

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10461–S10527*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1774–1778, S.J. Res. 25–26, and S. Res. 252–253. **Pages S10513–14**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 572, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to give additional biosecurity responsibilities to the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 939, to expedite payments of certain Federal emergency assistance authorized pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to exercise certain authority provided under that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1700, to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1736, to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

S. 1738, to expand the responsibilities of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to provide independent objective audits and investigations relating to the Federal programs for Hurricane Katrina recovery, with amendments.

S. 1777, to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. **Page S10513**

#### Measures Passed:

**Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3767, 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,” clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10480**

**Karl Malden Station:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of 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,” and the

bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10480**

**Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act:** Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3200, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10480**

Isakson (for Craig) Amendment No. 1872, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10480**

**Water Resources Research Act Amendments:** Senate passed S. 1017, to reauthorize grants for the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S10481**

**Gulf Coast Emergency Water Infrastructure Assistance Act:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1709, to provide favorable treatment for certain projects in response to Hurricane Katrina, with respect to revolving loans under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment:

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Isakson (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1873, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10481**

**Student Financial Assistance Waiver Extension:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2132, to extend the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10520**

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**Breast Cancer Research Stamp Extension:** Senate passed S. 37, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years. **Page S10520**

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**Roberts Nomination:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

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**National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund Act—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2107, to amend Public Law 104–329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, and the bill was then referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 28, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10521.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROCESSES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee held a hearing to examine needed improvements to defense acquisition processes and organizations, receiving testimony from Gordon R. England, Acting Deputy Secretary, Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, Defense Acquisition Performance Assessment Project, all of the Department of Defense.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1701, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned

mines, and S. 961, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize and reform the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas D. Shope, Chief of Staff, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Evan J. Green, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Cheyenne; Steve Hohmann, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, Frankfort, on behalf of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission; Joe Shirley, Jr., The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Andrew McElwaine, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Land Campaign; Charles Gauvin, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; Daniel J. Kane, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Lorraine Lewis, UMW Health and Retirement Funds, and David Finkenbinder, National Mining Association, both of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### U.S. ENERGY SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded a hearing to examine energy supplies in Eurasia and implications for U.S. energy security, including the region's potential to uncover additional reserves and expand production in coming years with the participation of U.S. energy companies, after receiving testimony from Paul E. Simons, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy, Sanctions and Commodities; Karen Harbert, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs; Alastair Ferguson, TNK–BP, Moscow, Russia; J. Robinson West, PFC Energy, and Zeyno Baran, The Nixon Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael T. Klare, Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts.

### ALTERNATIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEMS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine assessing progress in the Federal government regarding alternative personnel systems, focusing on systems to learn where personnel systems have been successfully employed and what steps have been taken in their development to ensure effective implementation and

operation, after receiving testimony from Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Jeffery K. Nulf, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, and Hratch G. Semerjian, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, both of the Department of Commerce; Arleas Upton Kea, Director, Division of Administration, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and C. Morgan Kinghorn, Jr., National Academy of Public Administration, Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, and John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), all of Washington, D.C.

#### HOUSING ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine

housing-related programs for the poor, focusing on existing challenges in measuring improper rent subsidy payments in housing assistance programs at HUD, as well as Federal oversight of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, after receiving testimony from James M. Martin, Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development; David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, and Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Government Accountability Office; and Josephine Bias Robinson, Director, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 3897–3926; 1 private bill, H.R. 3927; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68; H. Con. Res. 250–254; and H. Res. 460–461, 463–467 were introduced. **Pages H8386–88**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8388–89**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2491, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada, with an amendment (Rept. 109–235); H. Res. 462, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3402) to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 (Rept. 109–236); and H.R. 3824, to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, with an amendment (Rept. 109–237).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8359**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8360**

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

**Natural Disaster Student Aid Fairness Act:** H.R. 3863, amended, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for the reallocation rules in the Campus-Based Aid programs, and to extend the deadline by which funds have to be reallocated to institutions of higher education due to a natural disaster; **Pages H8362–65**

**Supporting the goals and ideals of “Lights On Afterschool!”**, a national celebration of after-school programs: H.J. Res. 66, to support the goals and ideals of “Lights On Afterschool!”, a national celebration of after-school programs, by a ye-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 494; **Pages H8366–67, H8374–75**

**Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building Designation Act:** 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”; **Pages H8367–68**

**Randall D. Shugart Post Office Building Designation Act:** 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”; and **Pages H8368–69**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month:* H. Con. Res. 209, to support the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to express the sense of Congress that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families, by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 496.

**Pages H8370–74, H8376**

**Suspensions—Failed:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Maudelle Shirek Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 438, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Allston Way in Berkeley, California, as the “Maudelle Shirek Post Office Building”, by a yea-and-nay vote 190 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 495.

