

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate passed H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations.
- Senate passed S. 1307, CAFTA Implementation.
- Senate passed H.R. 2419, Energy and Water Development Appropriations.
- Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 198, Adjournment Resolution.
- The House passed H.R. 3058, Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, The Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006.
- House Committees ordered reported the Pension Protection Act of 2005, and the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7647–S7695

Measures Introduced: Twenty-nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1339–1367, S. Res. 185, and S. Con. Res. 43–44. (See next issue.)

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–96)

Report to accompany S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. (S. Rept. No. 109–97) (See next issue.)

Measures Passed:

Legislative Branch Appropriations: By unanimous consent, Senate passed H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Allard (for Lott/Dodd) Amendment No. 1082, to provide funds for the Librarian of Congress to pay telecommunications costs for rapid dissemination of

periodicals and daily newspapers available to blind and physically handicapped readers. (See next issue.)

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Allard, DeWine, Cochran, Stevens, Durbin, Johnson, and Byrd. (See next issue.)

CAFTA Implementation: By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 170), Senate passed S. 1307, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

Pages S7647–95, (continued next issue)

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: Senate passed H.R. 3021, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2005, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

Highway Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3104, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act: By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 172), Senate passed H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy

and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

(See next issue.)

Adopted:

Domenici for (Hatch) Amendment No. 1088, to maintain funding for the Department of Energy Clean Cities Program at its current level.

(See next issue.)

Domenici for (Levin) Amendment No. 1089, to provide funds for sea lamprey barrier construction in the Great Lakes.

(See next issue.)

Domenici for (Collins) Amendment No. 1090, to provide funds for Saco River project.

(See next issue.)

Domenici for (Snowe/Collins) Amendment No. 1091, to provide dredging funds for the Narraguagus River.

(See next issue.)

Domenici for (Snowe/Collins) Amendment No. 1092, to provide funding for a reconnaissance study.

(See next issue.)

Domenici for (Akaka/Inouye) Amendment No. 1093, to set aside funds to initiate preconstruction engineering and design activities for modifications to Laupahoehoe, Hawaii.

(See next issue.)

Domenici for (Frist) Amendment No. 1094, to provide funding for Advanced Scientific Computing Research.

(See next issue.)

Domenici Amendment No. 1095, to make technical corrections for NNSA security.

(See next issue.)

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

(See next issue.)

Domenici Amendment No. 1096, to limit the use of funds for fully-funded contracts.

(See next issue.)

Domenici (for Allard/Salazar) Amendment No. 1097, to set aside certain amounts for the purchase of mineral rights at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site.

(See next issue.)

Allard/Salazar Modified Amendment No. 1084, to set aside certain amounts to provide regular and early retirement benefits to workers at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site.

(See next issue.)

Domenici (for Graham) Amendment No. 1098, to make the Savannah River National Laboratory eligible for laboratory directed research and development funding.

(See next issue.)

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 171), Feinstein Amendment No. 1085, to prohibit the use of funds for the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator and utilize the amount otherwise available to reduce the National debt.

(See next issue.)

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair

was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Domenici, Cochran, McConnell, Bennett, Burns, Craig, Bond, Hutchison, Allard, Reid, Byrd, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Johnson, Landrieu, and Inouye.

(See next issue.)

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 198, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

(See next issue.)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

John Ross Beyrle, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Ronald Spogli, of California, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Robert H. Tuttle, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Tom Luce, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Navy. (See next issue.)

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher Cox, of California, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2009.

Mark Langdale, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

John S. Redd, of Georgia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

(See next issue.)

Nominations Withdrawn: On Wednesday, June 29, 2005, Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination: Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005.

(See next issue.)

Messages From the House: (See next issue.)

Measures Placed on Calendar: (See next issue.)

Enrolled Bills Presented: (See next issue.)

Executive Communications: (See next issue.)

Executive Reports of Committees: (See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: (See next issue.)

Additional Statements: (See next issue.)

Amendments Submitted: (See next issue.)

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: (See next issue.)

Authority for Committees To Meet: (See next issue.)

