

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

Senate passed the National Defense Authorization Act.

The House passed H.R. 5638—Permanent Estate Tax Relief Act of 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6323–S6444

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3556–3560 and S. Con. Res. 103–104.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2007”. (S. Rept. No. 109–268)

H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–266)

H.R. 5521, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–267)

H.R. 2977, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 2nd Avenue in Brockway, Montana, as the “Paul Kasten Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3440, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Avenida RL Rodriguez in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, as the “Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3549, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the “William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3934, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the “Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4108, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the “State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4456, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the “Hattie W. Caraway Station”.

H.R. 4561, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the “Francisco ‘Pancho’ Medrano Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4688, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the “Mayor John Thompson ‘Tom’ Garrison Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 4786, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 535 Wood Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as the “H. Gordon Payrow Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4995, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Columbus Avenue in Tuckahoe, New York, as the “Ronald Bucca Post Office”.

H.R. 5245, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Marble Street in Fair Haven, Vermont, as the “Matthew Lyon Post Office Building”.

S. 2228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the “Hattie W. Caraway Post Office”.

S. 2376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the “Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office Building”.

S. 2690, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the “Harry J. Parrish Post Office”.

S. 2722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the “Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building”.

S. 3187, to designate the Post Office located at 5755 Post Road, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, as the "Richard L. Cevoli Post Office." **Page S6419**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 103, to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 889. **Page S6439**

Subsequently, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives from the House a message that the House agrees to S. Con. Res. 103, and the conference report to accompany H.R. 889 is received from the House, the conference report be considered agreed to. **Page S6439**

National Defense Authorization: By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 186), Senate passed S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6324–S6401**

Adopted:

Hutchison Amendment No. 4377, to include a delineation of the homeland defense and civil support missions of the National Guard and Reserves in the Quadrennial Defense Review. **Page S6336**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4492, to clarify the contracting authority for the chemical demilitarization program. **Page S6346**

Warner Amendment No. 4493, to extend the authority for the personnel program for scientific and technical personnel. **Page S6346**

Warner (for Burns/Dole) Amendment No. 4494, to encourage the use of electronic voting technology and to provide for the continuation of the Interim Voting Assistance System. **Pages S6346–47, S6359–60**

Levin (for Harkin) Modified Amendment No. 4266, to require semiannual reports on efforts by the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute cases of waste, fraud, and abuse related to Federal contracting in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror. **Pages S6346, S6347**

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 4495, to require annual reports on United States contributions to the United Nations. **Pages S6346, S6347**

Levin (for Reid) Modified Amendment No. 4307, relating to North Korea. **Pages S6346, S6347–48**

Warner (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 4326, to make funds available for the Arrow ballistic missile defense system. **Pages S6346, S6348**

Levin (for Obama) Amendment No. 4224, to include assessments of Traumatic Brain Injury in the post-deployment health assessments of members of

the Armed Forces returning from deployment in support of a contingency operation. **Pages S6346, S6348**

Warner (for Cornyn/Hutchison) Amendment No. 4496, to require a report on biodefense staffing and training requirements in support of the national biosafety laboratories. **Pages S6346, S6348**

Levin (for Schumer) Modified Amendment No. 4309, to provide that, of the funds authorized under Title XIV, \$20,000,000 may be made available for the procurement of hemostatic agents, including blood-clotting bandages, for use by members of the Armed Forces in the field. **Pages S6346, S6348**

Warner (for Ensign) Amendment No. 4345, to specify the qualifications required for instructors in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program. **Pages S6346, S6348–49**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)/Martinez) Amendment No. 4368, relating to Operation Bahamas, Turks & Caicos. **Pages S6346, S6349**

Warner (for Allard) Amendment No. 4497, to provide for an independent review and assessment of the organization and management of the Department of Defense for national security in space. **Pages S6346, S6349**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4222, to require consideration of the utilization of fuel cells as back-up power systems in Department of Defense operations. **Pages S6346, S6349**

Warner (for Allen) Amendment No. 4498, to authorize an accession bonus for members of the Armed Forces who are appointed as a commissioned officer after completing officer candidate school. **Pages S6346, S6349–50**

