

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2475, Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2006.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006: Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs; and the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6871–S6978*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1274–1284. **Pages S6909–10**

#### Measures Passed:

**INTELSAT:** Senate passed S. 1282, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to strike the privatization criteria for INTELSAT separated entities, remove certain restrictions on separated and successor entities to INTELSAT. **Pages S6977–78**

**Energy Policy Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S6871–S6905**

#### Adopted:

By 66 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 144), Hagel Amendment No. 817, to provide for the conduct of activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity in the United States and in developing countries and to provide credit-based financial assistance and investment protection for projects that employ advanced climate technologies or systems in the United States.

**Pages S6878, S6880–92**

DeWine/Kohl Amendment No. 788, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal. **Pages S6898–S6900**

By 92 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 145), Voinovich Amendment No. 799, to make grants and loans to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the

United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines. **Pages S6900–04**

#### Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 143), Martinez (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 783, to strike the section providing for a comprehensive inventory of Outer Continental Shelf oil and natural gas resources. **Pages S6871–78**

#### Withdrawn:

Dayton Amendment No. 790, to require that gasoline contain 10 percent ethanol by volume by 2015. **Pages S6878–80**

#### Pending:

Wyden/Dorgan Amendment No. 792, to provide for the suspension of strategic petroleum reserve acquisitions. **Page S6871**

Schumer Amendment No. 805, to express the sense of the Senate regarding management of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lower the burden of gasoline prices on the economy of the United States and circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall profits. **Page S6871**

McCain/Lieberman Amendment No. 826, to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. **Pages S6892–98**

Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 839, to require any Federal agency that publishes a science-based climate change document that was significantly altered at White House request to make an unaltered final draft of the document publicly available for comparison. **Page S6904**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senator Feinstein be recognized to offer an amendment relating to liquified natural gas;

that there be 60 minutes equally divided for debate with no second-degree amendments in order prior to a vote in relation to the Feinstein amendment; that following debate on the Feinstein amendment, Senator Byrd be recognized to offer an amendment related to rural gas prices; that when the Senate resumes debate on the McCain/Lieberman Amendment No. 826 (listed above), there be three additional hours for debate with Senator McCain, or his designee, in control of 90 minutes, Senator Domenici in control of 30 minutes, and Senator Inhofe in control of the remaining 60 minutes, that following that debate, Senate vote in relation to the McCain/Lieberman Amendment No. 826 with no second-degree amendments in order prior to the vote.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 23, 2005.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—145) Pages S6877–78, S6891, S6902

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:58 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 22, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6978.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE/JUSTICE/SCIENCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies ap-

proved for full Committee consideration H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### IED

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the nature of the evolving Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) threat and the Department of Defense's approach to addressing this threat from General Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, Brigadier General Joseph L. Votel, USA, Director, Joint IED Task Force, and Robert Buhrkuhl, Director of the Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, all of the Department of Defense.

### REGULATORY RELIEF

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, after receiving testimony from John M. Reich, Vice Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Richard M. Riccobono Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Mark W. Olson, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; JoAnn M. Johnson, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Eric McClure, Missouri Division of Finance, Jefferson City, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Steve Bartlett, Financial Services Roundtable, Carolyn Carter, National Consumer Law Center, and Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Arthur R. Connelly, South Shore Savings Bank, South Weymouth, Massachusetts, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers; Chris Loseth, Potlatch No. 1 Federal Credit Union, Lewiston, Idaho, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association, Inc.; David Hayes, Security Bank, Dyersburg, Tennessee, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Edward Pinto, Courtesy Settlement Services

LLC, Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Bradley Rock, Bank of Smithtown, Smithtown, New York, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Christopher A. Korst, Rent-A-Center, Inc., Plano, Texas; Eugene F. Maloney, Federated Investors, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Michael Vadala, The Summit Federal Credit Union, Rochester, New York.

#### DEEPWATER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Fisheries and the Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the Coast Guard's revised deepwater implementation plan to secure America's waterways, focusing on preliminary observations on the condition of deepwater legacy assets and acquisition management challenges, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thomas H. Collins, Commandant, and Rear Admiral Patrick M. Stillman, Program Executive Officer, Deepwater Program, both of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Margaret T. Wrightson, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

#### U.S.-RUSSIA POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States policy toward Russia, focusing on the fate of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, energy issues, economic investment, and the spread of HIV/AIDS, receiving testimony from Patricia M. Cloherty, The U.S. Russia Investment Fund, New York, New York; Frank A. Verrastro and Celeste A. Wallander, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic

of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati; Joseph A. Mussomeli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia; and Emil A. Skodon, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### JUVENILE DIABETES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to juvenile diabetes, focusing on the personal toll on families, financial costs to the Federal health care system, and research progress toward a cure, after receiving testimony from Allen M. Spiegel, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Mary Tyler Moore, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), New York, New York; Douglas Wick, Red Wagon Entertainment, Los Angeles, California; Gary Hall, Jr., Miami, Florida; and certain representatives of the JDRF Children's Congress.

