

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 66, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1439–S1579

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 391–412, S.J. Res. 1, and S. Res. 55–57. **Pages S1513–14**

Measures Reported:

S. 63, to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–1)

S. 163, to establish the National Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area in the State of Utah, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–2)

S. 200, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 109–3)

S. 203, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands. (S. Rept. No. 109–4)

S. 204, to establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area in the State of Louisiana. (S. Rept. No. 109–5)

S. 249, to establish the Great Basin National Heritage Route in the States of Nevada and Utah. (S. Rept. No. 109–6)

S. 125, to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 I Street in Sacramento, California, as the “Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse”.

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Measures Passed:

Nazi War Crimes Working Group Extension Act: Senate passed S. 384, a bill to extend the existence of the Nazi War Crimes Working Group.

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National MPS Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 57, designating February 25, 2005 as “National MPS Awareness Day”.

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Honoring John Hume: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration

of S. Res. 54, paying tribute to John Hume, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1578–79**

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act: Senate completed consideration S. 306, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1459–86**

Adopted:

Enzi Amendment No. 13, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1486**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2005, Senate will continue consideration of the bill, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

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

Transmitting a report, pursuant to section 203(a) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and section 201(a) of the National Emergencies Act declaring national emergencies in Executive Orders 13224 of 9–23–01, as amended, and 12947 of 01–23–95, as amended with a new Executive Order Clarifying Certain Executive Orders Blocking Property and Prohibiting Certain Transactions; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–5) **Page S1504**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Robert B. Zoellick, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State. **Pages S1577, S1579**

Measures Referred: **Page S1504**

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Executive Communications: **Pages S1504–13**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S1515–61****Additional Statements:****Pages S1503–04****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S1561–69****Authority for Committees to Meet:****Pages S1569–70****Privilege of the Floor:****Page S1570**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1579.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine on proposed legislation making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, after receiving testimony from Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller, both of the Department of Defense; and General Richard B. Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, focusing on the Federal Reserve's objectives of price stability and maximum sustainable employment, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET: 2006

Committee on the Budget: Committee held a hearing to examine the transparency of budget measures, focusing on the economic costs of long-term federal obligations, receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 48, to reauthorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, with an amendment;

S. 52, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah;

S. 54, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the

feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, with an amendment;

S. 55, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado;

S. 56, to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado;

S. 57, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000;

S. 97, to provide for the sale of bentonite in Big Horn County, Wyoming;

S. 99, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming;

S. 101, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation;

S. 128, to designate certain public land in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, and Napa Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river;

S. 136, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist certain local school districts in the State of California in providing education services for students attending schools located within Yosemite National Park, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, with an amendment;

S. 152, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, with an amendment;

S. 161, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership;

S. 182, to provide for the establishment of the Uintah Research and Curatorial Center for Dinosaur National Monument in the States of Colorado and Utah, with an amendment;

S. 272, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, with an amendment;

S. 276, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota; and S. 301, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, with an amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 125, to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 I Street in Sacramento, California, as the “Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse”.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for foreign affairs, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert B. Zoellick, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: on Wednesday, February 15, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine the United Nations management and oversight of the Oil-for-Food Program (OFF Program), focusing on the operations of the independent inspection agents retained by the United Nations and their role within the OFF Program, including the administration of the OFF Program by the U.N. Office of the Iraq Program and the findings of the U.N. Office of Internal Oversight Services, after receiving testimony from Ambassador Patrick F. Kennedy, U.S. Representative for U.N. Management and Reform, United States Mission to the United Nations; Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, Government Accountability Office; Robert M. Massey, Andre E. Pruniaux, and Milan Radenovic, all of Cotecna Inspection S.A., Geneva, Switzerland; John Denson, Saybolt Group, Houston, Texas; Arthur Ventham, Kinross, Western Australia; Stafford Clarry, Syracuse, New York; and Verne Kulyk, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transforming government for the 21st century, focus-

ing on the report of the Government Accountability Office entitled 21st Century Challenges: Reexamining the Base of the Federal Government, including addressing the nation’s long-term fiscal gap, deciding on the appropriate role and size of government, and financing the government, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

DRUG IMPORTATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the realities of safety and security regarding drug importation, after receiving testimony from Richard H. Carmona, Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, St. Paul; John M. Gray, Healthcare Distribution Management Association, Reston, Virginia; Carmen A. Catizone, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Mount Prospect, Illinois; and Peter Rost, Pfizer, Inc., New York, New York.

