Massacre at Srebrenica: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 134, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7199–S7200**

Patient Navigator Services: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1812, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7200**

Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6980–S7063**

Adopted:

Byrd Amendment No. 869, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide relief from high gas prices. **Pages S6992–94**

Bingaman/Specter Modified Amendment No. 866, to express the sense of the Senate on climate change legislation. (By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 149), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S7033–37**

Frist (for Obama) Amendment No. 978, to clarify the definition of coal to liquid fuel technology. **Page S7059**

Frist (for Hatch/Salazar) Amendment No. 979, to promote oil shale and tar sands development. **Page S7059**

Frist (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 818, to commission a study for the roof of the Dirksen Senate

Office Building in a manner that facilitates the incorporation of energy efficient technology and amends the Master Plan for the Capitol complex.

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Frist (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 980, to require an investigation of gasoline prices. **Page S7059**

Frist (for Kohl) Amendment No. 981, require the Secretary and the Administrator for Small Business to coordinate assistance with the Secretary of Commerce for manufacturing related efforts.

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Frist (for Clinton/Allard) Amendment No. 835, to establish a National Priority Project Designation.

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Frist (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 787, to make Alaska Native Corporations eligible for renewable energy production incentives. **Page S7057**

Frist (for Voinovich/DeWine) Amendment No. 822, to promote fuel efficient engine technology for aircraft. **Page S7057**

Frist (for Alexander) Amendment No. 982, to require the Secretary to conduct a study of best management practices for energy research and development programs. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 983, to expand the types of qualified renewable energy facilities that are eligible for a renewable energy production incentive. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Dodd) Amendment No. 861, to require the Secretary to enter into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences to determine the effect of electrical contaminants on the reliability of energy production systems. **Page S7058**

Frist (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 850, to modify the section relating to the establishment of a National Power Plant Operations Technology and Education Center. **Page S7058**

Frist (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 984, to require the Secretary to establish a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application to maximize the productive capacity of marginal wells and reservoirs. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Levin) Amendment No. 864, to ensure that cost-effective procedures are used to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Pages S7058, S7061–63**

Frist (for Pryor) Amendment No. 798, to require the submission of reports on the potential for biodiesel and hythane to be used as major, sustainable, alternative fuels. **Page S7057**

Frist (for Boxer) Amendment No. 870, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to complete its investigation and order refunds on the unjust and unreasonable rates charged to California during the 2000–2001 electricity crisis. **Page S7058**

Frist (for Levin) Amendment No. 927, to provide a budget roadmap for the transition from petroleum to hydrogen in vehicles by 2020. **Pages S7058–59**

Frist (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 985, to make petroleum coke gasification projects eligible for certain loan guarantees. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 786, to make energy generated by oceans eligible for renewable energy production incentives and to modify the definition of the term “renewable energy” to include energy generated by oceans for purposes of the Federal purchase requirement. **Page S7057**

Frist (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 986, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to make grants to increase energy efficiency, promote siting or upgrading of transmission and distribution lines, and providing or modernizing electric facilities in rural areas. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Alexander) Amendment No. 987, to require the Secretary to conduct a study on passive solar technologies. **Page S7060**

Frist (for Harkin) Amendment No. 988, to require the Secretary to conduct a 3-year program of research, development, and demonstration on the use of ethanol and other low cost transportable renewable feedstocks as intermediate fuels for the safe, energy efficient, and cost-effective transportation of hydrogen. **Pages S7060–61**

Frist (for Domenici) Amendment No. 989, to improve the bill. **Page S7061**

Frist (for Grassley/Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 933, to provide a manager’s amendment. **Page S7059**

Rejected:

Feinstein Amendment No. 841, to prohibit the Commission from approving an application for the authorization of the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of facilities located onshore or in State waters for the import of natural gas from a foreign country or the export of natural gas to a foreign country without the approval of the Governor of the State in which the facility would be located. (By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 146), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6980–92**

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 805, to express the sense of the Senate regarding management of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lower the burden of gasoline prices on the economy of the United States and circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall profits. (By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 147), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S6980, S6994, S6995–97

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 148), McCain/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 826, to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States.

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By 32 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 150), Alexander Amendment No. 961, to provide for local control for the siting of windmills.

Pages S7038–42, S7047–48

By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 151), Kerry Amendment No. 844, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through comprehensive and cost-effective national measures and through the negotiation of fair and binding international commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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Withdrawn:

Warner Amendment No. 972, to provide for gas-only leases and State requests to examine energy areas on the Outer Continental Shelf.

