Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 603–610, S. Con. Res. 18–19. Page S2517

Measures Reported:

S. 263, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–36)

S. Con. Res. 18, setting for the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010. Page S2517

Measures Passed:

Honoring Enrique Camarena: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 73, honoring the life of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Nomination Referral—Agreement: On Thursday, March 10, 2005, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the nomination for the Assistant Secretary for Civil Works is received by the Senate, it be referred to the Committee on Armed Services, provided that when the Committee on Armed Services reports the nomination, it be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works for a period of 20 days of session, provided further that if the Committee on Environment and Public Works does not report the nomination within those 20 days, the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination and the nomination be placed on the calendar.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 12:06 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, March 14, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$2585.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

Nominations

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), C. David Welch, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs), and John B. Bellinger, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, who were introduced by Senator Warner, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14 for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the NSF; the National Science Board; and the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and the following officials of the NSF: Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director; and Ray M. Bowen, member, National Science Board.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the SEC. Testimony was heard from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, SEC.

D.C. DRINKING WATER SAFETY

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Getting the Lead Out: The Ongoing Quest for Safe Drinking Water in the Nation's Capital." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; and Donald S. Welsh, Regional Administrator, Region III; Thomas P. Jacobus, General Manager, Washington Aqueduct, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Jerry Johnson, General Manager, Water and Sewer Authority, District of Columbia; and a public witness.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 14 through March 19, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting for the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

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 15, to hold hearings to examine school nutrition programs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 15, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Labor, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, the Office of Science, and the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology in the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-124.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs budget overview, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

March 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 16, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Army and Air Force, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 15, to resume hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements from combatant commanders in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Anthony Joseph Principi, of California, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, 4:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 16, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine national security space policy and programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006, 3 p.m., SR-222.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed hearing in SH–219, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

March 17, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine posture of the U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 17, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Coast Guard Operational Readiness/Mission Balance, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 175, to establish the Bleeding Kansas and Enduring Struggle for Freedom National Heritage Area, S. 322, to establish the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership in the States of Vermont and New York, S. 323, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and S. 429, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

March 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 16, business meeting to consider The Reliable Fuels Act, and The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 16, to hold hearings to examine expiring tax provisions, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Thomas Schieffer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Japan, Joseph R. DeTrani, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks, and Howard J. Krongard, of New Jersey, to be Inspector General, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the lifting of the EU arms embargo on China, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 15, Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold oversight hearings to examine ensuring the success of the National Security Personnel System, focusing on the proposed regulations jointly published by the Department of Defense and Office of Personnel Management for the National Security Personnel System, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 21, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, S. 335, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, S. 494, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, S. 501, to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in the District of Columbia, report of the permanent Subcommittee on investigation, titled, "The Role of the Professional Firms in the U.S. Tax Shelter Industry", and the nomination of Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, 11 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 14, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening enforcement and border security, focusing on the 9/11 Commission staff report on terrorist travel, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

March 15, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the OPEN Government Act of 2005 relating to openness in government and freedom of information, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the SBC/ATT and Verizon/MCI mergers relating to remaking the telecommunications industry, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 16, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine obscenity prosecution and the constitution, 3 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 17, to hold hearings to examine the report entitled, "Back from the Battlefield: Are we providing the proper care for America's Wounded Warriors?", 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 15, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 15, to hold hearings to examine exploring the economics of retirement, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 16, hearing to Review United States Agricultural Trade with Cuba, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy—Science, Nuclear Energy and Renewable Energy/Conservation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, on Customs and Border Protection, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Health Resources and Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

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March 16, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Student Financial Aid, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy-Nuclear Waste Disposal and Environmental Management, 10 a.m., and on Department of Energy-Fossil Energy, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on BRACE/ Global Posture Review, 1:30 p.m., H–143 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on DEA, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 17, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Under Secretary for Rural Development, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Defense, on Air Force Posture, 10 a.m., and executive, on Air Force Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 17, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, on Citizenship and Immigration Services, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies, on SBA, 10 a.m., and on Federal Prison System, 2 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 17, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Quality Teachers, Principals and High Schools, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia and Independent Agencies, on Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 15, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Naval Critical Enablers, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget

