

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4163–S4240*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2765–2773, and S. Res. 471. **Page S4211**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2389, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the unlawful acquisition and use of confidential customer proprietary network information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–253)

S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. (S. Rept. No. 109–254)

S. 2767, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

S. 2768, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military construction.

S. 2769, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for defense activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S4211**

#### Measures Passed:

**Recognizing National Foster Care Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, recognizing that, during National Foster Care Month, the leaders of the Federal, State, and local governments should provide leadership to improve the care given to children in foster care programs. **Pages S4239–40**

**Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace. **Pages S4163–S4205**

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

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 117), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4165**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, Senate will begin consideration of S. 1955 (listed above). **Page S4240**

#### Appointments:

**Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–170, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Katie Beckett of Iowa. **Page S4239**

**Library of Congress Trust Fund Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 68–541, as amended by Public Law 102–246, appointed John Medveckis, of Pennsylvania, as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a term of five years. **Page S4239**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Victoria Ray Carlson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

Chad Colley, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

Lisa Mattheiss, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

John R. Vaughn, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2007.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—117) Page S4165

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 10, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4240.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for military construction, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), and Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, both of the Department of Defense; Keith Eastin, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics.

### CAFE STANDARDS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine efforts to reform corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards for passenger cars, focusing on oil consumption, flexible fuel, fuel cells and hybrid-electric vehicles, and hydrogen internal combustion engines, after receiving testimony from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, Jeffrey Rosen, General Counsel, and Jacqueline Glassman, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Frederick L. Webber, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Philip R.

Sharp, Resources for the Future, Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen, David Friedman, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Alan Reuther, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and John M. Cabaniss, Jr., Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, Arlington, Virginia.

### FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN U.S. AIR CARRIERS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's notice of proposed rulemaking that clarifies the rules regarding foreign investments in U.S. air carriers, after receiving testimony from Representatives Mica and Oberstar; Jeffrey N. Shane, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; Frederick W. Smith, FedEx Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; Jeffery A. Smisek, Continental Airlines, Houston, Texas; Michael G. Whitaker, United Airlines, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; and Duane Woerth, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.

### LONGSHORE HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine proposed reform of Longshore Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, after receiving testimony from Lawrence P. Postol, Seyfarth Shaw, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Richard A. Victor, Workers Compensation Research Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Stephen Embry, Embry and Neusner, Groton, Connecticut; and Mitch White, Manson Construction, San Pedro, California, on behalf of the AGC National Marine Contractors Committee.

### VOTING RIGHTS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an introduction to the expiring provisions of the Voting Rights Act and legal issues relating to reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Chandler Davidson, Rice University, Houston, Texas; Theodore M. Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and Samuel Issacharoff, New York University School of Law, both of New York, New York; Richard L. Hasen, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California; and Laughlin McDonald, ACLU Voting Rights Project, Atlanta, Georgia.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Brett M.

Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Judge Walter K. Stapleton, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Cir-

cuit and Judge Alex Kozinski, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 5312–5334; 1 private bill, H.R. 5335; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 802–804, 807–809 were introduced. **Pages H2237–38**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2239–40**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report to accompany H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–455);

H.R. 5143, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–456);

H. Res. 752, requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President relating to the receipt and consideration by the Executive Office of the President of any information concerning the variation between the version of S. 1932, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, that the House of Representatives passed on February 1, 2006, and the version of the bill that the President signed on February 8, 2006, adversely (H. Rept. 109–457);

H. Res. 805, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–458); and

H. Res. 806, providing for consideration of H.R. 5122, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–459). **Pages H2209–99, H2337**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Drake to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2181**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2185**

**Investigative Subcommittee—Appointment:** The Chair read a letter from Ms. Pelosi, Minority Leader, whereby she designates the following Members to be available for service on an investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Messrs. Becerra; Capuano; Chandler; Delahunt; Schiff; Scott of Virginia; Ms. Solis; Mr. Stupak; Ms. Tauscher; and Mr. Van Hollen. **Pages H2187–88**

**Message From the Clerk:** Read a letter from the Clerk notifying the House that she received a message from the President on Monday, May 8th, regarding the national emergency with respect to Syria. **Page H2188**

**Presidential Message:** Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted notification of the continuation of a national emergency beyond the anniversary date with respect to the Government of Syria—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–109). **Page H2188**

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

**American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2005:** H.R. 4204, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project; **Pages H2188–89**

**Establishing the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area:** H.R. 5311, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area; **Pages H2189–91**

**Requiring the Secretary of the Interior to accept the conveyance of certain land, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Indian tribe:** S. 1382, to require the Secretary of the Interior to accept the conveyance of certain land, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Indian tribe—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2191–93**

**Providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the amendment of the Senate to**

**H.R. 1499:** H. Res. 803, to provide for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1499, by a yeand-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 128; **Pages H2193–94, H2299**

