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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1411–1414. Page S8384

Measures Passed:

Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza: Senate passed S. 1413, to redesignate the Crowne Plaza in Kingston, Jamaica as the Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, July 18, 2005. Page S8392

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:36 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., on Monday, July 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$8392.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States' relationship with the World Trade Organization, focusing on the role of the World Trade Organization and its impact on national sovereignty and economic security, after receiving testimony from James E. Mendenhall, Acting General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative; and Claude E. Barfield, American Enterprise Institute, Robert K. Stumberg, Georgetown University Law Center, and J. Robert Vastine, Coalition of Service Industries, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18 for morning hour debate, and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 18 through July 23, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3057, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

On *Tuesday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will meet with the House of Representatives in the House Chamber to receive an address from Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to complete consideration of H.R. 3057, Foreign Operations Appropriations and will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any other appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 20, to hold hearings to examine biosecurity preparedness and efforts to address agroterrorism threats, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: July 19, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to consider H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 10 a.m., SD–116.

July 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 21, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: July 20, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role and budget implications relating to health information technology, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 19, to hold hearings to examine modifications to the organizational structure and operations of the Department of Homeland Security as part of an effort to make it more efficient and effective, 11:15 a.m., SR–253.

July 20, Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to hold hearings to examine the climate policy of the United States, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 19, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the effects of the U.S. nuclear testing program on the Marshall Islands, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

July 20, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 703, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, S. 997, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, S. 1131, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land within the State of Idaho, S. 1170, to establish the Fort Stanton-Snowy River National Cave Conservation Area, S. 1238, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and H.R. 1101, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California, 2 p.m., SD–366.

July 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current state of climate change scientific research and the economics of strategies to manage climate change, focusing on the relationship between energy consumption and climate change, new developments in climate change research and the potential effects on the U.S. economy of climate change and strategies to control greenhouse gas emissions, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 20, business meeting to consider H.R. 1428, to authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, S. 1339, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994, S. 1250, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, S. 1340, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to extend the date after which surplus funds in the wildlife restoration fund become available for apportionment, S. 1265, to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines, S. 158, to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative, S. 1400, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, S. 1410, to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, the Lacey Act Technical Correction Act, the Alaska Native Villages Reauthorization Act, and the nominations of Marcus C. Peacock, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Granta Y. Nakayama, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: July 20, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 18, to hold hearings to examine improving security in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

July 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and James Cain, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Denmark, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine advancing Iraqi political development, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

July 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine economic progress in Iraq, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

July 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United Nations reform, 10 a.m., SD—419.

July 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, to be Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Malawi, Katherine Hubay Peterson, of California, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Republic of Botswana, and Michael Retzer, of Mississippi, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

July 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Karen P. Hughes, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, with the rank of Ambassador, Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs), Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), and Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 20, business meeting to consider proposed Better Healthcare through Information Technology Act, proposed Medical Device User Fee Stabilization Act of 2005, and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

July 21, Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to hold hearings to examine S. 3, to strengthen and protect America in the war on terror, and S. 975, to provide incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop medical countermeasures to prevent, detect, identify, contain, and treat illnesses, including those associated with biological, chemical, nuclear, or radiological weapons attack or an infectious disease outbreak, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard L. Skinner, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, and Brian David Miller, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD–562.

July 19, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine efforts to protect national information infrastructures that continue to face challenges relating to cyberspace, focusing on challenges in protecting U.S. critical infrastructures from cybersecurity threats, 2 p.m., SD–562.

July 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard L. Skinner, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, and Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and Brian David Miller, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

July 21, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine U.S. financial involvement relative to the United Nations' Capital Master Plan to renovate the U.N. headquarters in New York City, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 21, to hold hearings to examine S. 1003, to amend the Act of December 22, 1974, relating to Navajo-Hopi land settlement, 9:30 a.m., SR–485.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 19, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, 11 a.m., SD–226.

