

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8439–S8501

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1421–1426, and S. Res. 201–202. **Pages S8487–88**

Measures Passed:

Burma Import Restrictions: By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 191), Senate passed H.J. Res. 52, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8440–46**

Prior to this action, Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 18, (Senate companion measure), and pursuant to the order of July 18, 2005, the joint resolution was read for a third time and returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S8440**

Highway Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3332, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8499**

Sudan Peace Agreement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, urging the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army to fully implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of January 9, 2005. **Pages S8499–S8500**

National Health Center Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 31, expressing the sense of the Senate that the week of August 7, 2005, be designated as "National Health Center Week" in order to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers, and the resolution was then agreed to, after

agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8500–01**

Frist (for Coleman) Amendment No. 1302, to provide for the observance of the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. **Page S8500**

Controlled Substances Act Amendment: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 45, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8501**

Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8447–76**

Adopted:

McConnell (for Brownback/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1276, to extend eligibility for refugee status of unmarried sons and daughters of certain Vietnamese refugees. **Page S8452**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1277, to provide a United States contribution to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Trust Fund. **Page S8452**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1278, to provide that certain funds should be used for educational programs in Egypt. **Page S8452**

McConnell (for Obama/Hagel) Amendment No. 1264, to support a United States contribution to the Special Court for Sierra Leone. **Pages S8449–51, S8452**

McConnell (for Allen/Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 1238, to combat piracy of United States copyrighted materials. **Page S8453**

McConnell (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 1253, to require an annual report on anti-retroviral drug procurement. **Page S8453**

McConnell (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 1262, to provide that funds should be made available for law enforcement programs to combat the prevalence of violent gangs in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. **Page S8453**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1283, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the forced repatriation of refugees in Cambodia. **Pages S8453–54**

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 193), Coburn Amendment No. 1241, to prohibit funds from being made available to the United States Agency for International Development for entertainment expenses. **Pages S8455–56, S8468–69**

Santorum/Durbin Amendment No. 1260, to transfer \$100,000,000 from the Economic Support Fund to provide for an additional contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. **Pages S8470–71**

Corzine Amendment No. 1290, to make funds available for the African Union Mission in Sudan. **Pages S8456–58, S8471–72**

McConnell (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 1254, to support democracy and governance activities in Zimbabwe. **Page S8472**

McConnell (for Nelson (FL)/Coleman) Modified Amendment No. 1285, to provide that funds be used for democracy programs in Venezuela. **Page S8472**

McConnell (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 1274, to prohibit the use of funds for any loan to the United Nations in excess of \$600,000,000 for the renovation of its headquarters in New York, New York. **Page S8472**

McConnell (for Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 1273, to prohibit the use of funds to approve or administer a loan, guarantee, or insurance policy for certain ethanol dehydration plants. **Pages S8453, S8472**

McConnell (for Vitter) Modified Amendment No. 1287, to limit funds relating to attendance of Federal employees at conferences occurring outside the United States, unless the Secretary of State determines that such attendance is in the national interest. **Page S8472**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1295, of a technical nature relating to Indonesia. **Pages S8472–73**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1296, to support commodities, equipment and other assistance to combat malaria. **Page S8473**

McConnell (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1297, to require a report on states that have not cooperated in small arms programs. **Page S8473**

McConnell (for Sununu/Chafee) Amendment No. 1298, to increase by \$5,000,000 the amount avail-

able for Economic Support Fund assistance for Lebanon, and to increase by \$2,000,000 the amount of such assistance that should be made available for scholarships and direct support of American educational institutions in Lebanon. **Page S8473**

McConnell (for Kennedy/Biden) Amendment No. 1299, to make available, out of funds appropriated for Economic Support Fund assistance, \$28,000,000 to the International Republican Institute and \$28,000,000 to the National Democratic Institute for fiscal year 2006 to support democracy building programs in Iraq. **Page S8473**

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1300, to provide funding to the Center for Middle Eastern-Western Dialogue. **Page S8473**

Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 192), Coburn/Boxer Amendment No. 1242, to prohibit any funds from being used by the Export-Import Bank of the United States to approve a loan or a loan guarantee related to a nuclear project in China. **Pages S8458–64, S8468**

By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 194), Dorgan/Wyden Amendment No. 1294, to provide that no funds may be made available to provide television broadcasting to Cuba, to increase by \$21,100,000 the amount appropriated to the Peace Corps, and to reduce by the same amount the amount appropriated under title I to the Broadcasting Board of Governors for broadcasting to Cuba. **Pages S8464–68, S8469–70**

Withdrawn:

Grassley Amendment No. 1250, to prohibit the use of funds to approve or administer a loan or guarantee for certain ethanol dehydration plants. **Pages S8447, S8471**

Pending:

Landrieu Amendment No. 1245, to express the sense of Congress regarding the use of funds for orphans, and displaced and abandoned children. **Page S8447**

Chambliss Amendment No. 1271, to prevent funds from being made available to provide assistance to a country which has refused to extradite certain individuals to the United States. **Page S8454**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that only certain remaining first-degree amendments be in order to the bill; that the first-degree amendments be subject to second-degree amendments which are related to the first-degree amendments to which they are offered; that following the disposition of the amendments, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate then vote on final passage of the bill, as amended; provided further, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the

Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S8474**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. **Page S8501**

SIGNING AUTHORITY—AGREEMENT: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader and Majority Whip, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S8499**

Dorr Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development. **Page S8498**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 21, 2005. **Page S8498**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency blocking property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-18) **Page S8487**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request Act; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM-19) **Page S8487**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Air Force. **Page S8501**

Messages From the House: **Page S8487**

Executive Communications: **Page S8487**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S8488-89**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S8489-91**

Additional Statements: **Pages S8486-87**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8491-98**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S8498**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S8498**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-194) **Pages S8446, S8468, S8469, S8469-70**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 8:56 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8501.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION/VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, The Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REORGANIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine modifications to the organizational structure and operations of the Department of Homeland Security as part of an effort to make it more efficient and effective, focusing on preparedness, borders and immigration, transportation security, and information sharing, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

FAA's AGE 60 RULE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's Age-60 Rule, which provides that a pilot may not engage in what are known as part 121 operations if the pilot has reached his 60th birthday, including operations of large commercial passenger aircraft, smaller propeller aircraft with 10 or more passenger seats, and common carriage operations of all-cargo aircraft with a payload capacity of 7500 pounds, after receiving

testimony from Senator Inhofe and Representative Gibbons; Jon L. Jordan, Federal Air Surgeon, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Russell B. Rayman, Aerospace Medical Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Duane E. Woerth, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.; Joseph Eichelkraut, Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association, Dallas, Texas; Ralph Hunter, Allied Pilots Association, Fort Worth, Texas; and Al Spain, Jet Blue Airways Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah.

NUCLEAR TESTING ON MARSHALL ISLANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the effects of the United States nuclear testing program on the Marshall Islands, focusing on the development of baseline cancer and radiation-related illness rates relating to the testing, after receiving testimony from American Samoa Delegate Faleomavaega; Howard M. Krawitz, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs; Thomas Lum, Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Kiyohiko Mabuchi, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Gerald M. Zackios, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and James H. Plasman, Nuclear Claims Tribunal, both of Republic of the Marshall Islands, Majuro; Neal A. Palafox, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, Manoa; and Steven L. Simon, Washington, D.C.

IRAQI POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing Iraqi political development, focusing on the development of a constitution, after receiving testimony from Phebe Marr, United States Institute of Peace, and Judy Van Rest, International Republican Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Noah Feldman, New York University School of Law, New York.