BUDGET: INDIAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s fiscal year 2006 budget request for Indian programs, after receiving testimony from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Ross O. Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, both of the Department of the Interior; Charles W. Grim, Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Victoria Vasques, Assistant Deputy Secretary and Director of Education for Indian Education, Department of Education; Tex G. Hall, National Congress of American Indians, Chester Carl, National American Indian Housing Council, and John Thomas Petherick, National Indian Health Board, all of Washington, D.C.; and David Beaulieu, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

WORLD THREAT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the national security threats to the interests of the United States, focusing on terrorism, Iraq, nuclear weapons proliferation, and North Korea, after receiving testimony from Porter J. Goss, Director of Central Intelligence; Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Admiral James Loy, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.), Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, U.S.

Navy, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and Carol Rodley, Principal

Deputy Assistance Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 836–872; and 19 resolutions, H.J. Res. 21; H. Con. Res. 66–69, and H. Res. 105–118, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. John H. Parker, Pastor, Central Baptist Church in Washington, DC.

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Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 310, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane material, by a ye-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 35.

Pages H653–64

Agreed to the Upton amendment that makes seven changes to various provisions of the bill by a voice vote.

Pages H662–64

H. Res. 95, the rule providing for consideration of the rule, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous questions by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 34.

Pages H635–43, H652–53

Class Action Fairness Act of 2005—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 96, the rule providing for consideration of S. 5, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, by voice vote.

Pages H643–52

Committee Vacation: Read a letter from Representative Lofgren (CA) wherein she asked permission to vacate her seat on the Committee on Science.

Pages H664–65

Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 111, electing Members to the following standing committees: Committee on House Administration: Representative Lofgren (CA); and Committee on Small Business: Representative Moore (WI).

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

Recognizing the commitment of the U.S. to the recovery of and accounting for American POWs or MIAs: H.J. Res. 18, recognizing the historic commitment of the United States to the recovery of and full accounting for Americans who are prisoners of war or in a missing status.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House began consideration of the following measure. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, February 17:

Honoring the life and legacy of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri: H. Res. 91, amended, honoring the life and legacy of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Pages H669–73

President's Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 66, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 112, electing Representative Musgrave to the Committee on Resources.

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Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Michael Yaki of San Francisco, California to the Commission on Civil Rights to fill the remainder of the term expiring on May 3, 2005.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of a new Executive Order that amends existing Executive Orders and clarifies certain measures taken to address certain national emergencies—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–10).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H633.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 13 was ordered held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H652–53 and H664. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Agriculture: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved the following: an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress; and Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Michael Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Force Protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Benjamin P. Riley III, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Protection) and Chairman, Combating Terrorism Technology Task Force; LTG. David F. Melcher, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; and LTG. James N. Mattis, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat and Development Command and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development, HQMC.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Social Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner of Social Security.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, Veterans Affairs, and Related

Agencies held a hearing on Quality of Life. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sgt. Major, Kenneth O. Preston, USA; Master Chief Petty Officer, Terry D. Scott, USN; Sgt. Major John L. Estrada, USMC; and Chief Master Sgt. Gerald R. Murray, USAF.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; and GEN Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOMELAND SECURITY NEEDS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on National and Homeland Security: Meeting the Needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began mark up of H.R. 27, Job Training Improvement Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

SPY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 29, Spy Act.

