

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 3504, S. 2754, and H.R. 810, all Stem Cell Research bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3678–3684, and S. Res. 534–535. **Pages S7752–53**

Measures Passed:

Fetus Farming Prohibition Act: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 204), Senate passed S. 3504, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of tissue from fetuses gestated for research purposes. **Pages S7654–91**

Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 205), Senate passed S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos. **Pages S7654–92**

Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act: By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 206), Senate passed H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7654–92**

Condemning Hezbollah and Hamas: Senate agreed to S. Res. 534, condemning Hezbollah and Hamas and their state sponsors and supporting Israel's exercise of its right to self-defense. **Pages S7692–94**

College Rental Assistance Exemption: Senate passed H.R. 5117, to exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7806**

Water Resources Development Act: Pursuant to the order of July 14, 2006, Senate began consideration of S. 728, to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors

of the United States, withdrawing the committee-reported amendments, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Inhofe/Jeffords Amendment No. 4676, in the nature of a substitute (which shall be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment).

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Boxer Amendment No. 4679, to modify the project for Folsom Dam, California. **Pages S7732–33**

By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 207), Specter/Carper Amendment No. 4680, to modify a provision relating to Federal hopper dredges. **Pages S7733–39**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 19, 2006. **Page S7806**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment of the Senate, Senator DeMint be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S7806**

Child Custody Protection Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader upon consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 403, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions. **Page S7806**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency blocking property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22,

2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-54)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Clyde Bishop, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Mark R. Dybul, of Florida, to be Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, with the rank of Ambassador.

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

Stephen M. Prescott, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring April 15, 2011.

Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Privileges of the Floor: Page S7806

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—207) Pages S7691, S7691-92, S7739

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 19, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7806.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full committee consideration H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION/VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the 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, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION/ TREASURY/JUDICIARY/HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration H.R. 5576, 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, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense, Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Allen, Benedict S. Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army,

who was introduced by former Representative Christopher Cox, Frank R. Jimenez, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, who was introduced by Senator Martinez, David H. Laufman, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, Sue C. Payton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, William H. Tobey, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, and Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Lott, after testifying and answering questions in their own behalf.

INSURANCE REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on insurance regulation, focusing on the role of insurance in the U.S. economy and the need to modernize the regulation of insurance, after receiving testimony from Randal K. Quarles, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Scott E. Harrington, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; and Robert W. Klein, Georgia State University, Atlanta.

U.S.-INDIA ENERGY COOPERATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States and India energy cooperation in the context of global energy demand, the emerging energy needs of India, and the role nuclear power can play in meeting those needs, after receiving testimony from David Pumphrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Energy Cooperation; Paul Simons, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs; David G. Victor, Stanford University Program on Energy and Sustainable Development, Stanford, California; and Daniel B. Poneman, The Scowcroft Group, and R. Michael Gadbow, General Electric Company, both of Washington, D.C.

ISLAM AND THE WEST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Islam and the West, focusing on the search for common ground, including the roots of Islamic-based terrorism, the current image of the United States in the Muslim world, how Westerners and Muslims view each other, and the state

of the struggle within contemporary Islam between its more moderate and extreme factions, after receiving testimony from Bruce Hoffman, RAND Corporation, Andrew Kohut, Pew Research Center, and Akbar S. Ahmed, American University School of International Service, all of Washington, D.C.; and Muqtedar Khan, University of Delaware, Newark.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OPERATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine District of Columbia government operations, focusing on successes and challenges the District has experienced during the two terms of Mayor Williams, including the anticipated challenges that the new mayor will face, after receiving testimony from Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Natwar M. Gandhi, District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer, Clifford B. Janey, District of Columbia Superintendent of Public Schools, and Alice M. Rivlin, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded hearings to examine S. 2590, to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain and Obama; Gary D. Bass, OMB Watch, and Mark Tapscott, Washington Examiner, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Brenner, Maryland Governor's Grants Office, Annapolis.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, focusing on combating terrorism and national security matters, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5822–5830; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 921–923 were introduced. **Page H5380**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5380–81**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 920, providing for consideration of H.R. 2389, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance (H. Rept. 109–577); and

H. Res. 924, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 2754) to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos. (H. Rept. 109–578.) **Page H5379**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5283**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H5284**

Marriage Protection Amendment: The House failed to agree to H.J. Res. 88, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 378, after ordering the previous question. **Pages H5287–H5321**

H. Res. 918, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote after ordering the previous question. **Pages H5287–97**