#### VOTING TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the issue of voter verification in the Federal elections process, focusing on Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting machine security, and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), after receiving testimony from Senator Ensign; Conny McCormack, Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder, Norwalk, California; James C. Dickson, American Association of People with Disabilities, Washington, D.C.; David L. Dill, Stanford University Department of Computer Science, Stanford, California; and Ted Selker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Media Lab, Cambridge, on behalf of the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 3003–3009, 3011–3019; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 335–336 were introduced.

Pages H4895–96

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 1492, to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, amended (H. Rept. 109–142);

H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and

Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–143); and

H. Res. 334, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–144). **Page H4895**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McMorris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4805**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:09 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H4806**

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

*Recognizing the 100th anniversary of Farm-House Fraternity, Inc:* H. Res. 207, recognizing the 100th anniversary of FarmHouse Fraternity, Inc; **Pages H4808–10**

*Sense of the House in remembrance of the servicemen who perished in the April 24, 1980 rescue attempt of the American hostages in Iran:* H. Res. 256, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in remembrance of the brave servicemen who perished in the disastrous April 24, 1980, rescue attempt of the American hostages in Iran; **Pages H4810–13**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in remembrance of the members of the Armed Forces who perished in the April 24, 1980, rescue attempt of the American hostages being held in Iran and commending all special operations forces personnel currently in service. **Page H4813**

*Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003:* H.J. Res. 52, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 291; **Pages H4813–17, H4858–59**

*Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day:* H. Con. Res. 160, recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of Congress that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 292; and **Pages H4817–20, H4859–60**

*Supporting initiatives developed by the Firefighter Life Safety Summit:* H. Con. Res. 180, to support initiatives developed by the Firefighter Life Safety Summit and the mission of the National Fall-

en Firefighters Foundation and the United States Fire Administration to reduce firefighter fatalities and injuries, to encourage implementation of the new “Everyone Goes Home” campaign to make firefighter safety a national priority, and to support the goals of the national “stand down” called by fire organizations. **Pages H4820–23, H4860**

**Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Flag Desecration—Rule for Consideration:** H. Res. 330, the rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 10, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, by voice vote. **Pages H4823–29**

**Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2006:** The House passed H.R. 2475, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 290. **Pages H4840–58**

Rejected the Waxman motion to recommit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 289. **Pages H4855–58**

Adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, as modified by the manager’s amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–141. **Page H4841**

Agreed to:

Maloney amendment (printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–141), as modified by unanimous consent agreement, that requires the President, if the National Counterterrorism Center is not fully operational by June 17, 2005, to provide Congress written justification as to why the Center is not fully operational. **Pages H4852–54**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4858**

H. Res. 331, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 288. **Pages H4829–40**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4888.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1282 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H4894**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4840, H4857–58, H4858, H4859, and H4859–60. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS/ TRANSPORTATION–TREASURY–HUD APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006; SUBALLOCATIONS OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006: the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs; and the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies.

The Committee also approved revised 302(b) Suballocations of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006.

### MARINE CORPS FORCE PROTECTION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing to review Marine Corps force protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Marine Corps, Department of the Navy: GEN William L. Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant; and BG William D. Catto, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command.

### U.N. OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The United Nations Oil-For-Food Program: A Review of the 661 Sanctions Committee.” Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Schweich, Chief of Staff, United States Mission to the United Nations, Department of State.

### FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Authorizing the President’s Vision: Making Permanent The Faith-Based and Community Initiative—H.R. 1054, Tools for Community Initiatives Act.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Green of Wisconsin and Scott of Virginia; David Kuo, former Deputy Director of the White House Faith-Based Initiative; Bobby Polito, former Director, Center for Faith-Based Community Initiatives, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### IRAG RECONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “The Development Fund for Iraq: U.S. Management of Iraq Oil Proceeds and Compliance with U.N. Security Council Resolution 1483.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction; William Reed, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency; COL Emmett H. Du Bose, Jr., Deputy Commander and Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Joseph A. Benkert, Defense Reconstruction Support Office, Office of the Secretary; David Norquist, Under Deputy Secretary (Financial Management); and public witnesses.