Warner Amendment No. 4499, to authorize the National Security Agency to collect service charges for the certification or validation of information assurance products. **Pages S6346, S6350**

Levin (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 4202, to require reports on the withdrawal or diversion of equipment from reserve units for support of reserve units being mobilized and other units. **Pages S6346, S6350**

Warner (for Martinez) Amendment No. 4500, to provide for the procurement of replacement equipment. **Pages S6346, S6350**

Levin (for Menendez/Lautenberg) Amendment No. 4441, to require a plan to replace equipment withdrawn or diverted from the reserve components of the Armed Forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. **Pages S6346, S6350**

Warner (for DeWine) Modified Amendment No. 4231, relating to the Mental Health Self-Assessment Program of the Department of Defense. **Pages S6346, S6350–51**

Levin (for Obama) Amendment No. 4409, to require a report on the provision of an electronic copy of military records to members of the Armed Forces upon their discharge or release from the Armed Forces. **Pages S6346, S6351**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4501, to require a report on vehicle-based active protection systems for certain battlefield threats. **Pages S6346, S6351**

Levin (for Feingold) Amendment No. 4502, to require an annual report on the amount of the acquisitions made by the Department of Defense of articles, materials, or supplies purchased from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States. **Pages S6346, S6351**

Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 4503, to require an annual report on foreign military sales and direct sales to foreign customers of significant military equipment manufactured inside the United States. **Pages S6346, S6351**

Warner (for Graham/Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 4504, to expand and enhance the authority of the Secretaries of the military departments to remit or cancel indebtedness of members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S6346, S6351–52**

Warner (for Graham/Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 4505, to provide an exception for notice to consumer reporting agencies regarding debts or erroneous payments for which a decision to waive or cancel is pending. **Pages S6346, S6352**

Warner (for Graham/Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 4506, to enhance authority relating to the waiver of claims for overpayment of pay and allowances of members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S6346, S6352**

Warner (for Talent/Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 4331, to establish requirements with respect to the terms of consumer credit extended by a creditor to a servicemember or the dependent of a servicemember. **Pages S6346, S6352–53**

Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4507, to require the President to conduct a review of circumstances establishing eligibility for the Purple Heart for former prisoners of war dying in or due to captivity and to report to the Congress on the advisability of modifying the criteria for award of the Purple Heart. **Pages S6346, S6353**

Warner Amendment No. 4508, to modify the qualifications for leadership of the Naval Postgraduate School. **Pages S6346, S6353**

Warner (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 4509, to provide that the Secretary of the Army shall not be considered an owner or operator for purposes of environmental liability in connection with the construction of any portion of the Fairfax County Parkway off the Engineer Proving Ground, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, that is not owned by the Federal Government. **Pages S6346, S6353**

Warner (for Graham) Amendment No. 4510, to increase the number of options periods authorized for extension of current contracts under the TRICARE program. **Pages S6346, S6353**

Levin (for Salazar) Amendment No. 4219, to rename the death gratuity payable for deaths of members of the Armed Forces as fallen hero compensation. **Pages S6346, S6353–54**

Warner (for Allard) Amendment No. 4386, to require a joint family support assistance program for families of members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S6346, S6354**

Warner Amendment No. 4511, to clarify the repeal of the requirement of reduction of Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by dependency and indemnity compensation. **Pages S6346, S6354**

Levin (for Reid) Amendment No. 4197, to modify the effect date of the termination of the phase-in of concurrent receipt of retired pay and veterans disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities rated as total by virtue of unemployment. **Pages S6346, S6354**

Warner Amendment No. 4512, to modify certain additional authorities for purposes of the targeted shaping of the Armed Forces. **Pages S6346, S6354–55**

Warner Amendment No. 4513, to provide for the determination of the retired pay base or retain pay base of a general or flag officer based on actual rates of basic pay rather than on amounts payable under the ceiling on the basic pay of such officers. **Pages S6346, S6355**

Warner Amendment No. 4514, to provide in the calculation of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces that service in excess of 30 years shall not be subject to the maximum limit on the percentage of the retired pay multiplier. **Pages S6346, S6355**