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

Expressing the sense of the Congress that continuation of the welfare reforms provided for in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 should remain a priority: H. Con. Res. 438, to express the sense of the Congress that continuation of the welfare reforms provided for in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 should remain a priority; **Pages H5321–27**

Supporting the goals and ideals of School Bus Safety Week: H. Res. 498, to support the goals and ideals of School Bus Safety Week, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 381; **Pages H5327–28, H5381**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the “Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building”: H.R. 4962, to designate the

facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the “Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building”; **Pages H5328–29**

Supporting the goals and ideals of a Salvadoran-American Day (El Dia del Salvadoreno) in recognition of all Salvadoran-Americans for their hard work, dedication, and contribution to the stability and well-being of the United States: H. Res. 721, to support the goals and ideals of a Salvadoran-American Day (El Dia del Salvadoreno) in recognition of all Salvadoran-Americans for their hard work, dedication, and contribution to the stability and well-being of the United States; **Pages H5329–31**

Congratulating Italy on winning the 2006 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup: H. Res. 908, amended, to congratulate Italy on winning the 2006 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup; **Pages H5331–32**

Congratulating Kazakhstan on the 15th anniversary of the closure of the world's second largest nuclear test site in the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan and for its efforts on the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction: H. Res. 905, to congratulate Kazakhstan on the 15th anniversary of the closure of the world's second largest nuclear test site in the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan and for its efforts on the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction; **Pages H5332–38**

Commending and supporting Radio Al Mahaba, Iraq's first and only radio station for women: H. Res. 784, to commend and support Radio Al Mahaba, Iraq's first and only radio station for women; **Pages H5338–40**

Congratulating Israel's Magen David Adom Society for achieving full membership in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement: H. Con. Res. 435, amended, to congratulate Israel's Magen David Adom Society for achieving full membership in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; and **Pages H5341–45**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Congratulating Israel's Magen David Adom Society for achieving full membership in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Federation, and for other purposes.” **Page H5345**

Fetus Farming Prohibition Act of 2006: S. 3504, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of tissue from fetuses gestated for research purposes, by a (2/3) yea-

and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 379—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H5345–52, H5359–60

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act: S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nay vote of 273 yeas to 154 nays, Roll No. 380.

Pages H5352–60

Authorizing the printing of a revised edition of a pocket version of the United States Constitution and other publications: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. Con. Res. 108, to authorize the printing of a revised edition of a pocket version of the United States Constitution and other publications.

Pages H5361–62

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–125).

Pages H5363–64

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5340, H5345 and H5352.

Senate Referrals: S. 3504 and S. 2754 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5320–21, H5359–60, H5360 and H5361. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 9:28 p.m. and reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

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Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSUMERS AND MOTOR VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Motor Vehicle Technology and the Consumer: Views from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.” Testimony was heard from Nicole R. Nason, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES/IMAGING SERVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Use of Imaging Services: Providing Appropriate Care for Medicare Beneficiaries.” Testimony was heard from Herb Kuhn, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commissions; and public witnesses.

INTERNET PHISHING PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on ICANN and the Whois Database: Providing Access To Protect Consumers From Phishing.” Testimony was heard from John M.R. Kneuer, Acting Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Eileen Harrington, Deputy Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

HUD PUBLIC HOUSING OUTLOOK

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled “Public Housing in the 21st Century: HUD’s View on the Future of Public Housing in the United States.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Roy A. Bernardi, Deputy Secretary; and Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing.

ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2006; TELECOMMUTING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization approved for full Committee action H.R. 5710, Ethics in Government Reauthorization Act of 2006.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Telecommuting: A 21st Century Solution to Traffic Jams and Terrorism.” Testimony was heard from Daniel Green, Deputy Associate Director, Employee and Family Support Policy, OPM; Danette Campbell, Senior Telework Advisor, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Carl Froehlich, Chief, Agency-Wide Shared Services, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR COST ESTIMATES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Global War on Terrorism (GWT): Accuracy and Reliability of Cost Estimates.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; the following officials of the Department of State: Bradford R. Higgins, Assistant Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Resource Management; and James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; John P. Roth, Deputy Comptroller (Program/Budget), Office of the Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense; Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, CBO; and Amy F. Belasco, Specialist in National Defense, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress.