July 19, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine a review of Federal consent decrees, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

July 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues and implications relating to reporters' shield legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

July 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, S. 1326, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 103, to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, S. 1086, to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses, S. 956, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide assured punishment for violent crimes against children, S. 1389, to reauthorize and improve the USA PATRIOT Act, and a bill entitled the Personal Data Privacy and Security Act, 9:30 a.m.,

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 19, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SDG-50.

July 20, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John S. Redd, of Georgia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Special Committee on Aging: July 20, to hold hearings to examine solutions to saving money in Medicaid, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, July 21, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on U.S. Coast Guard Deepwater Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, July 19, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Current Status of Military Recruiting and Retention, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 19 and 20, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearings on Department of the Navy FY06 Plans and Programs for the DD(X) Next-Generation Multi-Mission Surface Combatant Ship, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn on July 19 and 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn July 20.

July 20, full Committee, hearing on the Air Force's Future Total Force Plan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 21, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology of the Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing on counter terrorism technology sharing, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, July 20, hearing on Performance-Based Budgeting, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 19, hearing entitled "China's Bid for U.S. Energy Assets," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 19, hearing entitled "Legislation to Reauthorize the National Institutes of Health," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn

July 20, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Electronic Waste: An Examination of Current Activity, Implications for Environmental Stewardship, and the Proper Federal Role," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, and the Committee on Resources, July 19, joint hearing entitled "Improving Land Title Grant Procedures for Native Americans," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 20, hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Credit Card Data Processing: How Secure Is It?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, July 19, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Occupational and Environmental Health Surveillance of Deployed Forces: Tracking Toxic Casualties," 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 20, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Implementing the Improper Payments Information Act—Are We Making Progress?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 20, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Improving the Information Quality in the Federal Government," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 21, full Committee, hearing entitled "Controlling Restricted Airspace: An Examination of the Management and Coordination of Our National Air Defense," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 19, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, to continue hearings entitled "Leveraging Technology to Improve Aviation Security, Part II," 2 p.m., room to be announced.

July 19, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, to continue joint hearings entitled "The National Training Program: Is Anti-Terrorism Training for First Responders Efficient and Effective, Part II," 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

July 20, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "A Progress Report on Information Sharing for Homeland Security," 10 a.m., room be announced.

Committee on International Relations, July 21, Sub-committee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Falun Gong and China's Continuing War on Human Rights, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 19, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on Can Congress Create A Race-Based Government?: The Constitutionality of H.R. 309, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2005, and S.147, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 19, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H. Res. 97, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the Constitution of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the Constitution of the United States, and the Appropriate Role of Foreign Judgements in the Interpretation of American Law, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, July 19, oversight hearing entitled "The Status of the Eastern Oyster (Crassostrea virginica) and the Petition to List the Eastern Oyster as Endangered or Threatened under the Endangered Species Act," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 19, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "Maintaining and Upgrading the Bureau of Reclamation's Facilities to Improve Power Generation, Enhance Water Supply and Keep our Homeland Secure," 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 21, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1494, Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005; and H.R. 3179, Junior Duck Stamp Reauthorization Amendments Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, July 18, to consider H.R. 2601, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007, 2:30 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

July 19, to consider H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005, 4 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, July 20, Subcommittee on Energy and the Subcommittee on Research, joint hearing on Fueling the Future: On the Road to the Hydrogen Economy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 21, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Competitiveness: The Innovation Challenge, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 21, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Issues, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 20, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Fraud in Income Tax Return Preparation, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

July 21, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Reforming Physician Payments under Medicare by moving to a Value-Based Purchasing Program, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conference: July 19, meeting of conferees on H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, 10 a.m., room to be announced.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 2:30 p.m., Monday, July 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 12:30 p.m., Monday, July 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3057, Foreign Operations Appropriations, and expects to vote at approximately 5:30 p.m. on, or in relation to, an amendment to be proposed thereto.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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