

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4225–S4349

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 900–910, S.J. Res. 17, S. Res. 123–125, and S. Con. Res. 28.

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Measures Reported:

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, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–61)

S. 907, to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to improve the Nation's public transportation and for other purposes. **Page S4257**

Measures Passed:

World Intellectual Property Day: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 28, expressing the sense of the Congress on World Intellectual Property Day regarding the importance of protecting intellectual property rights globally. **Pages S4345–48**

Commending University of Minnesota Golden Gophers Women's Ice Hockey Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers women's ice hockey team for winning the 2004–2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Hockey Championship. **Pages S4348–49**

Transportation Equity Act: Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Thune Amendment No. 572 (to Amendment No. 567), to modify the section relating to National Scenic Byways to provide for the designation of Indian scenic byways. **Pages S4244–45**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 567, to provide a complete substitute. **Pages S4237–52**

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

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 110), 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 S4235**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. **Page S4349**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—110) **Page S4235**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4349.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, The Judiciary, Housing and

Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from John Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

MONEY SERVICES BUSINESSES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held a hearing to review money services businesses under Bank Secrecy Act and USA PATRIOT Act regulations, focusing on federal and state efforts in the anti-money laundering area, receiving testimony from Kevin M. Brown, Commissioner, Small Business/Self-Employed Division, Internal Revenue Service, William J. Fox, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, all of the Department of the Treasury; Diana L. Taylor, New York State Banking Department, Albany; John J. Byrne, American Bankers Association, Washington, D.C.; Gerald Goldman, Financial Service Centers of America, Hackensack, New Jersey; Dan O'Malley, MoneyGram International, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; and David Landsman, National Money Transmitters Association, Inc., Great Neck, New York.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, who was introduced by Senators Allen and Clinton, and Phyllis F. Scheinberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Allen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION: BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Transportation Security Administration and related programs, after receiving testimony from Charles Barclay, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of sundry organizations; and James C. May, Air Transport Association, Washington, D.C.

NUCLEAR POWER 2010 PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the Department of Energy's Nuclear Power 2010 program, which is a joint government/industry cost-shared effort to identify sites for new nuclear power plants,

develop advanced nuclear plant technologies, and demonstrate new regulatory processes leading to a private sector decision by 2005 to order new nuclear power plants for deployment in the United States in the 2010 timeframe, after receiving testimony from Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Michael J. Wallace, Constellation Generation Group, Baltimore, Maryland.

WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine the preparedness of the Department of Agriculture and the Interior for the 2005 wildfire season, including the agencies' assessment of the risk of fires by region, the status of and contracting for aerial fire suppression assets, and other information needed to better understand the agencies ability to deal with the upcoming fire season, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and James Caswell, Idaho Office of Species Conservation, Boise, and Kirk Rowdabaugh, Arizona State Forester, Phoenix, both on behalf of the Western Governors' Association.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine Social Security proposals to achieve sustainable solvency regarding personal accounts, receiving testimony from Peter Ferrara, Institute for Policy Innovation, and USA Next, Michael Tanner, Cato Institute Project on Social Security Change, Peter R. Orszag, The Brookings Institution, Joan Entmacher, National Women's Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robert C. Pozen, MFS Investment Management, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Millennium Challenge Corporation's global impact, focusing on assistance to developing countries that uphold political freedoms,

fight corruption, maintain the rule of law, and pursue sound economic policies, after receiving testimony from Paul V. Applegarth, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation; and David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accountability Office.

PENSION FUND REFORM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging concluded a hearing to examine proposals to reform the pension funding rules and premiums payable to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, after receiving testimony from Bradley Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation; Ian P. MacFarlane, Medley Global Advisors, New York, New York; Sallie B. Bailey, The Timken Company, Canton, Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; and Ron Gebhardtshauer, American Academy of Actuaries, and Alan Reuther, United Auto Workers, both of Washington, D.C.