Warner (for DeWine) Amendment No. 4515, to modify the commencement date of eligibility for an optional annuity for dependents under the Survivor Benefit Plan. **Pages S6346, S6355**

Levin (for Lincoln) Amendment No. 4342, to modify the time limitation for use of entitlement to educational assistance for reserve component members supporting contingency operations and other operations. **Pages S6346, S6355**

Warner (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 4365, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods and to expand eligibility of members of the Selected Reserve for coverage under the TRICARE program. **Pages S6346, S6355–56, S6373–75**

McCain Amendment No. 4241, to name the Act after John Warner, a Senator from Virginia. **Pages S6346, S6356**

Levin (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 4220, to require a report on the High Altitude Aviation Training Site in Eagle County, Colorado.

Pages S6346, S6356

Warner (for Coburn) Amendment No. 4371, to improve the provisions relating to the linking of award and incentive fees to acquisition outcomes.

Pages S6346, S6356

Levin (for Biden) Amendment No. 4244, relating to military vaccination matters. **Pages S6346, S6356–57**

Warner Amendment No. 4516, to ensure the timely completion of the equity finalization process for Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1.

Pages S6346, S6357

Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4466, to improve mental health screening and services for members of the Armed Forces.

Pages S6346, S6357

Warner Amendment No. 4517, to make funds available for the Our Military Kids youth support program.

Pages S6346, S6357–58

Levin (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 4363, to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve, \$2,500,000 for Infantry Combat Equipment.

Pages S6346, S6358

Warner (for Domenici/Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 4450, to provide, with an offset, an additional \$5,000,000 for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, for High Energy Laser-Low Aspect Target Tracking.

Pages S6346, S6358

Levin (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 4362, to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve, \$1,500,000 for the Individual First Aid Kit.

Pages S6346, S6358

Warner (for Santorum) Modified Amendment No. 4275, to provide, with an offset, an additional \$2,000,000 for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force, for the Advanced Aluminum Aerostructures Initiative.

Pages S6346, S6358

Levin (for Akaka) Modified Amendment No. 4475, to increase by \$4,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Navy for the development, validation, and demonstration of warfighter rapid awareness processing technology for distributed operations within the Marine Corps Landing Force Technology program, and to provide an offset.

Pages S6346, S6358

Warner (for Santorum) Modified Amendment No. 4276, to provide, with an offset, an additional \$1,000,000 for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, for legged mobility robotic research.

Pages S6346, S6358

Levin (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 4469, to provide, with an offset, additional amounts for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air

Force, for funding for Wideband Digital Airborne Electronic Sensing Array.

Pages S6346, S6358

Levin (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 4477, to make available, with an offset, an additional \$45,000,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation for science and technology.

Pages S6346, S6358

Warner Amendment No. 4518, to make available funds for the reading for the Blind and Dyslexic program of the Department of Defense.

Pages S6346, S6358–59

Warner (for DeWine/Voinovich) Amendment No. 4214, to make a technical correction to a project for Rickenbacker Airport, Columbus, Ohio.

Pages S6346, S6359

Levin Amendment No. 4519, to make technical corrections to high priority project and transportation improvement project in the State of Michigan.

Pages S6346, S6359

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 4491, to reform the Department of Defense's Travel System into Pay-For-Use-of-Service System.

Pages S6370–73, S6376

Coburn Amendment No. 4370, to require notice to Congress and the public on earmarks of funds available to the Department of Defense.

Pages S6374, S6376

By 70 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 184), Chambliss Amendment No. 4261, to authorize multiyear procurement of F–22A fighter aircraft and F–119 engines.

Pages S6336–45, S6376–77

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 185), Sessions Modified Amendment No. 4471, to provide, with an offset, additional funding for missile defense testing and operations.

Pages S6366–70, S6375, S6377

Warner Amendment No. 4520, relating to the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile.

Pages S6377–78

Levin (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 4374, to provide for a study of the health effects of exposure to depleted uranium.

Pages S6377–78

Warner Amendment No. 4521, to provide, with an offset, \$10,000,000 for the Joint Advertising, Market Research and Studies program.