Privilege of the Floor: (See next issue.)

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—172) (See next issue.)

Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 1:04 a.m., on Friday, July 1, 2005 and will reconvene at 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in the next issue of the Record.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps in fighting the global war on terrorism, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, both of the Department of Defense; General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; and General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, General Teed M. Moseley, USAF, to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and 130 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine how information technology can reduce medical errors, lower healthcare costs, and improve the quality of patient care, including the importance of developing interoperable electronic medical records and highlight new technologies that will impact how health services are provided in the future, after receiving testimony from Senators Enzi and Stabenow; David Brailer, National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, and Carolyn Clancy, Director, Agency for the Healthcare Research and Quality, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Hratch G. Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert M. Kolodner, Acting Veterans Health Administration Chief Health Informatics Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Susan L. Bostrom, Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, California; John Glaser, Partners

Healthcare, Boston, Massachusetts; Peter Basch, MedStar Health, and Karen Ignagni, America's Health Insurance Plans, both of Washington, D.C.; and Pamela Pure, McKesson Corporation, Alpharetta, Georgia.

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight held a hearing to examine savings and investment issues, focusing on present law on certain expiring provisions in the United States tax code, receiving testimony from G. Scott Harding, F.B. Harding, Inc. Electrical Contractors, Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Robert A. Weinberger, H & R Block, Eric J. Toder, The Urban Institute Tax Policy Center, and Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, all of Washington, D.C.; David R. Malpass, Bear Stearns, New York, New York; and Brian Graff, American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

MIDDLE EAST ROAD MAP

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of the Middle East road map, focusing on the challenge of organizing talks and resolving issues between Israel and Palestine, after receiving testimony from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and James D. Wolfensohn, Quartet Special Envoy for Gaza Disengagement, both of the Department of State; and Lieutenant General William E. Ward, Deputy Commander, United States Army Europe, U.S. Coordinator for Security, Department of Defense.

AMERICAN HISTORY ACHIEVEMENT ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to American history, focusing on S. 860, to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, after receiving testimony from

Stephanie L. Norby, Director, Smithsonian Institution Center for Education and Museum Studies; Charles E. Smith, National Assessment Governing Board, Washington, D.C.; James Parisi, Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals, Providence; and David McCullough, West Tisbury, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship concluded a hearing to examine securing the cooperation of participating countries relating to the need for comprehensive immigration reform, after receiving testimony from Andres Rozental, Rozental and Asociados, former Mexican Ambassador at Large, and Roberta Clariond, Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico, both of Mexico City, Mexico.

INTELLIGENCE

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

MEDICARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine possible strategies for slowing the growth of Medicare spending, including increasing the share of spending paid by beneficiaries and enhancing competition in the provision of services, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; William J. Evans, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock; Bill Herman, Highsmith Inc., Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; Stephen J. Brown, Health Hero Network, Inc., Mountain View, California; and Steven H. Woolf, Virginia Commonwealth University, Fairfax.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 72 public bills, H.R. 3127–3198; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 57; H. Con. Res. 196–203; and H. Res. 347–350, were introduced. **Pages H5599–5603**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5603**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 940, to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to clarify the exemption for recreational vessel support employees, amended (H. Rept. 109–161). **Page H5599**

Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, The Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006: The House passed H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yeand-nay vote of 405 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 358. **Pages H5483–H5557**

Agreed to:

Hinchey amendment that changes wording in section 924, regarding publicity and propaganda authorized by Congress; **Page H5485**

Markey amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the Privacy Act or of title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations; **Page H5509**

Sanders amendment that prohibits the use of funds to provide for the competitive sourcing of flight service stations (by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 347); **Pages H5497–99, H5510–11**

Souder amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enforce section 702 of the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 (by a recorded vote of 259 ayes to 161 noes and 1 voting "present", Roll No. 349); **Pages H5501–04, H5512**

Garrett of New Jersey amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enforce the judgment of the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Kelo v. New London*, decided on June 23, 2005 (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 350); **Pages H5504–06, H5512–13**

