

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5187–S5195

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1034–1035. **Pages S5191–95**

Transportation Equity Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5189–90**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 605, to provide a complete substitute. **Page S5189**

Dorgan Amendment No. 652 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for the conduct of an investigation to determine whether market manipulation is contributing to higher gasoline prices. **Page S5189**

Inhofe (for Ensign) Amendment No. 636 (to Amendment No. 605), to authorize the State of Nevada to continue construction of the U.S.–95 Project in Las Vegas, Nevada. **Page S5189**

Allen/Ensign Amendment No. 611 (to Amendment No. 605), to modify the eligibility requirements for States to receive a grant under section 405 of title 49, United States Code. **Page S5189**

Schumer Amendment No. 674 (to Amendment No. 605), to increase the transit pass and van pooling benefit to \$200. **Page S5189**

Sessions Modified Amendment No. 646 (to Amendment No. 605), to reduce funding for certain programs. **Page S5189**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2005. **Page S5195**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

James B. Letten, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years. **Page S5195**

Executive Communications: **Page S5191**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:42 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 16, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5195.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

USAID ANTI-MALARIA POLICY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On Thursday, May 12, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to assess the anti-malaria policy of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), focusing on the transmission of HIV/AIDS, health issues in Africa, and the World Health Organization (WHO), after receiving testimony from Senator Brownback; Michael Miller, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Global Health, United States Agency for International Development; Roger Bate, The American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; Amir Attaran, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada; and Carlos C. Campbell, Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the Malaria Control and Evaluation Program in Africa (MACEPA).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16 for Morning Hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Committee Meetings

FREE TRADE—EFFECT OF DOMESTIC RESTRICTIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Domestic Source Restrictions Threaten Free Trade: What is the Federal Government Doing to Ensure a Level Playing Field in the Global Economy?” Testimony was from Benjamin H. Wu, Assistant Secretary, Technology and Acting Director, National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce; Charles W. Freeman, II, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

TSA’S SCREENING OF AIRLINE PILOTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “The Transportation Security Administration’s Screening of Airline Pilots: Sound Security Practice or Waste of Scarce Resources?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 16 through May 21, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act. At 5:30 p.m., Senate expects to vote on certain amendments.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act. Senate expects to vote on certain amendments and final passage of 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 Appropriations: May 17, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

May 17, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

May 19, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 17, to hold hearings to examine the current legal and regulatory requirements and industry practices for credit card issuers with respect to consumer disclosures and marketing efforts, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Regulation NMS, designed to strengthen our national market system for equity securities, focusing on recent market developments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 19, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Regulation NMS designed to strengthen our national market system for equity securities, focusing on recent market developments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 17, to hold hearings to examine measures that have been taken since September 11, 2001, to secure our nation’s ports, focusing on the implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act and vulnerabilities that remain in the maritime transportation sector, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 18, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine human spaceflight, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 17, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 17, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold closed hearings to examine nuclear security, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine eco-terrorism, specifically examining the Earth Liberation Front (“ELF”) and the Animal Liberation Front (“ALF”), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

May 19, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Endangered Species Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 17, to hold hearings to examine activities of the Commission for Africa, focusing on recommendations for a coherent strategy for Africa, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

May 19, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine S. 883, to direct the Secretary of State to carry out activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity in developing countries, while promoting economic development, 1 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 17, Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's recommendations for the Older Americans Act Reauthorization, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the proposed Workforce Investment Act Amendments of 2005, and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 17, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the United Nations' Oil-for-Food Program, the illegal surcharges paid on Iraqi oil sales, and the nature and extent of the 2003 Khor al-Amaya incident, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a breakdown in safeguards against fraud and abuse in FEMA's Disaster Relief Program, focusing on FEMA's response to the 2004 hurricanes, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Philip J. Perry, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security; to be followed by a hearing on the nominations of Carolyn L. Gallagher, of Texas, and Louis J. Giuliano, of New York, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

