

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8153–S8246

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1386–1395, and S. Res. 197. **Page S8217**

Measures Reported:

S. 364, to establish a program within the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to integrate Federal coastal and ocean mapping activities, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–102) **Page S8217**

Measures Passed:

Controlled Substances Import and Export Act: Senate passed S. 1395, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to provide authority for the Attorney General to authorize the export of controlled substances from the United States to another country for subsequent export from that country to a second country, if certain conditions and safeguards are satisfied. **Page S8244**

Good Friday Agreement: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 173, expressing support for the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 as the blueprint for lasting peace in Northern Ireland, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8244–45**

Office of Compliance Term Extensions: Senate passed H.R. 3071, to permit the individuals currently serving as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and General Counsel of the Office of Compliance to serve one additional term, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8245**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8154–S8204**

Adopted:

Salazar Amendment No. 1207, to provide for a report on the effectiveness of programs concerning State and local government emergency officials. **Pages S8155, S8159**

Salazar Modified Amendment No. 1209, to require a quadrennial review by the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S8155, S8159**

Salazar Modified Amendment No. 1210, to express the sense of the Senate regarding rail tunnel security research. **Pages S8156–57, S8159**

Pryor Amendment No. 1125, to encourage the acquisition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of an integrated mobile medical system. **Pages S8165–66**

Schumer/Boxer Modified Amendment No. 1184, to encourage the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate an agency within the Department of Homeland Security as having responsibility for countermeasures for man portable air defense systems (MANPADS). **Page S8174**

Clinton Modified Amendment No. 1105, to require a detailed description of certain costs incurred by, and payments made to, New York City, the State of New York, and certain related entities, as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. **Page S8182**

Clinton Amendment No. 1106, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to report to Congress regarding the vulnerability of certain facilities and measures to provide greater security. **Pages S8182–83**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 1104, to require the Transportation Security Administration to potentially implement the use of multi-compartment bins to screen passenger belongings at security checkpoints. **Pages S8183–84**

Byrd (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1120, to require reports to Congress on Department of Homeland Security use of data-mining. **Page S8186**

Byrd (for Boxer) Modified Amendment No. 1155, to provide oversight of homeland security spending. **Pages S8186–87**

Byrd Amendment No. 1201, to require State and local governments to expend or return grant funds. **Page S8187**

Durbin Amendment No. 1166, to provide that MidAmerica St. Louis Airport in Mascoutah, Illinois, shall be designated as a port of entry. **Pages S8188–89**

Gregg (for Thomas) Amendment No. 1172, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Natrona County International Airport, Wyoming, as an airport at which certain private aircraft arriving in the United States from a foreign area may land for processing by the United States Customs and Border Protection. **Page S8202**

Gregg (for Hutchison) Modified Amendment No. 1173, to express the sense of the Senate regarding coordination with the American Red Cross. **Page S8202**

Gregg (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1221 (to Amendment No. 1171, as modified), to clarify the source of allocated funds. **Page S8202**

Reid Amendment No. 1161, to express the sense of the Senate on the submittal to Congress of a report on performance indicators on Iraq. **Page S8203**

Voinovich Amendment No. 1075, to increase funds for emergency management performance grants, with an offset. **Pages S8178–79, S8204**

McCain Modified Amendment No. 1151, to specify how certain vehicles are to be deployed to enhance border security. **Pages S8170–71, S8204**

Withdrawn:

Schumer Amendment No. 1183, to provide additional funding to counter man portable air defense systems. **Page S8174**

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 1200, to provide funds for certain programs authorized by the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974. **Page S8155**

Akaka Amendment No. 1113, to increase funding for State and local grant programs and firefighter assistance grants. **Page S8155**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1111, to prohibit the use of funds appropriated under this Act to promulgate the regulations to implement the plan developed pursuant to section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform Act of 2004. **Page S8155**

Durbin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1216, to provide for the strengthening of security at nuclear power plants. **Page S8155**

Durbin (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1217, to provide funding for interoperable communications equipment grants. **Pages S8157–59**

Subsequently, a point of order was raised with respect to the emergency designation provision in the amendment and a motion to waive was entered. **Page S8160**

Gregg (for Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 1124, to transfer appropriated funds from the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness to U.S. Customs and Border Protection

for the purpose of hiring 1,000 additional border agents and related expenditures. **Pages S8155, S8184–85**

McCain Modified Amendment No. 1150, to increase the number of border patrol agents consistent with the number authorized in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458). **Pages S8171–72**

McCain Modified Amendment No. 1171, to increase the number of detention beds and positions or FTEs in the United States consistent with the number authorized in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458). **Pages S8172–74, S8176**

Schumer Amendment No. 1189, to provide that certain air cargo security programs are implemented. **Pages S8174–75, S8176**

Subsequently, a point of order was raised that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation and a motion to waive was entered. **Page S8176**