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality continued hearings entitled "Energy Policy Act of 2005: Ensuring Jobs for Our Future with Secure and Reliable Energy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

"TERRORIST RESPONSE TO IMPROVED U.S. FINANCIAL DEFENSES"

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Terrorist Responses to Improved U.S. Financial Defenses." Testimony was heard from Juan C. Zarate, Assistant Secretary, Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

SAFE DRUG ABUSE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Is There Such a Thing as Safe Drug Abuse?" Testimony was heard

from Peter L. Beilenson, M.D., Commissioner, Department of Health, Baltimore, Maryland; and public witnesses.

OMB MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Improving Internal Controls—A Review of Changes to OMB Circular A-123.” Testimony was heard from Christopher B. Burnham, Acting Under Secretary, Management, Assistant Secretary, Resource Management, and Chief Financial Officer, Department of State; John P. Higgins, Jr., Inspector General, Department of Education; Otto J. Wolff, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary, Administration, Department of Commerce; and Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

DHS—BUILDING INFORMATION ANALYSIS CAPABILITY

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled: “The Proposed Fiscal Year 2006: Building the Information Analysis Capability of DHS.” Testimony was heard from Patrick Hughes, Acting Under Secretary, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAN: NEXT STEPS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on United States Policy Toward Iran: Next Steps. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION; TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats approved for full Committee action H. Res. 108, Commemorating the life of the late Zurab Zhvania, Prime Minister of the Republic of Georgia.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on An Overview of Transatlantic Relations Prior to President Bush’s Visit to Europe. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAN STATE-SPONSORED TERROR

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation held a joint hearing on Iran: A Quarter-Century of State-Sponsored Terror. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INDIAN TRUST FUND LAWSUIT STATUS

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Status of the Indian Trust Fund Lawsuit, Cobell v. Norton. Testimony was heard from Jim Cason, Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—PAPER INDUSTRY ENERGY COSTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a joint oversight hearing on the Impact of High Energy Costs on the Competitiveness of America’s Pulp and Paper Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL R&D BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Science: Held a hearing An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from John Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology; Samuel Bodman, Secretary of Energy; Arden Bement Director, NSF; Charles McQueary, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; and Theodore Kassinger, Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Approved the following: Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

OVERSIGHT—AGENCIES BUDGETS AND PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2006: EPA AND NOAA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources held an oversight hearing on the following Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2006: EPA; and the NOAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water; and Thomas P. Dunne, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response; and Richard W. Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from R. James

Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to continue hearings on Threats. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the National Science Foundation, 9 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for the Emergency Supplemental, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine rising health care costs and the impact on future generations relating to Medicare and Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine National Park Service's implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine democracy in retreat in Russia, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the price of drug reimportation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the Government Accountability Office high-risk list, focusing on ensuring Congressional oversight by bringing attention to government-wide management challenges and high-risk program areas, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S.256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for

fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Office of the Inspector General, Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, on the Secretary of Defense, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security Management and Operations, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense budget request, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Domestic Entitlements: Meeting the Needs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue mark up of H.R. 27, Job Training Improvement Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled: "A Review of the Administration's FY2006 Health Care Priorities," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Role of Technology in Achieving a Hard Deadline for the DTV Transition," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider pending Committee business, and to hold a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and H. Res. 41, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as "National Tartan Day" to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish-Americans to the United States; followed by a hearing entitled "Wounded Army Guard Reserve Forces: Increasing the Capacity to Care," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, joint hearing on the North Korean Nuclear Challenge: Is There a Way Forward? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 683, Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on GAO Five Year Update on Wildland Fire and Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management Accomplishments in Implementing the Healthy Forests Restoration Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to hold a hearing entitled "Medical Liability Reform: Stopping the Skyrocketing Price of Health Care," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to consider Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and to hold a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, to meet for organizational purposes, 1:30 p.m., 1129 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, February 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, February 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12 noon. At 3 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 306, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon. Also, Senate expects to consider the State High-Risk Health Insurance Pools Act and the Committee Funding Resolution.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Rolled votes on Suspension:
 (1) H. Res. 91, Honoring the life and legacy for former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.
 Consideration of S. 5, Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (structured rule, 90 minutes of debate).

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