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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1820–1825, and S. Res. 265–267.

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Measures Passed:

Family History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 266, designating the month of October 2005, as "Family History Month". Page S11166

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 267, to authorize testimony document production, and legal representation in State of New Hampshire v. Anne Miller, Mary Lee Sargent, Jessica Ellis, Lynn Chong, Donald Booth, Eileen Reardon.

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Department of Defense Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S11061-S11120

Adopted:

Stevens (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1996, to provide that, of the amount made available under title III for the Navy for other procurement, up to \$3,000,000 may be made available for the Joint Aviation Technical Data Integration Program.

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Stevens (for Salazar) Amendment No. 1887, to rename the death gratuity payable for deaths of members of the Armed Forces as fallen hero compensation.

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Stevens (for Bingaman/Domenici) Amendment No. 1895, to make available up to \$3,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force, for assurance for the Field Programmable Gate Array.

Pages S11077, S11088

Stevens (for Bennett) Amendment No. 2017, to make available, from amounts appropriated for the Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army account up to \$1,000,000 for the Chemical Biological Defense Material Test and Evaluation Initiative (PE 0605602A).

Pages \$11077-78, \$11088

Stevens (for Isakson) Amendment No. 1925, to provide that, of the amount made available under title IV for the Army for research, development, test, and evaluation, up to \$1,000,000 may be made available for an environmental management and compliance information system.

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Stevens (for Santorum) Modified Amendment No. 1889, to provide that, of the amount made available for research, development, test and evaluation for the Army, up to \$2,000,000 may be made available for medical advanced technology for applied emergency hypothermia for advanced combat casualty life support.

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Byrd/Feingold Amendment No. 1992, to express the sense of the Senate on budgeting for ongoing military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere overseas.

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Dodd Amendment No. 1970, to improve the authority for reimbursement for protective, safety, and health equipment purchased for members of the Armed Forces deployed in Iraq and Central Asia.

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Inouye (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1963, to require the Secretary of Defense to maintain a website listing information on Federal contractor misconduct, and to require reports on Federal no-bid contracts related to Iraq reconstruction. Page S11095

Stevens (for Shelby) Amendment No. 2016, to prohibit the transfer from the Army of authority relating to the tactical unmanned aerial vehicles.

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Stevens (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1914, to make available, from the amount appropriated in title III under the heading "Other Procurement, Navy" up to \$2,000,000 may be used for the Surface Sonar Dome Window Program.

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Stevens (for Dodd/Lieberman) Amendment No. 1972, to make available \$700,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army for Medical Countermeasures to Nerve Agents. Page \$11101

Stevens (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1962, to make available \$5,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, for High Performance Defense Manufacturing Technology Research and Development.

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Stevens (for Chambliss) Modified Amendment No. 1979, to provide that, of the amount made available under title II for Operation and Maintenance, Army, up to \$600,000 may be made available for removal of unexploded ordnance at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

Pages S11101-02, S11115

Stevens (for Lott) Amendment No. 1976, to make available \$4,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, for the development of light-weight rigid-rod ammunition.

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Stevens (for Roberts) Amendment No. 1945, to make available, from the amount appropriated in title VII under the heading "Intelligence Community Management Account", up to \$2,000,000 may be used for the Pat Roberts Intelligence Scholars Program.

Pages S11101-02

Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2002, to make available \$1,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for the Army for the Multipurpose Utility Vehicle.

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Stevens (for Voinovich) Modified Amendment No. 1986, of the amounts provided for the Navy for research, development, test, and evaluation up to \$3,000,000 may be available for land attack technology for the Millennium Gun System. Page S11106

Stevens (for Graham) Amendment No. 2028, to make available \$2,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for the Army for Moldable Armor.

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Stevens (for Feingold/Coleman) Modified Amendment No. 1906, to provide for the establishment of a pilot project to create a civilian language reserve corps in order to improve national security by increasing the availability of translation services and related duties.

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Stevens (for Akaka) Modified Amendment No. 1899, to make available up to \$5,000,000 for the participation of Vet centers in the transition assistance programs of the Department of Defense for members of the Armed Forces.

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Stevens (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 2008, to make available, from funds appropriated for research, development, test and evaluation, Air Force, up to \$2,500,000 for advanced technology for IRCM component improvement.

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Stevens (for Allen) Modified Amendment No. 1989, from funds appropriated for research, development, test and evaluation, Army, and available for demonstration and validation, up to \$5,000,000 may be available for the Plasma Energy Pyrolysis System (PEPS), Operational Gasification unit. Page S11107

Stevens (for Snowe) Modified Amendment No. 1911, to provide that, of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the use of the Department of Defense for research, development, test, and evaluation for Defense-wide activities, up to \$5,000,000

may be available for the rapid mobilization of the New England Manufacturing Supply Chain Initiative.