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Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4522, to require a report on security measures to ensure that data contained in the Joint Advertising, Market Research and Studies (JAMRS) program is maintained and protected.

Pages S6377–78

Warner Amendment No. 4523, to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

Pages S6377–78

Levin (for Biden) Amendment No. 4458, to ensure payment of United States assessments for

United Nations peacekeeping operations in 2005, 2006, and 2007. **Pages S6677–78**

Warner (for Cochran/Lott) Amendment No. 4524, to provide for Military Deputies to the Assistant Secretaries of the military departments for acquisition, logistics, and technology matters. **Pages S6377, S6378–79**

Levin (for Clinton) Amendment No. 4264, enhance the services available to members of the Armed Forces returning from deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom to assist such members, and their family members, in transitioning to civilian life. **Pages S6377, S6379–81**

Warner (for Snowe/Kerry) Amendment No. 4464, to provide a sunset date for the Small Business Competitive Demonstration Program. **Pages S6377, S6381**

Levin (for Bayh) Amendment No. 4489, to propose an alternative to section 1083 to improve the Quadrennial Defense Review. **Pages S6377, S6381–82**

Warner (for Allard/Salazar) Amendment No. 4525, to require a report on Air Force safety requirements for Air Force flight training operations at Pueblo Memorial Airport, Colorado. **Pages S6377, S6382**

Levin (for Feingold) Amendment No. 4526, to require the President to develop a comprehensive strategy toward Somalia. **Pages S6377, S6382**

Warner (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 4327, to improve the management of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. **Pages S6377, S6382–83**

Levin (for Feingold) Amendment No. 4527, to require a report on the feasibility of establishing a United States military regional combatant command for Africa. **Pages S6377, S6383**

Warner (for McCain/Warner) Amendment No. 4434, to ensure proper education, training, and supervision of personnel providing special education services for dependents of members of the Armed Forces under extended benefits under TRICARE. **Pages S6377, S6383**

Levin (for Akaka) Modified Amendment No. 4393, to transfer custody of the Air Force Health Study assets to the Medical Follow-up Agency. **Pages S6377, S6383**

Warner (for Allen) Amendment No. 4312, to expand and enhance the bonus to encourage members of the Army to refer other persons for enlistment in the Army. **Pages S6377, S6383–84**

Levin (for Biden) Amendment No. 4424, to modify certain requirements related to counterdrug activities. **Pages S6377, S6384, S6391**

Warner (for Chafee) Amendment No. 4416, to direct the Secretary of the Army to assume responsibility for the annual operation and maintenance of

the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier, Providence, Rhode Island. **Pages S6377, S6384**

Levin (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 4364, to rename the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center at Rock Island, Illinois, in honor of Representative Lane Evans. **Pages S6377, S6384, S6391**

Warner (for DeWine) Amendment No. 4232, to name the new administration building at the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center in Lima, Ohio, after Michael G. Oxley, a member of the House of Representatives. **Pages S6377, S6384**

Warner (for Allard) Amendment No. 4528, to name a military family housing facility at Fort Carson, Colorado, after Representative Joel Hefley. **Pages S6377, S6384**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4529, to require the submittal to Congress of the Department of Defense Supplemental and Cost of War Execution reports. **Pages S6377, S6384**

Levin (for Reed) Amendment No. 4311, to provide that acceptance by a military officer of appointment to the position of Director of National Intelligence or Director of the Center Intelligence Agency shall be conditional upon retirement of the officer after the assignment. **Pages S6377, S6384**

Warner (for Chambliss/Isakson) Amendment No. 4228, relating to the comprehensive review of the procedures of the Department of Defense on mortuary affairs. **Pages S6377, S6384–85**

Levin (for Reid) Modified Amendment No. 4439, to require reports on the implementation of the Darfur Peace Agreement. **Pages S6377, S6385**

Warner (for Talent) Amendment No. 4530, to extend the patent term for the badges of the American Legion, the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion. **Pages S6377, S6385**

Levin (for Reid) Amendment No. 4337, relating to intelligence on Iran. **Pages S6377, S6385–86**