Schumer Amendment No. 1190, to appropriate \$70,000,000 to identify and track hazardous materials shipments. **Pages S8175–78**

Subsequently, a point of order was raised that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation and a motion to waive was entered. **Page S8176**

Reid (for Byrd) Amendment No. 1218, to provide additional funding for intercity passenger rail transportation, freight rail, and mass transit. **Pages S8179, S8185–86**

Ensign Amendment No. 1219 (to Amendment No. 1124), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S8184, S8187–88**

Shelby Modified Amendment No. 1205, to appropriate funds for transit security grants for fiscal year 2006 authorized in the Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. **Pages S8189–91**

Gregg Amendment No. 1220 (to Amendment No. 1205, as modified), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8190**

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

By 36 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 177), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Dodd/Stabenow Modified Amendment No. 1202, to fund urgent priorities for our Nation's firefighters, law enforcement personnel, emergency medical personnel, and all Americans by reducing the tax breaks for individuals with annual incomes in excess of \$1 million. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment

would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S8163–70, S8191–99, S8201**

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 178), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Akaka Modified Amendment No. 1112, to increase funding for State and local grant programs. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2005, Senate proceed to a series of votes on or in relation to certain pending amendments; further, that no second-degree amendments be in order to any of the amendments prior to the votes. **Page S8202**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2005; further, that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided. **Page S8245**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—178) **Pages S8201, S8202**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:44 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 14, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8246.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GUANTANAMO BAY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the investigation into Federal Bureau of Investigations allegations of detainee abuse at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Detention Facility, after receiving testimony from General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, Commander, U.S. Southern Command; Lieutenant General Randall M. Schmidt, USAF, Senior Investigating Officer; and Brigadier General John T. Furlow, USA, Investigating Officer.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General Peter Pace, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and 8 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine money laundering and terror financing issues in the Middle East, focusing on the Financial Action Task Force, the use of charities to fund terrorism, and the Presidential Executive Order (13224) which allows the United States to freeze the assets of certain organizations, after receiving testimony from Stuart Levey, Under Secretary of the Treasury, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; E. Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, and Nancy Powell, Acting Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, both of the Department of State; Dennis M. Lormel, Corporate Risk International, Fairfax, Virginia; Steven Emerson, The Investigative Project on Terrorism, Washington, D.C.; and Mahmoud A. El-Gamal, Rice University, Houston, Texas.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

AIRLINE FINANCIAL STABILITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the financial stability of airlines, focusing on the continued financial difficulties faced by legacy airlines, the effect of bankruptcy on the industry and competitors, and the effect of airline pension underfunding on employees, airlines and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, after receiving testimony

from JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; James C. May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Jamie N. Baker, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., New York, New York; and Robert Roach, Jr., International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT: PRIVATE LANDOWNER INCENTIVES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded a hearing to examine the Endangered Species Act and incentives for private landowners, focusing on existing Federal incentives for private landowners to protect threatened and endangered species, as well as new and innovative ways for incentivizing species protection on private lands, after receiving testimony from Marshall P. Jones, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Sara Braasch, Regional Assistant Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Michael J. Bean, Environmental Defense, and Laurence D. Wiseman, on behalf of the American Forest Foundation and the American Tree Farm System, both of Washington, D.C.; Paul Campos, Home Builders Association of Northern California, Contra Costa County, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Alan Foutz, Colorado Farm Bureau, Akron, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Robert J. Olszewski, Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

CHEMICAL FACILITY SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine the Federal role regarding chemical facility security, receiving testimony from Martin J. Durbin, American Chemistry Council, Arlington, Virginia; Matthew Barmasse, ISOICHEM, Inc., Lockport, New York, on behalf of Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association; Bob Slaughter, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, and Gerald V. Poje, National Academy of Science, both of Washington, D.C.; Glenn Erwin, United Steel Workers International Union, Washburn, Missouri; and Carol L. Andress, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, July 27, 2005.

STREAMLINED PROCEDURES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current habeas corpus proceedings and issues of actual innocence, focusing on S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, after receiving testimony from Seth P. Waxman, Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr, Washington, D.C., former Solicitor General of the United States; Thomas Dolgenos, Office of Philadelphia District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John Pressley Todd and Kent E. Cattani, both of the Office of Arizona Attorney General, Phoenix; and Barry C. Scheck, Yeshiva University Cardozo School of Law, and Bryan A. Stevenson, New York University School of Law, both of New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3262–3275; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58; H. Con. Res. 208; and H. Res. 3611 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 624, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants (H. Rept. 109–166);

H.R. 1359, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alter-

native water source projects, amended (H. Rept. 109–167); and

H.R. 2601, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, amended (H. Rept. 109–268).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Arnold B. Lovell, Senior Pastor, Second Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005: H.R. 1220, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; **Pages H5749–54**

Making permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program: H.R. 2385, amended, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; **Pages H5754–56**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to extend by 10 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program. **Page H5756**

John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2113, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building"; **Pages H5756–58**

Vincent Palladino Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2183, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 Tompkins Avenue in Staten Island, New York, as the "Vincent Palladino Post Office"; and **Pages H5758–59**

J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex Designation Act: H.R. 2630, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex". **Pages H5759–60**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, July 14.