SECURING CYBERSPACE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine efforts to protect national information infrastructures, focusing on challenges in protecting United States critical infrastructures from cybersecurity threats, after receiving testimony from Donald Purdy, Jr., Acting Director, National Cyber Security Division, Department of Homeland Security; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology, Management Issues, Gov-

ernment Accountability Office; Thomas M. Jarrett, Delaware Department of Technology and Information, Dover; and Paul M. Skare, Siemens Power Transmission and Distribution, Inc., Minnetonka, Minnesota.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1197, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, focusing on the Family Justice Center Initiative, the sexual assault forensic exam protocol, and other efforts to eradicate crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, after receiving testimony from Diane M. Stuart, Director, Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice; Sheriff Edmund M. Sexton, Sr., Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association; Lynn Rosenthal, National Network to End Domestic Violence, and Mary Lou Leary, National Center for Victims of Crime, both of Washington, D.C.; M.L. Carr, WARM2Kids, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Family Violence Prevention Fund; and Salma Hayek, Avon Foundation, New York, New York.

FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to conduct a review of Federal consent decrees, focusing on S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, after receiving testimony from Senator Alexander; Representative Berman; Lois J. Schiffer, Baach, Robinson, and Lewis, PLLC, former Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Michael S. Greve, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Alabama Attorney General Troy King, Montgomery; Judge Nathaniel R. Jones (Ret.), Blank and Rome, LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ross Sandler, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; and Timothy Stoltzfus Jost, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Martinez, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3329–3352; 5 private bills, H.R. 3353–3357; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 366–368 were introduced. **Pages H6106–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6107–08**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3020, to extend the existence of the Parole Commission (H. Rept. 109–176); **Page H6105**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Jerry C. White, Pastor, Riverside Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina. **Page H5965**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:08 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The House reconvened at 11:30 a.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H5965**

Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive His Excellency Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives DeLay, Blunt, Shadegg, Doolittle, Ros-Lehtinen, Tom Davis of Virginia, Jindal, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Lantos, Faleomavaega, Pallone, and Crowley; and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Thomas, Martinez, Reid, Durbin, Stabenow, and Sarbanes. **Pages H5965–66**

Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 2601, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, July 20. **Pages H5972–H6074**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations, now printed in the bill and modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–175, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H5990, H6025**

Agreed to:

Hyde manager's amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that makes technical revisions and minor changes and amendments to clarify certain provisions, and correct oversights and errors found after the bill was reported; **Pages H6025–27**

Dreier amendment (no. 3A made in order under section two of the rule) that provides for the authorization to establish an Active Response Corps to pro-

vide assistance in support of stabilization and reconstruction activities in foreign countries or regions that are in, are transitioning from, or are likely to enter into, conflict or civil strife; **Pages H6039–41**

Poe amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that authorizes funding through the Migration and Refugee Assistance account to provide emergency aid to the internally displaced people of Burma; **Pages H6041–42**

Poe amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that amends the Foreign Service Act to strengthen the statutory basis of the Department's requirement for world-wide availability for new entrants to the Foreign Service; and clarifies the medical policies regarding applicants; **Page H6042**

Burton amendment (no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that authorizes the transfer of two aircraft to the government of Columbia for use by the Columbian Navy to disable ships carrying cocaine and heroin; **Pages H6042–44**

Souder amendment (no. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that authorizes funding for INL to purchase or lease a maritime refueling support vessel capable of refueling U.S. and allied vessels engaged in drug interdiction in the Eastern Pacific transit zone; **Page H6048**

Hyde amendment (no. 13 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that authorizes measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People's Republic of China; **Pages H6052–56**

Ackerman amendment (no. 14 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that raises the authorized level for the State Department program which provides for reimbursement to localities for services provided for the protection of foreign missions and officials; and authorizes back payments to New York City for expenses incurred since 2002; **Page H6056**

Blunt amendment (no. 15 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that declares that it is U.S. policy to oppose the creation of any international or global taxation by the UN; and that no U.S. person shall be subject to such a tax; **Pages H6056–57**

Lantos amendment (no. 16 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that provides for equal treatment of employees of the State Departments who are residents of U.S. territories in the personnel policies of the Department; and permits the same reimbursements for travel of dependents of Department employees from overseas station to public universities in the territory of the employee's legal residence; **Page H6068**

Burton amendment (no. 17 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that requires the Secretary of State to conduct a cost-benefit analysis on how best to use American security assistance dollars to thwart alien smuggling, trafficking in person, and possible terrorists entering from Ecuador; **Pages H6068–69**