Knollenberg amendment that increases funding for the Working Capital Fund in the Department of Housing and Urban Development; **Page H5526**

Kilpatrick amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Treasury Department to recommend approval of the sale of Unocal Corporation to

CNOOC Ltd. of China (by a recorded vote of 333 ayes to 92 noes, Roll No. 353); **Pages H5515–16, H5537–38**

Velázquez amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the GSA to carry out the eTravel Service program (by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 356); and **Pages H5527–28, H5539–40**

Van Hollen amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement the revision to OMB Circular A–76, made on May 29, 2003 (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 357). **Pages H5529–31, H5540**

Rejected:

Davis of Florida amendment (no. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 28) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the amendments made to title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, relating to travel in Cuba and visiting relatives in Cuba (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 345); **Pages H5491–94, H5509–10**

Lee amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the amendments to title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, relating to specific licenses for U.S. academic institutions (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 346); **Pages H5595–97, H5510**

Rangel amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the economic embargo of Cuba (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 348); **Pages H5499–H5501, H5511–12**

DeLauro amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enter into any contract with an entity incorporated or chartered in Bermuda, Barbados, the Cayman Islands, Antigua, or Panama (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 351); **Pages H5506–09, H5513–14**

Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement section 12(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, regarding public housing community service requirements; **Pages H5531–32**

Hefley amendment (no. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 28) that sought to reduce total appropriations in the bill by 1% (by a recorded vote of 88 ayes to 338 noes, Roll No. 352); **Pages H5514–15, H5536–37**

Obey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds in contravention of the OMB Circular No. A–11, regarding Congressional testimony and communications (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 354); and **Pages H5516–22, H5538**

Brown of Ohio amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Council of Economic Advisers to produce an Economic Report of the President regarding the average cost of developing and introducing a new prescription drug at \$800 million or more (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 355). **Pages H5522–26, H5538–39**

Withdrawn:

Simmons amendment (no. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of June 28) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enter into, implement or provide oversight of contracts between the Secretary of the Treasury and private collection agencies; and reduces funding for Business Systems Modernization for the IRS; **Pages H5488–89**

Flake amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to amend the Code of Federal Regulations relating to religious activities in Cuba, as in effect June 29, 2005; **Pages H5494–95**

Tiaht 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; **Page H5522**

Clay amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to provide mortgage insurance under the National Housing Act for a mortgage or loan made by a lender that has engaged in lending practices that are not prudent; **Pages H5526–27**

Pickering amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enforce the Individuals With Disabilities Parking Reform Amendment Act of 2000; and **Pages H5532–34**

Jackson-Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for FAA Operations. **Pages H5535–36**

Point of Order sustained against:

Section 928 regarding contracting with private companies to provide online equipment applications and processing services; **Page H5486**

Section 945 regarding amendments to the Fair Credit Reporting Act; **Page H5487**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the amendments made to the Code of Federal Regulations, as published in the Federal Register on June 16, 2004, with respect to any Member of the U.S. Armed Forces; **Pages H5489–90**

Obey amendment that sought to add a new section relating to salaries of Members of Congress paid out of funds provided for the District of Columbia; and **Page H5504**

Wynn amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay a Federal contractor if the contractor is not in compliance with certain provisions of the Small Business Act. **Pages H5528–29**

H. Res. 342, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Tuesday, June 28.

Surface Transportation Extension Act: The House passed, by unanimous consent, H.R. 3104, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. **Pages H5557–60**

Extending the term of the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and General Council of the Office of Compliance: The House passed, by unanimous consent, H.R. 3071, to permit the individuals currently serving as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and General Counsel of the Office of Compliance to serve one additional term. **Pages H5560–61**

Consideration of Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 345, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 359. **Pages H5561–70**

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

Sense of the House that a Chinese state owned energy company exercising control of U.S. energy infrastructure and production capacity could threaten U.S. national security: H. Res. 344, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a Chinese state-owned energy company exercising control of critical United States energy infrastructure and energy production capacity could take action that would threaten to impair the national security of the United States, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 360; **Pages H5570–77, H5592**

Expressing the disapproval of the House regarding the Supreme Court decision in the case of Kelo et al v. City of New London et al: H. Res. 340, expressing the grave disapproval of the House of Representatives regarding the majority opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of Kelo et al. v. City of New London et al. that nullifies the protections afforded private property owners in the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 365 yeas and 33 nays and 18 voting “present”, Roll No. 361; and **Pages H5577–85, H5592–93**

Supplemental Appropriations for Veterans Medical Services: H.R. 3130, making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for veterans medical services, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 363.