**Pages H8369–70, H8375–76**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H8374**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 9:39 p.m. **Page H8383**

**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H8360, H8383.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1017 was referred to the Committee on Resources; and S. 1709 was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce. **Page H8384**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8374–75, H8375–76, and H8376. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HUD—HURRICANE KATRINA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development (Hurricane Katrina). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Roy Bernardi, Deputy Secretary, Community Planning and Development; and Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner, FHA.

### RESOLUTION—DISAPPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Ordered adversely reported H.J. Res. 65, Disapproving the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

### THREATS IN ASIA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee Defense Review Threat Panel held a hearing on Threats in Asia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL DEBT POLICY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “IDA-14: Historic Advance or Incremental Change in Debt and Development Policy.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Timothy D. Adams, Under Secretary, International Affairs; and Bobby J. Pittman, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Multilateral Development Institutions and Policy.

### GOVERNMENT AGENCY PERFORMANCE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “It’s Time to React—Reauthorizing Executive Authority to Consolidate Tasks: Establishing Results and Sunset Commissions (H.R. 3276 and H.R. 3277).” Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

### BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Earl Ehrhart, member, House of Representatives, State of Georgia; Joan Wagon, Secretary of Revenue, State of Kansas; and public witnesses.

### METHAMPHETAMINE EPIDEMIC ELIMINATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 3889, Methamphetamine Epidemic Elimination Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Souder and Kennedy of Minnesota; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Chief, Office of Enforcement Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 679, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah; H.R. 2069, Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 3462, To provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah; and H.R. 3818, Forest Service Partnership Enhancement Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Jack Troyer, Regional Forester, Inner Mountain Region 4, Forest Service, USDA; Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Dana Williams, Mayor, Park City, Utah; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1564, Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2005; H.R. 2873, Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act; H.R. 2925, To amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance; H.R. 3443, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; and a measure regarding a water supply project near Madera, California. Testimony was heard from Jack Garner, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT,  
FISCAL YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2009**

*Committee of Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3402, to authorized appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary 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 amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule makes in order only those amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the

amendments printed in the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Flake, King of Iowa, Kolbe, Bartlett of Maryland, Brown-Waite of Florida, Conyers, Slaughter, Maloney of New York, Stupak, McCarthy of New York, Holt, Watson, Cuellar and Herseth.

**SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a joint hearing on the Commissioner of Social Security's proposed regulation to improve the disability determination process. Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Judge Howard D. McKibben, Chair, Judicial Conference Committee, Federal-State Jurisdiction, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; and public witnesses.

**HURRICANE—ROLE OF FEMA**

*Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina:* Held a hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: the Role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Brown former Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response and Director, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2005**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1334, to provide for integrity and accountability in professional sports, and S. 1114, to establish minimum drug testing standards for major professional sports leagues, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold oversight hearings to examine the grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, including proposed changes to grazing regulations, and the status of grazing permit renewals, monitoring programs and allotment restocking plans, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: to hold hearings to examine the role of science in environmental policy making, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings to examine community rebuilding needs and effectiveness of past proposals relating to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine the international response to Darfur, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: to resume hearings to examine responding to the immediate needs of victims relating to recovering from Hurricane Katrina, focusing on the needs of those displaced, today and tomorrow, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine protecting copyright and innovation in a post-Grokster world, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review the development of a private sector-based National Animal Identification System (NAIS), 1:30 p.m., Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Department of Defense (Hurricane Katrina), 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Corps of Engineers (Hurricane Katrina), 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Committee Defense Review Threat Panel, hearing on threats in Middle East and Africa, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to mark up H.R. 3893, Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005, 8 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Guarding Against Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Post-Katrina Relief and Recovery: The Plans of Inspectors General, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Private Sector Priorities for Basel Reform," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "The Impact of Regula-

tion on U.S. Manufacturing: Spotlight on the Environmental Protection Agency," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "Solving the OTM Undocumented Alien Problem: Expedited Removal for Apprehensions along the U.S. Border," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Sniffing Out Terrorism: The Use of Dogs in Homeland Security," 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing and briefing on United Nations Rhetoric or Reform: Outcome of the High-Level Event, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Keeping Democracy on Track: Hotspots in Latin America, and to mark up a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political and social forces in the Republic of Nicaragua toward an immediate and full restoration of functioning democracy in that country, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H. Res. 97, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the Constitution of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the Constitution of the United States, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to mark up the National Energy Supply Diversification and Disruption Prevention Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 3824, Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Current Situation and Future Outlook of U.S. Commercial Airline Industry, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, oversight hearing regarding the status of seamless transition between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on United States-Japan Economic and Trade Relations, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on the Military Intelligence Program, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 28

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 28

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of Suspensions: (1) H. Res. 388, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the July, 2005, measures of extreme repression on the part of the Cuban Government; (2) H.R. 3200, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005; (3) H.R. 3864, Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Act of 2005; (4) S. 1752, To amend the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize that Act; and (5) H. Con. Res. 245, Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States. Consideration of H.R. 3402, Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009.

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