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Pending:

Wyden/Dorgan Amendment No. 792, to provide for the suspension of strategic petroleum reserve acquisitions.

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Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 839, to require any Federal agency that publishes a science-based climate change document that was significantly altered at White House request to make an unaltered final draft of the document publicly available for comparison.

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Schumer Amendment No. 811, to provide for a national tire fuel efficiency program.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 22, the filing deadline for second-degree amendments occur at 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June 23, 2005.

Pages S7200–7201

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Thursday, June 23, 2005, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture to occur at 10 a.m.

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—151) **Pages S6992, S6996–97, S7029, S7037, S7048**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:21 p.m. until 9 a.m., on Thursday, June 23, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7201.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Richard A. Raymond, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hagel, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999, focusing on the reporting program that requires large packers and importers to report to USDA the details of their transactions involving purchases of livestock, as well as sales of boxed beef, boxed lamb, lamb carcasses, and imported lamb cuts, after receiving testimony from Kenneth C. Clayton, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture; Harold Hommes, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Windsor Heights; Jon Caspers, Pleasant Valley Pork Corporation, Swaledale, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, Washington, D.C.; and James G. Robb, Livestock Marketing Information Center, Lakewood, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development in the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to

the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, Joseph A. Mussomeli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Emil A. Skodon, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 662, to reform the postal laws of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 457, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance for, and provide oversight of, the management of micropurchases made with Governmentwide commercial purchase cards, with amendments;

S. 611, to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council;

S. 37, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years;

H.R. 1460, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6200 Rolling Road in Springfield, Virginia, as the "Captain Mark Stubenhofer Post Office Building";

S. 590 and H.R. 1236, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 750 4th Street in Sparks, Nevada, as the "Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office";

S. 571, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1915 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Congresswoman Shirley A. Chisholm Post Office Building";

S. 892 and H.R. 324, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 Montgomery Road in Altamonte Springs, Florida, as the "Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Post Office Building";

S. 867 and H.R. 289, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building";

S. 1207 and H.R. 120, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30777 Rancho California Road in Temecula, California, as the "Dalip Singh Saund Post Office Building";

S. 775, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 W. 7th Street in Holdenville, Oklahoma, as the "Boone Pickens Post Office";

S. 1206 and H.R. 504, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Ray Charles Post Office Building";

H.R. 1001, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Heatherwilde Boulevard in Pflugerville, Texas, as the "Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building";

H.R. 1072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 West End Street in Goliad, Texas, as the "Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building";

S. 904, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building";

H.R. 1542, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the "Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building";

H.R. 1082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the "Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building";

H.R. 1524, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12433 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the "Ed Eilert Post Office Building";

H.R. 627, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, as the "Linda White-Epps Post Office";

H.R. 2326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 614 West Old County Road in Belhaven, North Carolina, as the "Floyd Lupton Post Office"; and

The nominations of Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Laura A. Cordero, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and A. Noel Anketell Kramer, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

TRIBAL LOBBYING MATTERS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine the In Re Tribal Lobbying Matters, et al, receiving testimony from Charlie Ben, Donald Kilgore, and Nell Rogers, all of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw; Amy Moritz Ridenour, National Center for Public Policy

Research, Washington, D.C.; and certain protected witnesses.

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. 3020–3042; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 184–187 were introduced. **Page H4984**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4984–85**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–145);

H.R. 1316, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to repeal the limit on the aggregate amount of campaign contributions that may be made by individuals during an election cycle, to repeal the limit on the amount of expenditures political parties may make on behalf of their candidates in general elections for Federal office, to allow State and local parties to make certain expenditures using nonfederal funds, to restore certain rights to exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, amended (H. Rept. 109–146);

H.R. 1158, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988 (H. Rept. 109–147); and

H. Res. 337, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–148). **Pages H4983–84**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Richard Lapehn, Pastor, Milton Presbyterian Church in Rittman, Ohio. **Page H4899**

Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Flag Desecration: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 10, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea and nay vote of 286 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 296. **Pages H4904–28**

Agreed to table the appeal of a point of order sustained against the Taylor of Mississippi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary

with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 294.

Pages H4924–25

Agreed to table the appeal of a point of order sustained against the Taylor of Mississippi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 295.

Pages H4926–27

Rejected:

Watt amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in H. Rept. 109–140) that sought to require that any statute enacted by the Congress pursuant to the proposed Constitutional Amendment must be consistent with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (by a recorded vote of 129 yeas to 279 nays, Roll No. 293). **Pages H4919–24**

H. Res. 330, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to yesterday, June 21.

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 2006: The House passed H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea and nay vote of 330 yeas to 82 nays, Roll No. 303. **Pages H4928–62**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 302.