request for Military Construction, Family Housing, Base Closures, and Facilities Operations and Maintenance, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request for Missile Defense Programs, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense responsibilities in homeland defense and homeland security missions, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Recruiting, Retention and Military Personnel Policy, and Benefits and Compensation Overview, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Future Combat Systems, Modularity, and Force Protection Initiatives, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—United States Special Operations Command policy and programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 15, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing entitled "Welfare Reform: Reauthorization of Work and Child Care," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 525, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness and the Subcommittee on Select Education, joint hearing entitled "Tracking International Students in Higher Education: A Progress Report," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Protecting Consumer's Data: Policy Issues Raised by Choice Point," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services are Changing the Face of Communications: A Look at the Voice Marketplace," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "A Hearing on the Proposed Clear Skies Act," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Setting the Path for Reauthorization: Improving Portfolio Management at the NIH," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn. March 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of Security Initiatives at DOE Nuclear Facilities," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 15, hearing on the annual State of the International Financial System, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Regulation NMS: The SEC's View," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, to consider the following measures: H.R. 458, Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act; H.R. 749, Expanded Access to Financial Services Act of 2005; H.R. 280, Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act; H.R. 804, To exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program; H.R. 1057, True American Heroes Act; and H.R. 902, Presidential \$1 Coin Act, 10 a. m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "A Review of the Securities Arbitration System," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 1185, Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 14, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Building Iraqi Security Forces, 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "Service Oriented Streamlining: Rethinking the Way GSA Does Business," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Energy Demands in the 21st Century: Are Congress and the Executive Branch Meeting the Challenge?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Strengthening Travel Reimbursement Procedures for Army National Guard Soldiers," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 17, full Committee, hearing entitled "Restoring Faith in America's Pastime: Evaluating Major League Baseball's Efforts to Eradicate Steroid Use," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 15, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, entitled "Nuclear Terrorism: Protecting the Homeland," 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, March 16, to continue to consider funding requests of the Committees of the House of Representatives, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, March 15, oversight hearing on United Nations Reform: Challenges and Prospects, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, hearing on Libya: Progress on the Path Toward Cautious Reengagement, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, oversight hearing on Northern Ireland Human Rights: Update on the Cory Collusion Inquiry Reports, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 17, full Committee, oversight hearing on U.S. Counternarcotics Policy in Afghanistan: Time for Leadership, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, oversight hearing on A Global Review of Human Rights: Examining the State Department's 2004 Annual Report, 1:30 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, oversight hearing on the United Nations and the Fight Against Terrorism, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, oversight hearing on The United Nations Oil-for-Food Program: The Cotecna and Saybolt Inspection Firms, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 15, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security to Examine the Security of the Nation's Seaports and the Cargo Entering Those Ports, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 1151, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide the protections of habeas corpus for certain incapacitated individuals whose life is in jeopardy, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Holmes Group, the Federal Circuit, and the State of Patent Appeals, 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on Responding to Organized Crimes Against Manufacturers and Retailers; followed by markup of H.R. 32, Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 15, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the Power Marketing Administrations' Role in Bringing Our Nationwide Electricity Transmission System into the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on U.S. Energy and Mineral Needs Security and Policy: Impacts of Sustained Increases in Global Energy and Mineral Consumption by Emerging Economics Such as China and India, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 410, Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005; H.R. 599, Federal Lands Restoration Enhancement, Public Education, and Information Resources Act of 2005, and H.R. 975, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act, 2:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 17, full Committee, oversight hearing on a measure to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 17, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Park Service Budget, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, March 14, to consider H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

March 15, to consider the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, FY 2006, 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, March 15, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 50, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act; and H.R. 798, Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on the Future of Aeronautics at NASA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 16, hearing entitled "The RFA at 25: Needed Improvements for Small Business Regulatory Relief," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 17, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "The High Price of Natural Gas and its Impact on Small Businesses: Issues and Short Term Solutions, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 15, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Lasers: A Hazard to Aviation Safety and Security? 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Member Project Requests for the Water Resources Development Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on The Administration's "Strengthening America's Communities" Initiative and its impact on economic development, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Measuring Physician Quality and Efficiency of Care in Medicare, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 15, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to mark up H.R. 240, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Protection Act of 2005, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for the Department of Labor, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Managing the Use of Imaging Services, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 15, executive, hearing on the Budget, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 16, executive, hearing on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 17, executive, on Global Updates, 9 a.m., and executive, hearing on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, March 14

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

Senate Chamber

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