Warner Amendment No. 4531, to make available \$2,900,000 from Operation and Maintenance, Army, for the Virginia Military Institute for military training infrastructure improvements. **Pages S6377, S6386**

Levin (for Lincoln/Pryor) Amendment No. 4411, to authorize \$3,600,000 for military construction for the Air National Guard of the United States to construct an engine inspection and maintenance facility at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. **Pages S6377, S6386**

Warner (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 4336, to require a report on the feasibility of omitting Social Security numbers from military identification cards. **Pages S6377, S6386, S6391**

Levin (for Clinton) Amendment No. 4361, to require that Congress be apprised periodically on the implementation of the Darfur Peace Agreement.

Pages S6377, S6386

Warner (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 4532, to require a report on the use of alternative fuels by the Department of Defense.

Pages S6377, S6386

Levin Amendment No. 4533, to make available an additional \$450,000,000 for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-wide and provide an offsetting reduction for a certain military intelligence program.

Pages S6377, S6386

Warner (for Vitter) Amendment No. 4534, to authorize the prepositioning of Department of Defense assets to improve support to civilian authorities.

Pages S6377, S6386

Levin (for Pryor/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4535, to provide for energy efficiency in new construction.

Pages S6377, S6386–87

Warner (for Chambliss) Modified Amendment No. 4381, to facilitate the transition from military schools to civilian schools of dependents of members of the Armed Forces.

Pages S6377, S6387

Warner (for Chafee) Amendment No. 4429, to authorize the donation of the SS Arthur M. Huddell to the Government of Greece.

Pages S6377, S6387

Levin (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 4398, to require a report on the biometrics programs of the Department of Defense.

Pages S6377, S6387, S6391

Warner (for Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 4451, to require annual reports on the expanded use of unmanned aerial vehicles in the national airspace system.

Pages S6377, S6387

Warner (for Burns) Amendment No. 4536, to require a report on the incorporation of elements of the reserve components into the Special Forces in the expansion of the Special Forces.

Pages S6377, S6387

Warner (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 4537, to express the sense of the Senate on the Transformational Medical Technology Initiative of the Department of Defense.

Pages S6377, S6387–88

Warner (for Burns/Dole) Amendment No. 4538, to provide for the enhancement of funeral ceremonies for veterans.

Pages S6377, S6388

Warner (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 4303, to provide for the recovery and availability to the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety of certain firearms, ammunition, and parts.

Pages S6377, S6388

Warner Amendment No. 4539, to provide that the Secretary of the Army may authorize family members of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty who is occupying military family housing units leased under the exception provided for United States Southern Command personnel to remain in

such units while the soldier is assigned to a family-member-restricted area.

Pages S6377, S6388

Levin (for Biden) Amendment No. 4423, to limit the availability of funds for certain purposes relating to Iraq.

Pages S6377, S6388

Warner (for Gregg) Amendment No. 4316, to provide for the conveyance of land located in Hopkinton, New Hampshire.

Pages S6377, S6388–89

Levin (for Dorgan/Conrad) Amendment No. 4407, to authorize \$1,000,000 for the phase 1 construction of an air traffic control complex at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, and to provide an offset.

Pages S6377, S6389

Warner (for Allard) Amendment No. 4366, to provide for an independent review and assessment of the organization and management of the Department of Defense for national security in space.

Pages S6377, S6389

Warner (for Coleman) Amendment No. 4321, to exclude Minnesota's Northstar Corridor Commuter Rail project from the Federal Transit Administration's medium cost-effectiveness rating requirement for Federal funding.

Pages S6377, S6389

Levin (for Reed) Amendment No. 4540, to provide for the availability of funds authorized to the South County Commuter Rail project, Providence, Rhode Island.

Pages S6377, S6389

Warner (for Domenici/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4449, to require the Secretary of the Air Force to prepare an environmental impact statement or similar analysis for the beddown of F–22A fighter aircraft at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, as replacements for retiring F–117A fighter aircraft.

Pages S6377, S6389

Levin (for Kerry) Modified Amendment No. 4204, to promote a comprehensive political agreement in Iraq.

