

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2053–S2110*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 530–533, and S. Res. 72. **Page S2083**

#### Measures Passed:

**Joint Committees Senate Membership:** Senate agreed to S.Res. 72, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library. **Page S2098**

**Bankruptcy Reform Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 256, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2053–81**

#### Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 26, to restrict access to certain personal information in bankruptcy documents. **Page S2053**

Feinstein Amendment No. 19, to enhance disclosures under an open end credit plan. **Page S2053**

Kennedy Amendment No. 44, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Page S2053**

Dorgan/Durbin Amendment No. 45, to establish a special committee of the Senate to investigate the awarding and carrying out of contracts to conduct activities in Afghanistan and Iraq and to fight the war on terrorism. **Page S2053**

Pryor Amendment No. 40, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of any information in any consumer report by any credit card issuer that is unrelated to the transactions and experience of the card issuer with the consumer to increase the annual percentage rate applicable to credit extended to the consumer. **Page S2053**

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 50, to amend section 524(g)(1) of title 11, United States Code, to predicate the discharge of debts in bankruptcy by a vermiculite mining company meeting certain criteria on the establishment of a health care trust fund for certain individuals suffering from an asbestos related disease. **Page S2053**

Dodd Amendment No. 52, to prohibit extensions of credit to underage consumers. **Pages S2075–80**

Dodd Amendment No. 53, to require prior notice of rate increases. **Pages S2074–75**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. **Page S2098**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule 22, Senators have until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2005 to file first-degree amendments, and until 12 noon, on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, to file second-degree amendments. **Page S2098**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:15 a.m., on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, Senate will begin consideration of Schumer Amendment No. 47 and that the time until 12:15 p.m. be equally divided, and that at 12:15 p.m. a vote will occur thereon or in relation to the amendment.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2005. **Page S2098**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Anthony Joseph Principi, of California, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

David Garman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

Rudolph E. Boschwitz, of Minnesota, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Routine lists in the Air Force. **Pages S2099–S2110**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S2083**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2083–84**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:      **Pages S2084–85**  
Additional Statements:      **Pages S2082–83**  
Amendments Submitted:      **Pages S2085–98**  
Privilege of the Floor:      **Page S2098**  
**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and  
adjourned at 1:21 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday,

March 7, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2098.)

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 7 in pro forma session, and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 for Morning Hour debate, 2 p.m. for legislative business.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of March 7 through March 12, 2005

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 256, Bankruptcy Reform Act, and 5:30 p.m., vote on certain amendments.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 256, and at 10:15 a.m. begin consideration of Schumer Amendment No. 47, with a vote to occur thereon, or in relation to amendment, at 12:15 p.m. Also, at 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke on the bill.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 8, to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 10, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 8, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for defense wide and navy budget overview, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

March 10, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 8, to hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 9, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense science and technology budget and strategy, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 9, business meeting to consider the nomination of

Ronald Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; to be followed by a hearing to examine the state of the securities industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine recent developments involving the security of sensitive consumer information relating to identity theft, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 10, business meeting to consider S. 148, to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act, S. 361, to develop and maintain an integrated system of ocean and coastal observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans and Great Lakes, improve warnings of tsunamis and other natural hazards, enhance homeland security, support maritime operations, S. 39, to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 362, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities, S. 364, to establish a program within the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to integrate Federal coastal and ocean mapping activities, S. 50, to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, S. 268, to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, National Telecommunication and Information Administration authorization, Coast Guard nominations, NOAA Corps nominations, and adoption of committee rules for the 109th Congress, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 8, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 213, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, S. 267, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 305, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with or facilitate the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior, S. 179, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, S. 476, to authorize the Boy Scouts of America to exchange certain land in the State of Utah acquired under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, and S. 485, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ways to encourage the diversification of power generation resources, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia Lynn Scarlett, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and Jeffrey Clay

Sell, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 9, business meeting to consider S. 131, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 8, to hold hearings to examine physician-owned specialty hospitals, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 8, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the future of democracy in the Black Sea area, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State, C. David Welch, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Assistant Secretary of State, and John B. Bellinger, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 9, business meeting to consider S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act, the Caring for Children Act of 2005, S. 172, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices, the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, and any nominations ready for action, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 7, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Jackson, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD-342.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 9, business meeting to consider S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity; to be followed by an oversight hearing on trust reform, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 8, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 8, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine terrorism and the electromagnetic pulse (EMP) threat to homeland security, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* March 8, to hold hearings to examine S. 271, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 8, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs

to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., 345 CHOB.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Blinded Veterans Association, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Jewish War Veterans, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 8, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 9, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 9, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, to continue hearings on Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