East Asia Security Act of 2005: H.R. 3100, to authorize measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People's Republic of China; **Pages H5760–64**

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring the veterans of WWII: H. Con. Res. 191, amended, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War; and **Pages H5764–66**

Condemning the terrorist attacks in London, England on July 7, 2005: H. Res. 356, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in London, England, on July 7, 2005. **Pages H5766–68**

Water Resources Development Act of 2005—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 346, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to author-

ize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by voice vote. **Pages H5768–72**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:27 p.m. and reconvened at 1:54 p.m. **Page H5772**

Energy Policy Act of 2005—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy. **Pages H5772–77**

The House began consideration of the Capps motion to instruct conferees on the bill. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, July 14. **Page H5777**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS—CHINA NATIONAL OFFSHORE OIL MERGER—UNOCAL CORPORATION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on national security implications of the possible merger of the China National Offshore Oil Corporation with Unocal Corporation. Testimony was heard from C. Richard D'Amato, Chairman, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness began mark up of H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

TREASURY'S REPORT—TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Treasury's Report to Congress on the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA)." Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

ENTREPRENEURIALISM AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "From Bureaucrats to Plutocrats: Can Entrepreneurialism Work in the Federal Government?" Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, GAO; former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt L. Gingrich of Georgia; and a public witness.

IMPROVE AVIATION SECURITY

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

Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “Leveraging Technology to Improve Aviation Security.” Testimony was heard from Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S. AND RUSSIA BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled “Engineering Bio-Terror Agents: Lessons from the Offensive U.S. and Russian Biological Weapons Programs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005.

FEDERAL LANDS—MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL USE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a joint hearing entitled “Motorized Recreational Use on Federal Lands.” Testimony was heard from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Ed Shepard, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Small Business Development Centers: New Offerings for a New Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SERVICEMEMBERS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action H.R. 3200, Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005.

USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3199, the USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005.

Joint Meetings

YUKOS AFFAIR

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission met to receive a briefing regarding the political and business implications of the prosecution and imprisonment of Russian Yukos Oil Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

(CEO) Mikhail Khodorkovsky from Peter Roudik, Senior Foreign Law Expert, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Leonid Nevzlin, Tel Aviv, Israel.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitors Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider 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, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine military justice and detention policy in the global war on terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Treasury’s report to Congress entitled: “Assessment: The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Thomas Weimer, of Colorado, and Mark A. Limbaugh, of Idaho, each to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine the National Park Service’s business strategy for operation and management of the national park system, including development and implementation of business plans, use of business consultants, and incorporating business practices into day-to-day operations, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcus C. Peacock, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator, Susan P. Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, and Granta Y. Nakayama, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Henry Crumpton, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Department of State, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to discuss preparing an effective and immediate public health response in the aftermath of a terrorism attack, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to

hold hearings to examine how prepared the National Capitol Region is for terrorism, focusing on how the National Capitol Region (NCR) is spending its homeland security grant funding, the organizational structures established to provide coordinated security, and if the NCR can be used as a model for security in other regions of the country, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 1:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold joint hearings to examine S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, proposed Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, S. 1326, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 103, to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, S. 1086, to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses, S. 956, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide assured punishment for violent crimes against children, and committee rules for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Philip Terry, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Charles S. Ciccolella, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management/Forest Service National Fire Plan, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Mid-Session Review Budget of the United States Government Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, to continue mark up of H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005, 11:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3204,

State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 3205, To amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety; and H. Res. 220, Recognizing America's Blood Centers and its member organizations for their commitment to providing over half the Nation with a safe and adequate volunteer donor blood supply, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "One Year Later: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Project BioShield," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Secretary's Second-Stage Review: Re-thinking the Department of Homeland Security's Organization and Policy Direction," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "North Korean Nuclear Negotiations: Strategies and Prospects for Success," 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing entitled "Status of Settling Recognized Tribes' Land Claims in the State of New York," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 233, Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act; H.R. 1129, Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2720, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; and H.R. 2875, Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005, 11:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, to mark up H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 230, National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2005; H.R. 527, Vocational and Technical Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2005; H.R. 2981, To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians; and H.R. 3207, Second-Stage Small Business Development Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Cell Phones on Aircraft: Nuisance or Necessity?, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3208, Disaster Relief Equity Act of 2005; and H.R. 2338, Rural Disaster Assistance Fairness Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up the following: H.R. 3200, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005; and a resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans Administration on July 21, 1930, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Welfare and Work Data, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2360, Homeland Security Appropriations, and vote on, or in relation to, certain pending amendments to the bill beginning at 10 a.m.

House Chamber

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