FAIR ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, after receiving testimony from Judge Edward Becker, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Craig A. Berrington, American Insurance Association, John

M. Engler, National Association of Manufacturers, on behalf of the Asbestos Alliance, and Margaret Seminario, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; James D. Crapo, National Jewish Medical and Research Center and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver; Eric D. Green, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; Hershel W. Gober, Military Order of the Purple Heart, McLean, Virginia; Philip J. Landrigan, The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New York; Carol Morgan, National Service Industries, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Coalition for Asbestos Reform; Mark A. Peterson, Legal Analysis Systems, Inc., Thousand Oaks, California; Francine Rabinovitz, Hamilton, Rabinovitz, and Alschuler, Carmel, California; and Alan Reuther, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Lebanon, Tennessee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 1813–1866; 1 private bill, H.R. 1867; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44 and H. Res. 232–234, 237–238, were introduced. **Pages H2548–50**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2550–51**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 210, supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day, and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and worldwide (H. Rept. 109–53);

H. Res. 224, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Ninth Congress, amended (H. Rept. 109–54);

H. Res. 235, providing for consideration of H. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are enti-

tled to a Small Business Bill of Rights (H. Rept. 109–55); and

H. Res. 236, providing for consideration of H.R. 748, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–56). **Page H2548**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Price of Georgia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2477**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2480**

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

Reauthorizing the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988: H.R. 1158, amended, to reauthorize the

Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; **Pages H2481–83**

High-Performance Computing Revitalization Act of 2005: H.R. 28, amended, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991;

Pages H2483–87

Recognizing the significance of African American women in the U.S. scientific community: H. Con. Res. 96, amended, recognizing the significance of African American women in the United States scientific community;

Pages H2488–89

Recognizing the second century of Big Brothers Big Sisters: H. Con. Res. 41, recognizing the second century of Big Brothers Big Sisters, and supporting the mission and goals of that organization;

Pages H2489–91

Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 1236, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 750 4th Street in Sparks, Nevada, as the “Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office”; **Pages H2491–92**

Ed Eilert Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1524, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12433 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the “Ed Eilert Post Office Building”; **Pages H2492–93**

Honoring the contributions of American Indians to economic innovation and society: H. Res. 227, recognizing and honoring the contributions of American Indians to economic innovation and society generally; and **Pages H2493–95**

Expanded Access to Financial Services Act of 2005: H.R. 749, amended, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to provide expanded access for persons in the field of membership of a Federal credit union to money order, check cashing, and money transfer services. **Pages H2500–03**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, April 27.

Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005: H.R. 902, amended, to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, create a new bullion coin; and **Pages H2495–H2500**

Sense of Congress regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba: H. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba. **Pages H2503–06**

Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R.

1268, making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and agreed to a conference.

Pages H2506–09, H2518–19

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 133.

Pages H2507–09, H2518–19

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Lewis (CA), Young (FL), Regula, Rogers (KY), Wolf, Kolbe, Walsh, Taylor (NC), Hobson, Bonilla, Knollenberg, Obey, Murtha, Dicks, Sabo, Mollohan, Visclosky, Lowey, and Edwards. **Page H2520**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:57 p.m. and reconvened at 5:37 p.m. **Page H2509**

Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, and agreed to a conference.

Pages H2509–18, H2519–20

Agreed to the Herseth motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 72 nays, Roll No. 134.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Nussle, Ryun (KS), and Spratt. **Page H2520**

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. J. Russell Doumas of Columbia, Missouri to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel for a four-year term.

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Permitting Official Photographs of the House in session: The House agreed to H.Res. 232, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker. **Page H2520**

United States Capitol Preservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Representatives Lewis (CA), and Shuster. **Page H2535**

United States Capitol Preservation Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Minority Leader Pelosi wherein she appointed Representative Kaptur to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission. **Page H2535**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2480.

Senate Referral: S. 893 was referred to the Committees on Energy, Commerce, and the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2518–19 and H2919–20. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the U.S. Postal Service and on the National Archives and Records Administration. Testimony was heard from John E. Potter, Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service; and Allen Weinstein, Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration.

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FCC. Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC.

UNDERACHIEVING SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on No Child Left Behind: Supplemental Tutoring for Children in Underachieving Schools. Testimony was heard from Donn Nola-Ganey, Assistant Superintendent, Office of School and Community Support, Department of Education, State of Louisiana; Beth Swanson, Director, Office of After School and Community Programs, Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois; and public witnesses.

ILLEGAL DRUG USE PREVENTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Drug Prevention Programs and the Fiscal Year 2006 Drug Control Budget: Is the Federal Government Neglecting Illegal Drug Use Prevention?” Testimony was heard from Charles Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental

Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FORMULA

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled “The 70’s Look: Is the Decades-Old Community Development Block Grant Formula Ready for an Extreme Makeover?” Testimony was heard from Roy A. Bernardi, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and the following officials of the GAO: Paul Posner, Director, Federal Budget and Intergovernmental Relations; and Jerry C. Fastrup, Assistant Director, Applied Research and Methods; and a public witness.

HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION SHARING AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment approved for full Committee action the Homeland Security Information Sharing and Enhancement Act of 2005.

