

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2759–S2847*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2498–2507, S. Res. 421–423, and S. Con. Res. 85.

**Pages S2799–S2800**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2012, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce for the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for fiscal years 2006 through 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–229)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Religious Freedom in Afghanistan:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, calling on the Government of Afghanistan to uphold freedom of religion and urging the Government of the United States to promote religious freedom in Afghanistan.

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**National and Global Youth Service Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, designating April 21, 2006, as National and Global Youth Service Day.

**Pages S2843–44**

**National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 423, designating April 8, 2006, as "National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day."

**Pages S2844–45**

**Honoring Former President Eisenhower:** Senate passed S.J. Res. 28, approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**Pages S2845–46**

**America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 60, designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

**Pages S2846–47**

**Securing America's Borders Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive re-

form, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2763–95**

Pending:

Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2763**

Kyl/Cornyn Amendment No. 3206 (to Amendment No. 3192), to make certain aliens ineligible for conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status. (By a unanimous vote of 99 nays (Vote No. 87), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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Cornyn Amendment No. 3207 (to Amendment No. 3206), to establish an enactment date.

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Isakson Amendment No. 3215 (to Amendment No. 3192), to demonstrate respect for legal immigration by prohibiting the implementation of a new alien guest worker program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to the President and the Congress that the borders of the United States are reasonably sealed and secured.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 3223 (to Amendment No. 3192), to allow United States citizens under 18 years of age to travel to Canada without a passport, to develop a system to enable United States citizens to take 24-hour excursions to Canada without a passport, and to limit the cost of passport cards or similar alternatives to passports to \$20.

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Mikulski/Warner Amendment No. 3217 (to Amendment No. 3192), to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192 (listed above) and, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Thursday, April 6, 2006. **Pages S2793–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. **Page S2847**

**Native Hawaiian Low-Income Housing Assistance Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 598, to reauthorize

provisions in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 relating to Native Hawaiian low-income housing and Federal loan guarantees for Native Hawaiian housing, be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and then immediately discharged from further consideration by the committee and placed on the calendar. **Page S2842**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Investment Treaty with Uruguay (Treaty Doc. No. 109-9).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S2845**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 86), Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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**Messages From the House:** **Page S2798**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S2798**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Pages S2798-99**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2796-98**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2807-41**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S2841**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2842**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S2842**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total-87) **Pages S2762, S2791**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2847.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with amendments.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, focusing on missile defense programs, after receiving testimony from Peter C.W. Flory, Assistant Secretary for International Security Policy, and David W. Duma, Acting Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, both of the Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Larry J. Dodgen, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command; and Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, focusing on health benefits and programs, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Winkenwerder, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, both of the Department of Defense; General Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral Robert F. Willard, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; General Robert Magnus, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps; and General John D.W. Corley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on the posture of the United States Transportation Command, after receiving testimony from General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command; and General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, Air Mobility Command.

### TERRORIST FINANCING AND MONEY LAUNDERING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine a current assessment of money laundering and terrorist financing threats and countermeasures, after receiving testimony from Stuart Levey, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; E. Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs; Michael F.A. Morehart, Chief, Terrorist Financing Operations Section,

Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Kevin Delli-Colli, Deputy Assistant Director, Financial and Trade Investigations Division, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

### MANUFACTURED HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded a hearing to examine S. 2123, to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, and Michael J. Frenz, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Kevin Clayton, Clayton Homes, Inc., Maryville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Manufactured Housing Institute and the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform; and Kevin Jewell, Manufactured Housing Project, Austin, Texas, on behalf of Consumers Union.

### TSA'S BAGGAGE AND PASSENGER SCREENING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the responsibilities, operations, and priorities of Transportation Security Administration in airline passenger and baggage screening, after receiving testimony from Edmund "Kip" Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Transportation Security; Cathleen Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Gregory O. Principato, Airports Council International-North America, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Association of Airport Executives.

### GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine design elements of a mandatory market-based greenhouse gas regulatory system in the United States, including trading and international competitiveness, after receiving testimony from sundry witnesses.