Pages H4961–62

Agreed to:

Flake amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–144) that reduces the GPO Congressional Printing and Binding budget to reduce the number of Congressional Records printed each day.

Pages H4956–57

Rejected:

McHenry amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–144) that sought to increase funding for general expenses of the Capitol Police; **Pages H4957–58**

Baird amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–144) that sought to strike Title III, relating to

Continuity in Representation (by a recorded vote of 143 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 299);

Pages H4952–54, H4959

Jo Ann Davis of Virginia amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–144) that sought to strike the language in the bill prohibiting the Capitol Police from operating a mounted horse unit, and requiring the transfer of the current horses and equipment to the U.S. Park Police (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 300); and

Pages H4954–56, H4959–60

Hefley amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–144) that sought to reduce overall appropriations in the bill by 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 301).

Pages H4958–59, H4960–61

H. Res. 334, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 298, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 219 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 297.

Pages H4932–34

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4923–24, H4925, H4926–27, H4927–28, H4933, H4933–34, H4959, H4959–60, H4960–61, H4961–62, and H4962. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA FOREST SERVICE CENTENNIAL

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to Review the Centennial of the USDA Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

U.S. COAST GUARD, DEEPWATER PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on U.S. Coast Guard, Deepwater Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: ADM Thomas Collins, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and RADM Patrick Stillman, USCG, Executive Officer, Deepwater Program.

U.N. TASK FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the United Nations Task Force. Testimony was heard from the following Co-Chairs of the Task Force on the United

Nations: former Senator George Mitchell of Maine; and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich of Georgia; and Philo Dibble, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Organizations, Department of State.

AFGHANISTAN: OPERATIONS AND RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Afghanistan: Operations and Reconstruction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and LTG Walter Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, J–5, The Joint Staff; and Nancy Powell, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State.

BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budgeting in the Congress, Reflections on How the Budget Process Functions. Testimony was heard from former Representative Bill Frenzel of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005.

NATIONAL ALL SCHEDULES PRESCRIPTION ELECTRONIC REPORTING ACT OF 2005; MEDICAID PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1132, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Medicaid Prescription Drugs: Examining Options for Payment Reform.” Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; Kathy King, Director, Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Combating Trafficking in Persons: An International Perspective.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Wasted Space, Wasted Dollars: The Need for Federal Real Property Management Reform.” Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

REPORT—CITIZENS GUIDE USING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT TO REQUEST GOVERNMENT RECORDS; FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability approved for full Committee action a report entitled “A Citizens Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records.”

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “The Evolution of Federal Financial Management—A Review of the Need to Consolidate, Simplify, and Streamline.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY/BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure, Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Security of America’s Borders through the Use of Biometric Passports and Other Identity Documents.” Testimony was heard from Elaine Dezenski, Acting Assistant Secretary, Directorate for Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security; Frank Moss, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs, Department of State; Martin Herman, Information Access Division Chief, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

SUDAN

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Sudan: Consolidating Peace While Confronting Genocide. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Zoellick, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

E.U. CONSTITUTION AND U.S.-E.U. RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing on The EU Constitution and U.S.-EU Relations: The Recent Referenda in France and the Netherlands and the U.S.-EU Summit. Testimony was heard from John Bruton, Head, Delegation of the European Commission; Arlette Conzemius, Ambassador of Luxembourg.

WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “Environmental Regulations and Water Supply Reliability.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record*. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Regula.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2864, Water Resources Development Act of 2005.

OVERSIGHT—AIRLINE PENSIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Airline Pensions: Avoiding Further Collapse. Testimony was heard from Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and Bradley D. Belt, Executive Order, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 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, and H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States military strategy and operations in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing to examine Iraqi security forces, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending Calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine United States-China economic relations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues relative to developing an HIV/AIDS vaccine, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to meet to discuss the Family Medical Leave Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold oversight hearings to examine disparities in federal HIV/AIDS CARE programs, focusing on the effectiveness of CARE Act funding allocations in ensuring that all Americans living with HIV are provided access to core medical services and life-saving AIDS medications, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of James B. Letten, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Rod J. Rosenstein, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, both of the Department of Justice, S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, and committee rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights: to hold hearings to examine the consequences of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, 2 p.m., SD-226.

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

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Progress of the Iraqi Security Forces, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing en-

titled "Reauthorization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Banking on Retirement Security: A Guaranteed Rate of Return," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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