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Stevens (for Kerry/Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 2027, to provide that, of the amount made available under title IV for the Navy for research, development, test, and evaluation, up to \$1,000,000 may be made available for Marine Corps assault vehicles for development of carbon fabric-based friction materials to optimize the cross-drive transmission brake system of the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle.

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Stevens (for Reed) Amendment No. 2010, to make available \$2,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for the Navy for the Shipboard Automated Reconstruction Capability.

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Stevens (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 1947, from amounts available in Title IV under the heading Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army, up to \$1,000,000 may be available for Recombinant Activated Factor VII.

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Stevens (for Talent) Modified Amendment No. 2030, to provide for the procurement of 42 additional C–17 aircraft.

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Stevens (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2012, to provide for a Department of Defense task force on mental health.

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Stevens (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 1991, to make available additional amounts for defense basic research programs. Pages S11108, S11109

Stevens (for Murray) Modified Amendment No. 1964, to provide for studies of means of improving the transition assistance services of the Department of Defense and other benefits for members of the National Guard and the Reserves.

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Stevens (for Coburn) Amendment No. 1948, to require that any limitation, directive, or ear-marking contained in either the House of Representatives or Senate report accompanying this bill be included in the conference report or joint statement accompanying the bill in order to be considered as having been approved by both Houses of Congress.

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Stevens (for Alexander) Modified Amendment No. 2029, to require a report on the use of ground source heat pumps at Department of Defense facilities.

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Stevens (for Warner) Modified Amendment No. 1927, to make available up to \$1,500,000 for the Navy for research, development, test, and evaluation, to be available for research within the High-Brightness Electron Source program.

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By 90 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 249), McCain Amendment No. 1977, relating to persons under the

detention, custody, or control of the United States Government. Pages S11061-72, S11075-76, S11094, S11114

McCain Amendment No. 1978, to prohibit the use of funds to pay salaries and expenses and other costs associated with reimbursing the Government of Uzbekistan for services rendered to the United States at Karshi-Khanabad airbase in Uzbekistan.

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Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2001, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the investment of funds as called for in the Depot Maintenance Strategy and Master Plan of the Air Force.

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Stevens (for Schumer/Clinton) Modified Amendment No. 2038, to make available \$5,000,000 from Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles for the Army for the Arsenal Support Program Initiative and to allocate such amounts. Page S11118

Stevens (for Kennedy/Bond) Amendment No. 1923, to make available \$4,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, for Oral Anthrax/Plague Vaccine Development.

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Stevens (for Sarbanes) Modified Amendment No. 1969, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to donate the World War II-era marine railway located at the United States Naval Academy to the Richardson Maritime Heritage Center, Cambridge, Maryland, for non-commercial purposes.

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Stevens (for McConnell) Amendment No. 2042, to recognize U.S. military personnel serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Page S11119

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 1942, to make available \$10,000,000 for Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, and \$20,000,000 for Other Procurement, Air Force, for the implementation of long-range wireless telecommunication capabilities for the Gulf States and key entities within the Northern Command Area of Responsibility.

Pages S11095-99, S11118

Stevens (for Graham/McCain) Modified Amendment No. 2004, to require the President to submit the procedures for the Combatant Status Review Tribunals and Administrative Review Boards to determine the status of detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Pages \$11072, \$11102, \$11119

Stevens (for Conrad/Dorgan) Modified Amendment No. 1882, to increase, with an offset, amounts available for the procurement of Predator unmanned aerial vehicles.

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Pending:

Reed/Hagel Amendment No. 1943, to transfer certain amounts from the supplemental authorizations of appropriations for Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Global War on Terrorism to amounts for Operation and Maintenance, Army, Operation and Mainte-

nance, Marine Corps, Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide activities, and Military Personnel in order to provide for increased personnel strengths for the Army and the Marine Corps for fiscal year 2006.

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Coburn Amendment No. 2005, to curtail waste under the Department of Defense web-based travel system.

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

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 247), Senate rejected the defense of germaneness relative to Warner/Levin Modified Amendment No. 1955, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 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. Subsequently, the amendment fell.

Pages S11088-94, S11109-12

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 248), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Bayh Amendment No. 1933, to increase by \$360,800,000 amounts appropriated by title IX for Other Procurement, Army, for the procurement of armored Tactical Wheeled Vehicles for units deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to increase by \$5,000,000 amounts appropriated by title IX for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, for industrial preparedness for the implementation of a ballistics engineering research center. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S11112-13

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 250), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to the emergency designation provision in Kerry Amendment No. 2033, to provide for appropriations for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 was sustained and the provision was stricken. Also, the Chair sustained a point order that the amendment violated section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 as altered by the previous point of order and the amendment thus fell.