### TAX PREPARERS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held a hearing to examine the quality and costs of paid federal income tax return preparers, focusing on enrolled agents—those who are approved by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) after passing an examination on tax matters or demonstrating past IRS employment experience, receiving testimony from Michael Brostek, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Bert Dumars, Director, Electronic Tax Administration, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Taxpayer Advocate Service, both of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and Robert A. Weinberger, H&R Block, on behalf of the Free File Alliance, LLC, Francis X. Degen, National Association of Enrolled Agents, and Harley T. Duncan, Federation of Tax Administrators, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### COUNTERTERRORISM PRIORITIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding counterterrorism priorities from Henry A. Crumpton, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 5074–5081; 1 private bill, H.R. 5090; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 83; H. Con. Res. 377; and H. Res. 753–754, 756–761 were introduced.

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### Additional Cosponsors:

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### Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 4916, to authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for, the United States contribution to the first replenishment of the resources of the Enterprise for the Americas Multilateral Investment Fund (H. Rept. 109–403); and

H. Res. 755, providing for consideration of H.R. 513, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees (H. Rept. 109–404). **Page H1451**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Murphy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1397**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Pages H1399–H1400**

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

*Providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:* H.J. Res. 81, to provide for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 82; **Pages H1401–02**

*Providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:* H.J. Res. 82, to provide for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; **Pages H1402–03, H1418**

*Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and supporting continued efforts to control radiation and mitigate the adverse health consequences related to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant:* H. Res. 703, to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and supporting continued efforts to control radiation and mitigate the adverse health consequences related to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, by a ye and nay vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 83; **Pages H1403–07, H1418–19**

*Expressing support for the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 as the blueprint for lasting peace in Northern Ireland and support for continued police reform in Northern Ireland as a critical element in the peace process:* H. Res. 744, to express support for the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 as the blueprint for lasting peace in Northern Ireland and support for continued police reform in Northern Ireland as a critical element in the peace process, by a ye and nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 84; and **Pages H1407–11, H1419–20**

*Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education:* H. Con. Res. 355, amended, to recognize the benefits and importance of school-based music education. **Pages H1415–17**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1417**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measure will resume tomorrow, April 5th:

*Commending the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands:* H. Res. 692, amended, to commend the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands. **Pages H1411–15**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 754, electing the following member to the following standing committee: Committee on Science: Representative Neugebauer to rank after Representatives Feeney, and Diaz-Balart, Mario, of Florida. **Page H1420**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appear on page H1429.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 60 was referred to the Committee on Resources and S.J. Res. 28 was held at the desk. **Page H1450**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1418, H1418–19, H1419. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION,  
TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY,  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND  
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on

the Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court: Anthony M. Kennedy; and Clarence Thomas.

#### **FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

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

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

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Defense Health Program. Testimony was heard from the following Surgeon Generals, Department of Defense: LTG Kevin Kiley, U.S. Army Medical Command; VADM Donald C. Arthur, U.S. Navy; and LTG George P. Taylor, U.S. Marine Corps.

#### **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 Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

#### **GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR AND BEYOND**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on improving interagency coordination for the Global War on Terror and beyond. Testimony was heard from ADM Edmund P. Giambastiani, USN, Vice-Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; Ambassador Henry A. Crumpton, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; VADM John Scot Redd, USN (Ret.), Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the National Intelligence Director; and Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—FUTURE COMBAT/FORCE PROTECTION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request—Future Combat Systems, Modularity, and Force Protection Initiatives. Testimony was

heard from the following officials of the GAO: Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management; and Janet St. Laurent, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management; Mike Gilmore, Assistant Director, National Security, CBO; the following officials of the Department of the Army: Claude M. Bolton, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); LTG David F. Melcher, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G8 (Programming, Material Integration and Management); and LTG James J. Lovelace, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G3/5/7 (Operations and Requirements); LTG James N. Mattis, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and MG William D. Catto, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, both with the Department of the Navy.

#### **INTERNET CHILD PREDATORS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: What Parents, Kids, and Congress Need To Know About Child Predators." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at this hearing, Ken Gourlay invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

Hearings continue April 6.

#### **VISA PROCESSING DELAYS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Visa Processing Delays on the Arts, Education, and American Innovation." Testimony was heard from Tony Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Department of State; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **MANAGING AIRPORT SECURITY**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Travel vs. Terrorism: Federal Workforce Issues in Managing Airport Security." Testimony was heard from Cathleen Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; Robert Jamison, Deputy Secretary, Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Kathy Dillaman, Deputy Associate Director, Center for Federal Investigative Services, OPM; and a public witness.