Pages H5585–91, H5594–94

Fourth of July District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 198, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. Page H5591

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 6 p.m. on the third Constitutional day thereafter unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 198, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that resolution. Pages H5591–92

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 13. Page H5592

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on International Relations have until midnight on July 8 to file a report on H.R. 2601. Page H5592

Congratulating the San Antonio Spurs: The House agreed to H. Res. 339, congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2005 National Basketball Association Championship. Pages H5594–95

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf, or if he is not available to perform this duty, Representative Tom Davis of Virginia, to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 11. Page H5597

Report Vacated: Agreed that the filing of the report by the Committee on Science to accompany H.R. 1158, and the referral thereof to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, are vacated. Page H5597

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-a-and-nay votes and 13 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5509–10, H5510, H5511, H5511–12, H5512, H5512–13, H5513–14, H5537, H5537–38, H5538, H5539, H5539–40, H5540, H5556–57, H5569–70, H5592, H5593, and H5593–94. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 12:07 a.m. on Friday, July 1, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 198, stands adjourned until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in that resolution, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 11.

Committee Meetings

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered favorably reported, as amended, H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005.

ZERO DOWNPAYMENT PILOT PROGRAM ACT OF 2005

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 3043, Zero Downpayment Pilot Program Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

NEXT FLU PANDEMIC—U.S. READINESS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “The Next Flu Pandemic: Evaluating U.S. Readiness.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: James W. Leduc, Director, Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Bruce Gellin, M.D., Director, National Vaccine Planning Office; Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care Issues, GAO and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered favorably reported H.R. 3100, East Asia Security Act of 2005.

The Committee approved a motion authorizing the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 2017, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 168, amended, Condemning the Democratic People’s republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations of human rights; H. Con. Res. 175, Acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean; H. Con. Res. 191, amended, Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War; H. Res. 328, amended, Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers’ strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union; H.

Res. 333, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan; and H. Res. 343, Commending the State of Kuwait for granting women certain important political rights.

G-8 SUMMIT AND AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on The G-8 Summit and Africa's Development. Testimony was heard from Paul Reid, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; Robert Pittman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Finance, and Debt, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

NONPROLIFERATION AND THE G-8 SUMMIT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on Nonproliferation and the G-8. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND COURT PROTECTION ACT; TERRORIST DEATH PENALTY ENHANCEMENT ACT; STREAMLINED PROCEDURES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3060, Terrorist Death Penalty Enhancement Act of 2005; and H.R. 3035, Streamlined Procedures Act. Testimony was heard from Barry M. Sabin, Chief of Counterterrorism Section for the Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMMIGRATION REMOVAL PROCEDURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled "Immigration Removal Procedures Implemented in the Aftermath of the September 11th Attacks." Testimony was heard from Lily Swenson, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Joseph Greene, Director, Training and Development, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—POTENTIAL OIL SOURCES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources concluded oversight hearings entitled "The Vast North American Resource Potential of Oil Shale, Oil Sands, and Heavy Oils—Part 2." Testimony was heard from Theodore K. Barna, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Advance Systems and Concepts, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; Mark Maddox, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—HEALTH CARE BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' necessity to reprogram \$1 billion to the medical services account in Fiscal Years 2005 and its implication for Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

CAFTA IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered favorably reported H.R. 3045, Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D635-636)

H.R. 483, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse". Signed on June 29, 2005. (Public Law 109-16).

S. 643, to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs. Signed on June 29, 2005. (Public Law 109-17).

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No meetings/hearings scheduled.

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Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 2965, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

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