**Rural Health Care Capital Access Act of 2006:** H.R. 4912, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to extend the exemption for critical access hospitals under the FHA program for mortgage insurance for hospitals; **Pages H2194–95**

**Byron Nelson Congressional Gold Medal Act:** H.R. 4902, to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator; **Pages H2195–98**

**Congratulating Chris Carpenter on being named the Cy Young Award winner for the National League for the 2005 Major League Baseball season:** H. Res. 627, to congratulate Chris Carpenter on being named the Cy Young Award winner for the National League for the 2005 Major League Baseball season; **Pages H2198–99**

**Respect for America’s Fallen Heroes Act:** H.R. 5037, to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, by a yeand-nay vote of 408 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 129; and **Pages H2199–H2208, H2300**

**Designating the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center:** H.R. 3829, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, by a yeand-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 130. **Pages H2208–09, H2300–01**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:26 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H2299**

**Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative McCarthy to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. **Page H2299**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2185.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2340.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2299, H2300 and H2300–01. There were no quorum calls.

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

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS; SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported, as amended, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007.

The Committee also approved Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007.

### CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program.” Testimony was heard from Kerry Nessler, R.N., Associate Administrator, Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### HORSE RACING WORKFORCE WELFARE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Thoroughbred Horse Racing Jockeys and Workers: Examining On-Track Injury Insurance and Other Health and Welfare Issues.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ANTHRAX PROTECTION

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Anthrax Protection: Progress or Problems.” Testimony was heard from Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ellen P. Embrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Force Health Protection and Readiness; and Jean Reed, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Gerald Parker, D.V.M., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Public Health Preparedness; and Richard Besser, M.D., Director, Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Susan Elizabeth George, Deputy Director, Biological Countermeasures Portfolio, Department of Homeland Security; and Dana Tulis, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management, EPA.

## OVERSIGHT—FEMA HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT INTEGRATION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held an oversight hearing on proposed legislation to strengthen the Federal Emergency Management Agency and better integrate it into the Department. Testimony was heard from William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

## CONFERENCE REPORT TAX INCREASE PREVENTION AND RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4297, Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Camp.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. 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 Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services.

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 accompanying the resolution 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 Rules Committee Report. Finally, the rule provides, that after disposition of the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion and no further con-

sideration of the bill shall be in order except by a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hunter and Representatives Simmons, Shays, Castle, Lewis (KY), Mica, Chabot, Tom Davis (VA), Gutknecht, Dent, Gohmert, Skelton, Israel, Udall (CO), Capps, Tierney, Hoyer, Bishop (GA), Stupak, Woolsey, Jackson-Lee (TX), Schakowsky, Thompson (CA), Lynch, Schiff, Michaud.

## CORPORATE TAX REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Corporate Tax Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the sugar provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the missile defense program, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to meet in closed session to discuss the current situation in Afghanistan, 5:45 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 906, to promote wildland firefighter safety, S. 2003, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements, H.R. 585, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies, and H.R. 3981, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the Tahoe National Forest in the State of California, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine progress achieved and challenges ahead for America's child welfare system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Argentina, David M. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine modern enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* to mark up the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Select Education, to mark up H.R. 5293, Senior Independence Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* hearing entitled "Gasoline Supply, Price and Specifications;" 10 a.m., and to mark up a measure to amend the automobile fuel economy provisions of title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to set fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles based on one or more vehicle attributes, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Public Housing Management: Do the Public Housing Authorities Have the Flexibility They Need To Meet the Changing Demands of the 21st Century?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability, hearing entitled "After Katrina: The Role of the Department of Justice Katrina Fraud Task Force and Agency Inspectors General in Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Building the Information Sharing Environment: Addressing the Challenges of Implementation," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, to continue hearings en-

titled "Protection of Privacy in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise," 4 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on A Resurgent China: Responsible Stakeholder or Robust Rival? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Current Issues in U.S. Refugee Protection and Resettlement, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 9, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006; and H.R. 4681, Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4947, Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 5094, Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act; and H.R. 5232, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Study Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4588, Water Resources Research Act Amendments of 2005; H.R. 5079, North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006; and S. 214/H.R. 469, United States-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business,* hearing entitled "Bridging the Equity Gap: Examining the Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Act of 2006," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Highway Capacity and Freight Mobility: The Current Status and Future Challenges, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Operational Experience Under the 2001 Railroad Retirement Reform Law, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3082, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005; and H.R. 5220, Veterans Certification and Licensure Act of 2006, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* to consider the draft implementing proposal of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine the next generation of health information tools for consumers, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 10

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 10

Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will begin consideration of S. 1955, Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act.

House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of a suspension as follows: H. Res. 802—Encouraging all eligible Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet elected to enroll in the new Medicare Part D benefit to review the available options and to determine whether enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan best meets their current and future needs for prescription drug coverage. Begin consideration of H.R. 5122—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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