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By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 251), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion

to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Stabenow Amendment No. 1937, to ensure that future funding for health care for former members of the Armed Forces takes into account changes in population and inflation. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 252), 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 S11118

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2005; and that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all time overnight be counted against the 30 hours post cloture.

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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security and Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security and Review Commission: C. Richard D'Amato of Maryland for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and expiring December 31, 2007, and William A. Reinsch of Maryland for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and expiring December 31, 2007. Page S11165

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 11:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 6, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11166.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SPYWARE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Sub-committee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development concluded a hearing to examine the impact of spyware that is downloaded without authorization on consumers and the Internet as a medium of communication and commerce, and Federal efforts to protect consumers from this problem, after receiving testimony from Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

KYOTO PROTOCOL: GREENHOUSE GASES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of efforts to reduce greenhouse gases relating to the Kyoto Protocol, which is an amendment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) requiring countries which ratify this protocol to commit to reduce their emissions of carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases, or engage in emissions trading if they maintain or increase emissions of these gases, after receiving testimony from Harlan L. Watson, Senior Climate Negotiator and Special Representative, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Lord Nigel Lawson, House of Lords, and Michael Grubb, Imperial College London Department of Environmental Science and Technology, both of the United Kingdom; and Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING: NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert A. Mosbacher, of Texas, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Jan E. Boyer, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Francis Rooney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Alfred Hoffman, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Portugal, Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Charles A. Ford, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Mark Langdale, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Brenda La-Grange Johnson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of

Korea, Patricia Louise Herbold, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, William Paul McCormick, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa, John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, John Hillen, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, Lowenkron, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Kent R. Hill, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Jacqueline Ellen Schafer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, and a

Foreign Service Officer promotion list received in the Senate on July 29, 2005.

INTELLIGENCE

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

OLDER AMERICANS' NEEDS DURING DISASTERS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee held a hearing to examine preparing for and meeting the needs of older Americans during a disaster, focusing on seniors in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, organizing safe and accessible transportation, temporary housing, and providing continuity of services to older evacuees, receiving testimony from Keith Bea, Specialist, American National Government, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Maria Greene, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Atlanta; Jeffrey Goldhagen, Duval County Health Department, Jacksonville, Florida; Leigh E. Wade, Area Agency on Aging of Southwest Florida, Inc., Fort Myers, on behalf of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Carolyn S. Wilken, University of Florida, Gainesville; and Susan C. Waltman, Greater New York Hospital Association, New York,

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 6 for Legislative Business.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL WORKFORCE—ACCOUNTABILITY AND REWARDS

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Mom, Apple Pie, and Working for America: Accountability and Rewards for the Federal Workforce." Testimony was heard from Linda M. Springer, Director OPM; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Theresa S. Shaw, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Federal Student Aid, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the potential for Marriage Development Accounts in the District of Columbia, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, and Donald C. Winter, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Exon-Florio provision by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), Department of the Treasury, which seeks to serve U.S. investment policy through reviews that protect national security while

maintaining the credibility of open investment policy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine Hurricanes Katrina and Rita's effects on energy infrastructure and that status of recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast region, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1025, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas" to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project, S. 1498, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, S. 1529, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the city of Yuma, Arizona, S. 1578, to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish recovery implementation programs, and S. 1760, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District, 3 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, George M. Gray, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, H. Dale Hall, of New Mexico, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Highway Administration relating to Hurricane Katrina, 9:35 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the future of the Gulf Coast, focusing on the use of tax policy to help rebuild businesses and communities and support families after disasters, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to examine the U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer L. Dorn, of Nebraska, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Donald A. Gambatesa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, 11 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, and Carmen Maria Martinez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and Michael R. Arietti, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, 2:30 p.m., SD 410

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) status report on recovery efforts in the Gulf States, 9 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine improving Department of Defense logistics, focusing on a piece of the Department's business transformation efforts, supply chain management, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine how the Federal government lease needed space, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Wan J. Kim, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Sue Ellen Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and Thomas O. Barnett, of Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, all of the Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Financial Oversight of Supplemental Appropriations for Hurricane Katrina, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, hearing on Department of Transportation (Hurricane Katrina), 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on After the Hurricanes: Impact on the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "FCC's Erate Plans to Assist Gulf Coast Recovery," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, oversight hearing entitled "The Six-Party Talks and the North Korean Nuclear Issues: Old Wine in New Bottles?" 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, oversight hearing entitled "India's Unfinished Agenda: Equality and Justice for 200 Million Victims of the Caste System," 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1369, To prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Improving Federal Court Adjudication of Patent Cases, 4:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 122, Eastern

Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 2341, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas; H.R. 3418, Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2005; and H.R. 3929, To amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and prelimi-

nary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3893, Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing entitled "Recovering after Katrina: Ensuring that FEMA is up to the task," 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 6 Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Thursday, October 6

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2863, Defense Appropriations.

Program for Thursday: To be announced.



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