May 19, Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine accountability and results in Federal budgeting, focusing on steps being taken to ensure that federal programs are effective and accountable and to explore in-depth the Program Assessment and Rating Tool (PART), which is used by OMB to assess and evaluate federal programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 18, to hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to the taking of land into trust, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 17, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold joint hearings to examine strengthening our national security, regarding the need for comprehensive immigration reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to protecting the judiciary at home and in the courthouse, 8:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 19, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the need for a constitutional amendment relating to the protection of marriage, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 17, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 18, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold a closed meeting to discuss certain intelligence matters, 10:30 a.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, May 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 5:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

May 18, Full Committee, to consider the following: Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006; the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006; and the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, May 18, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 17, hearing entitled "High School Reform: Examining State and Local Efforts," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining Pay-for-Performance Measures and Other Trends in Employer-Sponsored Health Care," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing entitled "Challenges to American Competitiveness in Math and Science," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The United Nations Oil-for-Food Program: Saddam Hussein's Use of Oil Allocations to Undermine Sanctions and the United Nations Security Council," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Subversion of Drug Testing Programs," 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Increasing Generic Drug Utilization: Saving Money for Patients," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 17, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 1999, State and Local Housing Flexibility Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Enhancing Data Security: The Regulators' Perspective," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Financial Services Regulatory Relief: Private Sector Perspectives," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 17, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "Question: What is More Scrambled Than an Egg? Answer: the Federal Food Inspection Program," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Fostering Democracy in the Middle East: Defeating Terrorism with Ballots?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 19, full Committee, hearing entitled "Steroid Use in Sports Part III: Examining Basketball Association's Steroid Testing Program," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 20, hearing entitled "Declaration of Education: Toward a Culture of Achievement in D.C. Public Schools," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 19, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing on H.R. 1509, Recreational Boaters Streamlined Inspection Act, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, May 19, to mark up H.R. 1316, 527 Fairness Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, May 18, hearing on Kosovo: Current and Future Status, 10:30 a.m., 12172 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on U.N. Peacekeeping Reform: Seeking Greater Accountability and Integrity, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 19, Full Committee, hearing and briefing on Reforming the United Nations: Budget and Management Perspectives, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 17, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Intellectual Property Theft in China, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, May 19, oversight hearing on Mutual Fund Trading Abuses, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 18, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 38, Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; H.R. 125, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California; H.R. 362, Ojito Wilderness Act; H.R. 394, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as a part of the Minute Man National Historical Park; H.R. 432, Betty Dick Residence Protection Act; H.R. 481, Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2005; H.R. 517, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 539, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005; H.R. 599, Federal Lands Restoration, Enhancement, Public Education, and Information Resources Act of 2005; H.R. 774, Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2005; H.R. 853, To remove

certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States; H.R. 873, Northern Marianas Delegate Act; H.R. 975, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act; H.R. 1084, To authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862; H.R. 1428, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 1492, To provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II; H.R. 1797, Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act; H.R. 1905, Small Tracts Reform Act; H.R. 2130, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2005; and the National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "The Impacts of High Energy Costs to the American Consumer," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 19, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 50, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 16, to consider the following: H.R. 2360, Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; and H.R. 2361, Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

May 17, to consider H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 17, to mark up H.R. 50, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on The National Nanotechnology Initiative: Review and Outlook, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 19, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on the benefits small businesses will receive if drilling is allowed in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 18, to consider the following: GSA 3314(b) Resolutions; H. Con. Res. 145, Expressing the sense of Congress in support of a national bike month and in appreciation of cyclists and others for promoting bicycle safety and the benefits of cycling; H. Res. 243, Recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week; H.R. 624, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants; H.R. 889, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005; and H.R.

1359, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 18, Subcommittee on Health, oversight hearing on the use and development of telemedicine technologies in the Department of Veterans health care system, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, oversight hearing regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs' and the Department of Defense's efforts to assist military personnel in making a "seamless transition" from active duty to veterans' status, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 17, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the Future of the World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 18, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Protections for Foster Children Enrolled in Clinical Trials, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

May 19, Full Committee, hearing on the Retirement Policy Challenges and Opportunities of our Aging Society, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 19, to continue hearings on the PATRIOT Act, Part II, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, May 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act. Senate expects to vote on certain amendments beginning at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

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