FEDERAL PAPERWORK REDUCTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Another Year, Another Billion Hours: Evaluating Paperwork Reduction Efforts in the Federal Government.” Testimony was heard from Steve Aitken, Acting Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Beth Tucker, Director, Outreach, Communication, and Disclosure, Small Business/Self-Employed Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Matthew Berry, Deputy General Counsel, FCC; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DHS STATE AND LOCAL FUSION CENTER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment met in executive session to hold a briefing on the DHS State and Local Fusion Center Initiative. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held a hearing entitled “Should We Embrace the Senate’s Amnesty to Millions of Illegal Aliens and Repeat the Mistakes of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986?” Testimony was heard from Representative Reyes; and public witnesses.

ALTERNATIVE PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL THERAPIES ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines

using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

PLEDGE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2389, Pledge Protection Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Akin and Watt.

NASA AERONAUTICS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on The National Academy of Sciences’ Decadal Plan for Aeronautics: A Blueprint for NASA? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS IDENTITY AND CREDIT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on the Veterans Identity and Credit Protection Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Representatives Salazar, Blackburn, Hooley, and Capito; Gordon Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; James A. William, Associate Administrator, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA; the following former officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert McFarland, and John A. Gauss, both Assistant Secretaries, Information and Technology and Chief Information Officers; and representatives of veterans organizations.

HEALTH CARE PRICE TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Price Transparency. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIA DIRECTOR AS HUMINT MANAGER

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on The CIA Director as HUMINT Manager. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Middle East Crisis. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
JULY 19, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President, James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President, and J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, all of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury; to be followed by a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, R. Hunter Biden, of Delaware, and Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), John H. Hill, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Andrew B. Steinberg, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, routine lists in the Coast Guard and NOAA, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine high performance computing, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold an oversight hearing

on the implementation of Public Law 108-148, The Healthy Forests Restoration Act, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the science and risk assessment behind the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revisions to the particulate matter air quality standards, 9 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 3678, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, S. 843, to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education, and the nominations of Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, and Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, Ronald S. Cooper, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Lawrence A. Warder, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Department of Homeland Security purchase cards, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine antitrust concerns relating to credit card interchange rates, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up S. 2703, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "Guest Worker Programs: Impact on the American Workforce and U.S. Immigration Policy," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "DOE's Revised Schedule for Yucca Mountain," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Questions Surrounding the 'Hockey Stick' Temperature Studies: Implications for Climate Change Assessments," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to consider H.R. 5637, Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Coin and Currency Issues Facing Congress: Can We Still Afford Money?" 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Cutting Out the Waste: An Overview of H.R. 5766, Government Efficiency Act; and H.R. 3282, Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act of 2005," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 5814, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1704, Second Chance Act of 2005; H.R. 5414, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts;" H.R. 5673, Criminal Restitution Improvement Act of 2006; H.R. 3509, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 2005; and H.R. 5535, Prevention of Civil RICO Abuse Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 138, To revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA-06P; H.R. 383, Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail Designation Act of 2005; H.R. 631, To provide for acquisition of subsurface mineral rights to land owned by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and land held in trust for the Tribe; H.R. 1796, Mississippi River Trail Study Act; H.R. 2110, Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Protection Study Act; H.R. 2334, City of Oxnard Water Recycling and Desalination Act of 2005; H.R. 3350, Tribal Development Corporation Feasibility Study Act of 2005; H.R. 3534, Piedras Blancs Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2005; H.R. 3961, To authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Service Administration Indefinite Deliver/Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grant Canyon National Park; H.R. 4382, Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act; H.R. 4588, Water Resources Research Act Amendments of 2005; H.R. 4750, Lower Republican River Basin Study Act; H.R. 4789, To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington to the utility district; H.R. 4857, Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2006; H.R. 4957, Tylersville Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 5016, Las Cienegas Enhancement Act; H.R. 5025, Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act; H.R. 5132, River Basin National Battlefield Study Act; H.R. 5381, National Fish Hatchery System

Volunteer Act of 2006; H.R. 5539, North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2006; H.R. 5802, NPS Concessions Reform Act of 2006; and H.R. 3603, Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 5684, United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, and the Committee on House Administration, joint hearing on Voting Machines: Will New Standards and Guidelines Prevent Future Problems? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 4126, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Enhancement Act of 2005; H.R. 5483, Railroad Retirement Disability Earnings Act; H.R. 5782, Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2006; H.R. 5808, Public Transportation Security Assistance Act of 2006; H.R. 5810, To amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to authorize funding for brownfields revitalization activities and State response programs; a measure to Reform the Wright Amendment; H.R. 5811, MARPOL Annex VI Implementation Act of 2006; and H.R. 5812, Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 2006, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Transit Safety: the Federal Transit Administration's State Safety Oversight Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 728, Water Resources Development Act, with a vote expected to occur on final passage of H.R. 2864, House companion measure.

House Chamber

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