March 10, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research, hearing to access the Methyl Bromide Critical Use Exemption (CUE) process under the Montreal Protocol, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 8, Subcommittee on Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on the Administration for Children and Families/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Director of the FBI, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Acting Commissioner for FDA, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on National Intelligence Program Budget, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on FEMA, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., and on Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Science, State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Defense, on Navy/Marine Corps Posture, 10 a.m., and executive, on Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, executive, on Department of Energy-National Nuclear Security Administration, 2362B Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., and on Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Endowment for the Arts, 10 a.m., and on National Endowment for the Humanities, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on European Command, 9:30 a.m., and on Pacific Command, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NOAA, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy-Fossil Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Health Resources and Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NSF, National Science Board, and Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10 a.m., and on SEC, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 9, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request for space activities, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request on Department of Defense unmanned aerial vehicle and Joint Unmanned Combat Air System investment programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 10, full Committee, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization

budget request—The Navy's Future Fleet: Assessing the Strength of Today's Navy for Tomorrow, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Defense Science and Technology in support of the War on Terrorism, and Beyond, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 9, to markup H.R. 366, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to markup H.R. 940, Recreational Marine Employment Act of 2005, 11:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 9, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Implementation of GEOSS: A Review of the All-Hazards Warning System and Its Benefits to Public Health, Energy and the Environment," 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing entitled "Steroids in Sports: Cheating the System and Gambling Your Health," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Funding Options for the Yucca Mountain Repository Program," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Preparing Consumers for the End of the Digital Television Transition," 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 9, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "GSE Reform and the Federal Home Loan Bank System," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, oversight hearing of the Rural Housing Service, including the Service's budget request for fiscal year 2006, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Due Diligence in Mortgage Repurchases and Fannie: The First Beneficial Case," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, March 8, hearing entitled "Is Uncle Sam Still Passing the Buck? A 10-year Retrospective on the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 10, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "FY 2006 Drug Control Budget and the Byrne Grant, HIDTA, and Other Law Enforcement Programs: Are We Jeopardizing Federal, State and Local Cooperation?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 11, full Committee, hearing entitled "Getting the Lead Out: The Ongoing Quest for Safe Drinking Water in the Nation's Capital," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 9, Subcommittee Management, Integration and Oversight, hearing entitled “CBP and ICE: Does the Current Organizational Structure Best Serve U.S. Homeland Security Interests?” 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, March 8, Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, to mark up H. Res. 101, Urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union’s wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations, 5 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 9, full Committee, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 18, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; H. Con. Res. 32, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the occupation of the Republic of Lebanon by the Syrian Arab Republic; H. Con. Res. 34, Honoring the life and contributions of Yogi Bhajan, a leader of Sikhs, and expressing condolences to the Sikh community on his passing; H. Con. 81, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba; H. Con. Res. 82, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the arrest of Ayman Nour, the leader of the al-Ghad party, by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the support of Congress for continued progress toward democracy in Egypt; H. Res. 101, Urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union’s wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations; H. Res. 120, Commending the outstanding efforts by members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development in response to the earthquake and tsunami of December 26, 2004; and H. Res. 135, Providing for the establishment of a commission in the House of Representatives to assist parliaments in emerging democracies, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Combating Human Trafficking: Achieving Zero Tolerance, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on Developments in U.S.-Russia Relations, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward the Palestinians in the Post-Arafat Era, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on The State of Democracy in Latin America, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 10, full Committee, hearing on The Korean Peninsula: Six Party Talks and the Nuclear Issue, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, to mark up H.R. 972, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Indonesia in Transition: Recent Developments and Implications for U.S. Policy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Eliminating Terrorist Sanctuaries: The Role of Security Assistance, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 8, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing entitled “Digital Music Licensing and Section 115 of the Copyright Act,” 4:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 9, full Committee, to mark up the following measures: S. 167, Family Entertainment and Copyright Act of 2005; H.R. 683, amended, Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2005; H.R. 1037, To make technical corrections to title 17, United States Code; H.R. 1036, To amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to copyright royalty judges; H.R. 1038, Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2005; and H. Con. Res. 53, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the issuance of the 500,000th design patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division: A Review of the Civil Rights Division for the Purpose of the Reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled “Interior Immigration Enforcement Resources,” 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, March 9, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on FY’06 President’s Budget for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled “The Interior Budget for FY 2006 in Energy and Mineral Programs,” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 10, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and NOAA, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, March 8, to consider H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, March 9, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on the NSF Budget and Management Challenges, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 8, hearing on Small Business Priorities for the 109th Congress, will discuss H. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights, 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 10, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2006, with emphasis on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the TVA, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 8, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Physician-Owned Specialty Hospitals, 4 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the President's Proposal for Single-Employer Pension Funding Reform, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 9, full Committee, hearing on the Future of Social Security, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 9 and 10, executive, Budget hearings, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 9, executive, briefing on Budget, 12 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: March 8, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., 345 CHOB.

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*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: March 8, to hold hearings to examine the challenges facing the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in 2005, focusing on security and human rights, 3 p.m., SD-192.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

2 p.m., Monday, March 7

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Monday, March 7

## Senate Chamber

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