Pages S6377, S6389

Levin (for Obama) Amendment No. 4541, to require a report on planning by the Department of the Air Force for the realignment of aircraft, weapons systems, and functions at active and Air National Guard bases as a result of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

Pages S6377, S6390

Rejected:

By 13 yeas to 86 nays (Vote No. 181), Kerry Amendment No. 4442, to require the redeployment of United States Armed Forces from Iraq in order to further a political solution in Iraq, encourage the people of Iraq to provide for their own security, and achieve victory in the war on terror.

Pages S6324–35

By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 182), Levin Amendment No. 4320, to state the sense of Congress on the United States policy on Iraq.

Pages S6324, S6335

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

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 183), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S6335**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate passed S. 2767, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division A of S. 2766, National Defense Authorization, as passed. **Page S6404**

Military Construction Authorization: Senate passed S. 2768, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military construction, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division B of S. 2766, National Defense Authorization, as passed. **Page S6404**

Department of Energy Defense Activities Authorization: Senate passed S. 2769, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division C of S. 2766, National Defense Authorization, as passed. **Pages S6404–05**

National Defense Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 5122, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2766, Senate companion measure, as passed. **Page S6405**

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 Warner, McCain, Inhofe, Roberts, Sessions, Collins, Ensign, Talent, Chambliss, Graham, Dole, Cornyn, Thune, Levin, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Dayton, Bayh, and Clinton. **Page S6405**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to S. 2767, S. 2768, and S. 2769 (all listed above), that if the Senate receives the message with respect to any of these bills from the House of Representatives, the Senate disagree with the House on its amendment or amendments to the Senate-passed bill and agree to or request a conference as appropriate with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees. **Page S6404**

Flag Protection Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, at 4 p.m., on Monday, June 26, 2006, for debate only. **Page S6440**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–52) **Page S6417**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 187), Andrew J. Guilford, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S6442**

Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Page S6442**

Frank D. Whitney, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. **Page S6442**

Thomas D. Anderson, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years. **Page S6442**

34 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

41 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

30 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S6442–44**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—187) **Page S6335, S6376, S6377, S6401, 6402**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Friday, June 23, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6442.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for the government of the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony from Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Linda W. Cropp, Chairman, Council, Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer, and Clifford B. Janey, Superintendent, Public Schools, all of the District of Columbia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 5521, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, Committee adopted the 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority for fiscal year 2007.

IRAN AND LIBYA SANCTIONS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the policy of the United States toward Iran, focusing on S. 2657, to extend the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996, after receiving testimony from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Patrick O'Brien, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development concluded a hearing to examine the state of the U.S. tourism industry, including challenges from the impact of 9/11, international pandemics such as SARS, and the continuing economic uncertainty of

the airline industry, after receiving testimony from Franklin L. Lavin, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Wanda L. Nesbitt, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; Robert M. Jacksta, Executive Director, Traveler Security and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; James W. LeDuc, Coordinator for Influenza, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Todd Davidson, Oregon Tourism Commission, Salem, on behalf of the National Council of State Tourism Directors and the Western States Tourism Policy Council; Jay Rasulo, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, Burbank, California, on behalf of the Travel Industry Association and U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board; Jonathan M. Tisch, Loews Hotels, New York, New York, on behalf of the Travel Business Roundtable; and Virginia Pressler, Hawaii Pacific Health, Honolulu.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee began markup of H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, June 27.

ENHANCED ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2747, to enhance energy efficiency and conserve oil and natural gas, after receiving testimony from Senators Bayh and Coleman; Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Daniel A. Lashof, Natural Resources Defense Council, Kateri Callahan, Alliance to Save Energy, and Steven Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, all of Washington, D.C.

HERITAGE AREAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 574, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, S. 1387, to provide for an update of the Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan for the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, to extend the authority of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, to authorize the undertaking of a special resource study of sites and landscape features within the Corridor, and to authorize additional appropriations for the Corridor,

S. 1721, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, S. 2037, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and S. 2645, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, after receiving testimony from Donald W. Murphy, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; W. Michael Sullivan, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Providence; Ann Marie Velasquez, Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway, Antonito, Colorado; Cate Magennis Wyatt, The Journey Through Hallowed Ground, Waterford, Virginia; Daniel M. Rice, Ohio and Erie Canal Way Coalition, Akron; and Charlene Perkins Cutler, Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., Putnam, Connecticut.