#### **NUCLEAR SECURITY**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Nuclear Security: Has the NRC Strengthened Facility Standards Since 9/11?" Testimony was heard from Jim

Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Nils Diaz, Chairman, NRC; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

#### SAFE PORT ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act. Testimony was heard from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Bethann Rooney, Manager of Port Security, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

#### GOVERNMENT-ACQUIRED PERSONAL INFORMATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on Constitution held a joint oversight hearing entitled "Personal Information Acquired by the Government From Information Resellers: Is There Need for Improvement?" Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Maureen Cooney, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007

*Committee on Rules:* H. Con. Res. 376, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Nussle and Representatives Spratt, Cooper, Scott of Virginia, and Jackson-Lee of Texas; action deferred.

#### 527 REFORM ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Rules:* granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be consid-

ered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Ehlers and Representatives Shays, Pence, Dent and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

#### OVERSIGHT—RELIABILITY OF HIGHWAY TRUST FUND REVENUE ESTIMATES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Reliability of Highway Trust Fund Revenue Estimates. Testimony was heard from Robert Carroll, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Analysis, Department of the Treasury; Donald Marron, Acting Director, CBO; and Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 269)

H.R. 4911, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on April 1, 2006. (Public Law 109–212)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and Capitol Guide Service, 10:30 a.m., SD–18.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to hold hearings to examine the current and future role of

science in the Asia Pacific Partnership, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the 2005 wildfire season and the Federal land management agencies' preparations for the 2006 wildfire season, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the Indian separation plan and the administration's related legislative proposal, relating to U.S.-India atomic energy cooperation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Islamist extremism in Europe, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to hold hearings to examine all hazards medical response, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2459, to improve cargo security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine various avenues of Federal funding for museums including authorized programs, grantmaking agencies and earmarks, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the problem of methamphetamine in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

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

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to mark up H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., and on the Federal Judiciary, 3 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE Energy Supply and Conservation, Fossil Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on BRAC 2005 Implementation, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., and on State International Organizations, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing to review major defense acquisition reform initiatives, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the U.S. Shipbuilding Industrial Base, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on service contracting's impact on military readiness, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on future plans for the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex infrastructure, 3:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on implementing the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) recommendations to combat weapons of mass destruction (WMD), 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to mark up the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to consider H. Res. 718, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the Dubai Ports World acquisition of six United States ports leases, 12 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Transforming the Federal Housing Administration for the 21st Century," 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled: Conjunctive Water Management: A Solution to the West's Growing Water Demand?", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "The Improper Payments Information Act—Are Agencies Meeting the Requirements of the Law?", 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "The Sarbanes-Oxley Act Four Years Later: What Have We Learned?", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006; and H.R. 3509, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled "Patent Quality Enhancement in the Information-Based Economy," 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 4777, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, hearing on H.R. 4893, to amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5025, Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act; H.R. 5016, Las Cienegas Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3534, Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2005, 9:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "The Bureau of Reclamation's 21st Century Challenges in Managing, Protecting and Developing Water and Power Supplies," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to mark up H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, to mark up H. Res. 717, Directing the Secretary of Commerce to transmit to the House of Representatives a copy of a workforce globalization final

draft report produced by the Technology Administration, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "IRS Latest Enforcement: Is the Bulls-Eye on Small Businesses?," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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to the security and freedom of the Nation; (6) H. Con. Res. 370—Expressing the sense of the Congress that Saudi Arabia should fully live up to its World Trade Organization commitments and end all aspects of any boycott on Israel; (7) H. Res. 737—Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month; (8) H.R. 4688—Mayor John Thompson 'Tom' Garrison Memorial Post Office Designation Act; (9) H.R. 4561—Francisco 'Pancho' Medrano Post Office Building Designation Act; (10) H.R. 4646—Coach John Wooden Post Office Building Designation Act; (11) H. Res. 556—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic; (12) H. Con. Res. 366—To congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people; and (13) H. Res. 541—Honoring Drs. Roy J. Glauber, John L. Hall, and Theodor W. Hansch for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2005, and Drs. Yves Chauvin, Robert H. Grubbs, and Richard R. Schrock for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2005. Also consideration of H.R. 513—527 Reform Act of 2005 (Subject to a Rule).

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