Lantos amendment (no. 18A made in order under section two of the rule) that expresses concern about language in the declaration of the Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization; **Pages H6069–70**

Smith of New Jersey amendment (no. 19 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that withholds funding to the UN for any of its agencies or committees headed by nations on the State Department's terrorist watch list; **Page H6070**

Hyde amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–175), as modified by unanimous consent agreement, that adds the Henry J. Hyde United Nations Reform Act of 2005, as passed by the House, to the bill (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 385); **Pages H6027–39, H6057–68, H6070–71**

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment (no. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that requires the State Department to annually certify that the five biggest exporters and importers of certain methamphetamine precursors are “fully cooperating” with U.S. law enforcement to prevent diversion of these chemicals for illicit purposes (by a recorded vote of 423 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 386); **Pages H6044–46, H6071–72**

Hooley amendment (no. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that directs the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) to make a priority of stemming the influx of methamphetamine from Mexico; and directs INL to improve border security (by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 387); **Pages H6046–47, H6072**

Souder amendment (no. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that requires a report on extradition requests for Afghans who have committed violations of narcotics laws in the U.S. (by a recorded vote of 426 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 388); and **Pages H6047–48, H6073**

Smith of New Jersey amendment (no. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that expands activities to treat and prevent obstetric fistula, and provide access to contraceptive services and family planning; and makes these activities discretionary rather than obligatory (by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 389). **Pages H6050–52, H7073–74**

H. Res. 365, the rule, as amended, providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 228 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 384, after agreeing to order the previous question on the amendment and the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 383. **Pages H5972–82**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request Act—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–47). **Page H6074**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–48). **Page H6074**

Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Castle to the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission. **Page H6074**

Surface Transportation Extension Act: The House passed H.R. 3332, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. **Pages H6087–91**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H6074, H6103.

Senate Referrals: S. 335 was referred to the Committee on Education & the Workforce; S. 1413 was referred to the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure; S. Con. Res. 26 was referred to the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure. **Page H6103**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5981–82, H5982, H6071, H6071–72, H6072, H6073, H6073–74. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

MILITARY RECRUITING AND RETENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Current Status of Military Recruiting and Retention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; LTG Franklin L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1, Headquarters, Department of the Army; VADM Gerald Hoewing, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education), Department of the Navy; LTG H.P. Osman, USMC,

Deputy Commander, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; LTG Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; LTG Clyde A. Vaughn, USA, Director, Army National Guard; LTG James R. Helmly, USA, Chief, Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command; VADM John G. Cotton, USN, Chief of Naval Reserve; LTG John W. Bergman, USMCR, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve/Marine Forces North; LTG Daniel James, III, USAF, Director, Air National Guard; and LTG John Bradley, USAF, Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander Air Force Reserve Command.

DD(X) SURFACE COMBATANT SHIP

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on Department of the Navy FY06 Plans and Programs for the DD(X) Next-Generation Multi-Mission Surface Combatant Ship. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Adm Vern E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; and RAD Charles S. Hamilton, II, USN, Program Executive Officer for Ships, Naval Sea Systems Command, all with the Department of the Navy; Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management GAO; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, CRS, Library of Congress; J. Michael Gilmore, Assistant Director and Eric J. Labs, Principal Analyst, both with the National Security Division, CBO; and a public witness.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NIH REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled "Legislation to Reauthorize the National Institutes of Health." Testimony was heard from Elias A Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

NATIVE AMERICAN LAND TITLE GRANTS

Committee on Financial Services: and the Committee on Resources held a joint hearing entitled "Improving Land Title Grant Procedures for Native Americans." Testimony was heard from Rodger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Office of Native American Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and William P. Ragsdale, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