NUCLEAR PLANT REGULATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the regulatory processes for new and existing nuclear plants, including progress on implementing the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, programs for new reactor regulation, and the current state of the Reactor Oversight Process, after receiving testimony from Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., Jeffrey S. Merrifield, Gregory B. Jaczko, and Peter B. Lyons, each a Commissioner, all of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; J. Bernie Beasley, Jr., Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Birmingham, Alabama; David A. Lochbaum, Nuclear Safety Project, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists; and Kevin Book, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey and Company, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy security in Latin America, including S. 2435, to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Craig and Salazar; Domingo Cavallo, DFC Associates LLC, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Luis E. Giusti, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and David L. Goldwyn, Goldwyn International Strategies LLC, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eduardo Pereira de Carvalho, Brazilian Association of Sugar Cane and Ethanol Producers, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Frist and Lautenberg, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine efforts to assure healthy initiatives in health information technology, after receiving testimony from Jodi G. Daniel, Director, Policy and Research, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Carl E. Hendricks, Chief Information Officer for the Military Health System, Department of Defense; and Michael Kussman, Deputy Under Secretary for Health, and Robert Howard, Supervisor, Office of Information and Technology, and Ross Fletcher, Chief of Staff, VA Medical Center Wilmington, all of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

MEDICAL LIABILITY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held a hearing to examine alternatives to improve the medical liability system work better for patients, focusing on S. 1337, to restore fairness and reliability to the medical justice system and promote patient safety by fostering alternatives to current medical tort litigation, receiving testimony from David M. Studdert, Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Philip K. Howard, Common Good, and William M. Sage, Columbia Law School, both of New York, New York; Richard C. Boothman, University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor; Susan E. Sheridan, Consumers Advancing Patient Safety, Boise, Idaho; Cheryl Niro, American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois; and Neil Vidmar, Duke University Law School, Durham, North Carolina.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2464, to revise a provision relating to a repayment obligation of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation under the Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990;

S. 3501, to amend the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement

Act to establish an acquisition fund for the water rights and habitat acquisition program;

S. 3526, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to modify certain requirements under that Act.

Also, Committee approved the report on Tribal Lobbying Matters and Recommendations.

VA LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2562, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 3421, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, with an amendment; and

S. 2694, to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INTELLIGENCE

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session and ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 5669–5671, 5673–77; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 90; H. Con. Res. 432–434; and H. Res. 887–889 were introduced. **Pages H4519–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4520–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5316, to reestablish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a cabinet-level independent establishment in the executive branch that is responsible for the Nation's preparedness for, response to, recovery from, and mitigation against disasters, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–519, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–520);

H.R. 4843, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–521);

H.R. 5318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to better assure cyber-security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–522);

H.R. 5337, to ensure national security while promotion foreign investment and the creation and

maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–523, Part I);

H.R. 5358, to authorize programs relating to science, mathematics, engineering, and technology education at the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy Office of Science, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–524); and

H.R. 5356, to authorize the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy Office of Science to provide grants to early career researchers to establish innovative research programs and integrate education and research, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–525). **Page H4519**

Question of Consideration: The House agreed to consider H.R. 5638, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000 and to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 312.

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Permanent Estate Tax Relief Act of 2006: The House passed H.R. 5638, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit

against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000 and to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, by a recorded vote of 269 ayes to 156 noes, Roll No. 315.

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Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Rangel motion to recommit the bill promptly to the Committee on Ways and Means with some amendatory instructions, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 313.

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Rejected the Pomeroy motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 314.

Pages H4464–66

H. Res. 885, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 309, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeand-nay vote of 226 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 308.

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Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006: H.R. 4890, amended, to amend the Congressional and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 317.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority."

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report, shall be considered as adopted.

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Point of order sustained against the Spratt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment.

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Rejected the Spratt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 316.