MALARIA AND TB: IMPLEMENTING PROVEN TREATMENT AND ERADICATION METHODS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Malaria and TB: Implementing Proven Treatment and Eradication Methods. Testimony was heard from Mark Dybul, M.D., Assistant U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Chief Medical Officer; Department of State; Michael Miller, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. AID; and public witnesses.

VE DAY ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H. Res. 195, amended, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia; and H. Res. 233, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory (V-E) Day during World War II.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. PATRIOT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections of the Act that Address-Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). (Part 1)-Section 204: Clarification of Intelligence Exceptions

from Limitations on Interception and Disclosure of Wire, Oral, and Electronic Communications; Section 207: Duration of FISA Surveillance of Non-United States Persons who are Agents of a Foreign Power; Section 214: Pen Register and Trap and Trace Authority Under FISA; Section 225: Immunity for Compliance with FISA Wiretap; and Lone Wolf. Testimony was heard from May Beth Buchanan, U.S. Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania; James A. Baker, Counsel, Intelligence Policy, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

SECURE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND COURT PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Judge Jane R. Roth, Chairwoman of Judicial Conference Committee on Security and Facilities; Judge Cynthia Kent, 114th Judicial District Court of Texas; and the following officials of the Eastern District of Virginia: Paul J. McNulty, U.S. Attorney; and John F. Clark, U.S. Marshal.

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1428, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Timothy R.E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Matthew J. Hogan, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CHILD INTERSTATE ABORTION NOTIFICATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 748, Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. 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 the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. 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 consid-

ered 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 a 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 Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Ros-Lehtinen, Nadler, Scott of Virginia, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Waters, and Harman.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION— SMALL BUSINESS BILL OF RIGHTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate on H. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small business are entitled to a Small Business bill of Rights, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the resolution are considered as adopted. The rule provides one motion to recommit, which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Keller, Barrow, Bean, and McGovern.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Sergeant at Arms, the U.S. Capitol Police Board, and the Capitol Guide Service, 11 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 655, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and S. 898, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine how vulnerable the U.S. is to chemical attack, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine regulation of Indian gaming, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul D. Clement, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to mark up S. 271, 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, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to resume hearings to examine the USA Patriot Act, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine redefining retirement in the 21st century workplace, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research and the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, joint hearing to Review the impact of Asia Soybean Rust on the U.S. farm sector, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Panel: SAMHSA, NIDA, NIMH, and NIAAA, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Federal Railroad Administration and AMTRAK, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on State Department FY 2006 Budget Request, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Long-Term Care and Medicaid: Spiraling Costs and the Need for Reform," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services Are Changing the Face of Communications: A View from Government Officials, 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following measures: H.R. 1768, To amend the provision of law establishing the Presidential 9/11 Heroes Medals of Valor to make certain technical corrections to carry out the intent of the provision; H.R. 358, Little Rock Central High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act; H.R. 1185, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005; H.R. 1224, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2005; and H.R. 68, NASA and JPL 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to continue hearings on Steroid Use in Sport Part II: Examining the National

Football League's Policy on Anabolic Steroids and Related Substances, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to consider H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 127, Calling on the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law; H. Res. 195, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia; H. Res. 233, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day during World War II; H. Res. 193, Expressing support to the organizers and participants of the historic meeting of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, in Havana; and H. Res. 228, Observing the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Republic of Vietnam to the Communist forces of North Vietnam; followed by a hearing on Millennium Challenge Account: Does the Program Match the Vision? 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on Islamic Extremism in Europe, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; and to mark up H.R. 554, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Tribal proposals to acquire land-in-trust for gaming across state lines and how such proposals are affected by the off-reservation discussion draft bill," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Reforestation Problems on National Forests: A GAO Report on the Increasing Backlog, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Science and Technology Priorities for the Department of Energy in Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Closing the Tax Gap and the Impact on Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following measures: H.R. 889, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005; H.R. 1410, Delaware River Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1496, To return general aviation to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; H.R. 1630, Amtrak Reauthorization Act of 2005; and H.R. 1631, Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 1268, making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 4 p.m., HC-5, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any routine morning business (not to extend beyond 120 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H. Res. 224, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred and Ninth Congress; and
- (2) H. Res. 210, supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and worldwide.

Consideration of H.R. 748, Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (subject to a rule).

Consideration of H. Res. 22, expressing the Sense of the House that American small businesses are entitled to a small business bill of rights (subject to a rule).

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