### OPEN–SOURCE INFORMATION—EFFECTIVE USE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Using Open-Source Information Effectively.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NUCLEAR MATERIAL DETECTION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Detecting Nuclear Weapons and Radiological Materials: How Effective Is Available Technology?” Testimony was heard from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Vayl Oxford, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; Michael K. Evenson, Acting Director, Combat Support Directorate, DTRA, Department of Defense; David Huizenga, Assistant Deputy Administrator, International Materials Protection and Cooperation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Richard L. Wagner, Jr., Senior Staff Member, Los Alamos National Laboratory; and Bethann Ronney, Manager, Port Security, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 326, amended, Calling on free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan; H. Res. 328, amended, Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers’ strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the

establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union; and H. Con. Res. 155, Urging the Government of the Republic of Albania to ensure that the parliamentary elections to be held on July 3, 2005, are conducted in accordance with international standards for free and fair elections.

#### **BRIEFING—MIDDLE EAST DEMOCRACY**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a briefing on Democracy in the Middle East: Toward an Inter-Arab Democratic Charter. The Subcommittee was briefed by A. A. El-Eryani, former Prime Minister of Yemen.

#### **OVERSIGHT—MUSIC LICENSING REFORM; FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE FAIRNESS ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Copyright Office Views on Music Licensing Reform. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 1229, Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Blunt; David Goetz, Commissioner, Department of Finance and Administration, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND EMPLOYER SANCTIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on the Lack of Worksite Enforcement and Employer Sanctions. Testimony was heard from Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations 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 Jo Ann Davis of Virginia, Flake, Baird and Tierney.

#### **VETERAN'S ACCESS TO CAPITAL**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Veteran's Access to Capital. Testimony was heard from Bill Elmore, Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, SBA; Patrica Kerr, Veterans Ombudsman, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

#### **UNION SALTING**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs held a hearing entitled "Union Salting—Organizing Against Small Business." Testimony was heard from Representative King of Iowa; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—DEEPWATER IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Deepwater Implementation. Testimony was heard from VADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Chief of Staff, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **OVERSIGHT—JUDICIARY'S SPACE NEEDS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on The Judiciary's Ability to Pay for Current and Future Space Needs. Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; the following officials of the Judicial Conference of the United States: Jane R. Roth, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Chairman Security and Facilities; and Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Secretary to the Judicial Conference.

## VETERANS MEDICAL CARE REVENUE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved for full Committee action H.R. 2988, Veterans Medical Care Revenue Enhancement Act of 2005.

## SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 23.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Richard A. Raymond, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development in the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, Joseph A. Mussomeli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Emil A. Skodon, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, and Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Under Secretary of State for Management, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S.662, to reform the postal laws of the United States, S.457, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance for, and provide oversight of, the management of micropurchases made with Governmentwide commercial purchase cards, S. 611, to establish a Federal Interagency

Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, S. 37, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years, and the nominations of Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Laura A. Cordero, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and A. Noel Anketell Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and several post office naming bills, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the In Re Tribal Lobbying Matters, Et Al, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to Review the Centennial of the USDA Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security, hearing on U.S. Coast Guard, Deepwater Program, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on United Nations Task Force, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on Afghanistan: Operations and Reconstruction, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on Budgeting in the Congress, Reflections on How the Budget Process Functions, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 1132, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005; followed by a hearing entitled "Medicaid Prescription Drugs: Examining Options for Payment Reform," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Combating Trafficking in Persons: An International Perspective," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing entitled "Wasted Space, Wasted Dollars: The Need for Federal Real Property Management Reform," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "The Evolution of Federal Financial Management—A Review of the Need to Consolidate, Simplify, and Streamline," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure, Protection, and

Cybersecurity, hearing entitled “Ensuring the Security of America’s Borders through the Use of Biometric Passports and Other Identity Documents,” 11 a.m., 2257 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Sudan: Consolidating Peace While Confronting Genocide, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on The EU Constitution and U.S.-EU Relations: The Recent Referenda in France and the Netherlands and the U.S.-EU Summit, 2:15 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled “Environmental Regu-

lations and Water Supply Reliability,” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, 6 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to mark up H.R. 2864, Water Resources Development Act of 2005, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Airline Pensions: Avoiding Further Collapse, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 22

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act, where Senator Feinstein will be recognized to offer an amendment relative to liquified natural gas, with a vote to occur thereon; following which, Senator Byrd will be recognized to offer an amendment relative to rural gas prices, and the Senate then continue consideration of McCain/Lieberman Amendment No. 826, with a vote to occur thereon.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.J. Res. 10, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (structured rule, two hours of debate). Consideration of H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (subject to a rule).

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue.

## HOUSE

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