Pages H4484–92

H. Res. 886, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 311, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeand-nay vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 310.

Pages H4443–44

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on yesterday, Wednesday, June 21st:

Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research: H. Res. 323, amended, to support efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research by a (2/3) yeand-nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 318.

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Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 409, amended by the Senate, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Monday, June 26th for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 28th.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress regarding the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–117).

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Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Homeland Security have until midnight on June 23rd to file a report on H.R. 5351, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a Directorate of Emergency Management, to codify certain existing functions of the Department of Homeland Security.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page 4444.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 103 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeand-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4441–42, H4442, H4443, H4443–44, H4444, H4463–64, H4466, H4466–67, H4492, H4492–93 and H4493–94. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHINA'S MILITARY POWER

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the military power of the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; Mark Cozard, China Forces Senior Intelligence Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency; and COL Robert Carr, USA, Assistant Director, Intelligence, Joint Staff.

INTERNET PRIVATE RECORDS ACCESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "Internet Data Brokers and Pretexting: Who Has Access to Your Private Records?". Testimony was heard from Paul Kilcoyne, Deputy Assistant Director, Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Elaine Lammert, Deputy General Counsel, Investigative Law Branch, FBI; James J. Bankston, Chief Inspector, Investigative Services Division; U.S. Marshals Service; Ava Cooper Davis, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Special Intelligence, Intelligence Division, DEA; and W. Larry Ford, Assistant Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Peter Lyskowski, Assistant Attorney General, State of Missouri; Julia Harris, Assistant Attorney General, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

SAFE TRUCKERS ACT OF 2006

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5604, SAFE Truckers Act of 2006.

REDUCING NUCLEAR/BIOLOGICAL THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled "Reducing Nuclear and Biological Threats at the Source." Testimony was heard from Jerry Paul, Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Frank Record, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; Jack David, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S. ELECTIONS—NON-CITIZEN VOTING AND ID REQUIREMENTS

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing entitled "You Don't Need Papers To Vote?". Non-citizen voting and ID requirements in U.S. elections. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hyde and Langevin; Ray Martinez, Vice Chairman, United States Election Assistance Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; MIDDLE EAST RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 860, amended, Calling on the Government of Germany to take immediate action to combat sex trafficking in connection with the 2006 FIFA World Cup; H.R. 4319, Assistance for Small and Medium Enterprises in Sub-Saharan African Countries Act of 2005; H.R. 4780, Global Online Freedom Act of 2006; H.R. 5382, Central Asia Democracy and Human Rights Promotion Act of 2006; and H.R. 5652, amended, African Development Foundation Act of 2006.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Can Religious Pluralism Survive in the Middle East: The Plight of Religious Minorities? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF RELIGION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2679, Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PROTECTING U.S. WORKERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled "Is the Labor Department Doing Enough To Protect U.S. Workers?". Testimony was heard from Sigurd L. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Alfred Robinson, Acting Director, Wage and Hour Administration, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the Reauthorization of the National Park System Advisory Board. Testimony was heard from Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

WATER AND POWER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Securing the Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Power Infrastructure: A Consumer's Perspective. Testimony was heard from Larry Todd, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FUTURE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on the Future of the Federal Courthouse Construction Program: Results of a GAO Study on the Judiciary's Rental Obligations. Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Jane R. Roth, Judge, Third Circuit Courts of Appeals, Chairman, Committee on Space and Facilities; and David L. Winstead, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2006; OVERSIGHT IT DATA SECURITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4843, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the legal implications of the theft from a VA employee's home of personal data regarding millions of veterans, active duty military personnel, and spouses.

Testimony was heard from Tim McClain, General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

U.S. COMPETITIVENESS/INTERNATIONAL TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the Impact of International Tax Reform on U.S. Competitiveness. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PATH AHEAD FOR THE CIA; CIA DIRECTOR AS HUMINT MANAGER

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "Path Ahead for the CIA." Testimony was heard from GEN Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Director, CIA.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "The CIA Director as HUMINT Manager." Testimony was heard from GEN Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Director, CIA.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold a closed briefing on State Department and Defense Department cooperation overseas, 1 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Friday, June 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, June 26

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

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

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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