DEPLOYED FORCES HEALTH SURVEILLANCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Occupational and Environmental Health Surveillance of Deployed Forces: Tracking Toxic Casualties." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael Kilpatrick, M.D., Deputy Director, Deployment Health Support Directorate; and Company Sergeant Major Brian Scott La Morte, Company Sergeant Major, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), North Carolina Army National Guard; Marcia Crosse, M.D., Director, Health Care, GAO; Susan Mather, M.D., Chief Officer, Public Health and Environmental Hazards, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity concluded hearings entitled "Leveraging Technology to Improve Aviation Security, Part II." Testimony was heard from Clifford A. Wilke, Assistant Administrator, and Chief Technology Officer, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT—CAN CONGRESS CREATE A RACE-BASED GOVERNMENT/HAWAII

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on Can Congress Create A Race-Based Government?: The Constitutionality of H.R. 309, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2005, and S. 147, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Mark Bennett, Attorney General, State of Hawaii; and public witnesses.

U.S. GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN INFLUENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on the following: H. Res. 97, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the Constitution of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the Constitution of the United States; and the Appropriate Role of Foreign Judgements in the Interpretation of American Law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EASTERN OYSTERS/ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing entitled “The Status of the Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*) and the Petition to List the Eastern Oyster as Endangered or Threatened under the Endangered Species Act.” Testimony was heard from Jim Wesson, Department Head of Conservation and Replenishment, Marine Resources Commission, State of Virginia; William S. Perret, Director, Marine Fisheries, Department of Marine Resources, State of Mississippi; Chris Judy, Director, Fisheries Service, Shellfish Restoration Program, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—UPGRADING BUREAU OF RECLAMATION’S FACILITIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “Maintaining and Upgrading the Bureau of Reclamation’s Facilities to Improve Power Generation, Enhance Water Supply and Keep our Homeland Secure.” Testimony was heard from John Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Calvert, Honda and Jackson-Lee of Texas, but action was deferred on H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005.

Joint Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, July 21, 2005.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine biosecurity preparedness and efforts to address agroterrorism threats, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the Federal role and budget implications relating to health information technology, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to

hold hearings to examine the climate policy of the United States, focusing on the climate-related science and technology budget request for fiscal year 2006, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 703, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, S. 997, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, S. 1131, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land within the State of Idaho, S. 1170, to establish the Fort Stanton-Snowy River National Cave Conservation Area, S. 1238, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and H.R. 1101, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider H.R. 1428, to authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, S. 1339, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994, S. 1250, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, S. 1340, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to extend the date after which surplus funds in the wildlife restoration fund become available for apportionment, S. 1265, to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines, S. 158, to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative, S. 1400, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, S. 1410, to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, the Lacey Act Technical Correction Act, the Alaska Native Villages Reauthorization Act, the nominations of Marcus C. Peacock, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Granta Y. Nakayama, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Susan Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert M. Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance, Sandra L. Pack, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Management, and Kevin I. Fromer, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine economic progress in Iraq, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1420, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees, S. 1418, to enhance the adoption of a

nationwide inter operable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States, and the nomination of Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine issues and implications relating to reporters' shield legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine solutions to saving money in Medicaid, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

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Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Air Force's Future Total Force Plan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, to continue hearings on Department of the Navy FY06 Plans and Programs for the DD(X) Next-Generation Multi-Mission Surface Combatant Ship, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Performance-Based Budgeting, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following measures: H.R. 3204, State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 3205, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act; H.R. 1132, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005; H.R. 2355, Health Care Choice Act of 2005; and H. Res. 220, Recognizing America's Blood Centers and its member organizations for their commitment to pro-

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Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Electronic Waste: An Examination of Current Activity, Implications for Environmental Stewardship, and the Proper Federal Role," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "A Progress Report on Information Sharing for Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 2257 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to report a rule for consideration of H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005, and to consider H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and the Subcommittee on Research, joint hearing on Fueling the Future: On the Road to the Hydrogen Economy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Fraud in Income Tax Return Preparation, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3057, Foreign Operations Appropriations, consider certain amendments to be proposed thereto, and expects to vote on final passage of the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions: H. Con. Res. 202, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor Constantino Brumidi on the 200th anniversary of his birth. Continue consideration of H.R. 2601, Foreign Operations Authorization Act for FY 2006 and 2007 (structured rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005 (subject to a rule).

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