

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3959–S4039

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 853–865, S.J. Res. 16, and S. Res. 114–117. **Page S4021**

Supplemental Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3965–S4007

Adopted:

Kohl Amendment No. 380, to provide supplemental funding for international food assistance.

Pages S3966–68, S3970

Lincoln Amendment No. 482, to require a report assessing the feasibility and advisability of implementing for the Army National Guard a program similar to the Post Deployment Stand-Down Program of the Air National Guard.

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Baucus Modified Amendment No. 549 (to Amendment No. 475), to clarify the terms of payment under the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000.

Pages S3987–88

Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 443, to affirm that the United States may not engage in torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment under any circumstances.

Pages S3966, S3976–80, S3988

By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 105), Byrd Amendment No. 516, to increase funding for border security.

Pages S3966, S3983–84, S3988–89

By 58 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 106), Warner Amendment No. 498, relating to the aircraft carriers of the Navy.

Pages S3981–83, S3989–93

Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 483, to increase the appropriation to Federal courts by

\$5,000,000 to cover increased immigration-related filings in the southwestern United States.

Pages S3965, S3993

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 414, to encourage that funds be made available to provide assistance to children affected by the tsunami.

Pages S3993–95

Reid (for Biden) Modified Amendment No. 440, to express the sense of the Senate on funding for the Vaccine Health Care Centers.

Pages S3966, S3996

Stevens (for Bunning) Modified Amendment No. 518, to express the sense of the Senate that the Department of Defense should fund initiatives to increase the domestic manufacturing capability to produce ceramic armor and its requisite components.

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Stevens (for Bunning) Modified Amendment No. 519, to express the sense of the Senate that the Department of Defense should procure Rapid Wall Breaching Kits in fiscal year 2005 and request funding for the new devices in future fiscal years.

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Stevens (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 480, to express the sense of the Senate that the Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve may be increased by \$17,600,000, with the amount of such increase designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 95 (108th Congress), and make the amount available for tuition assistance programs for members of the Army Reserve.

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Boxer/Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 444, to express the sense of the Senate that \$60,000,000 may be made available for the rapid deployment of Warlock systems and other field jamming systems.

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Feingold Modified Amendment No. 416, to authorize travel and transportation for family members of members of the Armed Forces hospitalized in the United States in connection with non-serious illnesses or injuries incurred or aggravated in a contingency operation.

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Chambliss Further Modified Amendment No. 418, to prohibit the termination of the existing joint-service multiyear procurement contract for C/KC-130J aircraft.

Pages S3965, S4000

Cochran (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 493, to continue programs to assist the families and communities of Afghan and Iraqi war victims.

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Cochran (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 489, to make tsunami recovery and reconstruction funds available for programs and activities which create new economic opportunities for women.

Pages S4000-01

Cochran (for DeWine) Modified Amendment No. 342, to provide additional assistance for Haiti.

Pages S3965, S4001

Cochran (for Bennett) Modified Amendment No. 425, to provide funds for microcredit programs in the countries affected by the tsunami.

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Levin Amendment No. 563, to authorize the Secretary of Labor to convey the Detroit Labor Building to the State of Michigan.

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Cochran (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 454, to ensure that Afghan security forces, including police, border security guards, and members of the Afghan National Army, who receive training provided with United States assistance are professionally trained and that certain minimum standards are met.

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Cochran (for Corzine/Brownback) Modified Amendment No. 517, to impose sanctions against perpetrators of crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan.

Pages S4005-07

Cochran (for McConnell) Amendment No. 488, of a technical nature.

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Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 450, to remove a non-emergency provision, relating to the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority.

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Coburn Amendment No. 471, to reduce appropriations for the Iraqi embassy to reduce outlays expected to occur in fiscal year 2007 or later. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 104), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S3971-76, S3981, S3984-85

Withdrawn:

Coburn Amendment No. 467, to remove a non-emergency spending, relating to the Institute of Museum Library Services.

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Shelby Amendment No. 466, to provide for a refundable wage differential credit for activated military reservists.

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Lincoln Amendment No. 481, to modify the accumulation of leave by members of the National Guard.

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Reid (for Bayh) Amendment No. 388, to appropriate an additional \$742,000,000 for Other Procurement, Army, for the procurement of up to 3,300 Up Armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (UAHMMVs).

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Bayh Amendment No. 406, to protect the financial condition of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are ordered to long-term active duty in support of a contingency operation.

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Isakson Amendment No. 429, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence.

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Pending:

Ensign Amendment No. 487, to provide for additional border patrol agents for the remainder of fiscal year 2005.

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Bayh Amendment No. 520, to appropriate and additional \$213,000,000 for Other Procurement, Army, for the procurement of Up-Armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (UAHMMWVs).

Pages S3995-96

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

Chair sustained certain points of order that the following amendments were not germane to the bill, and the amendments thus fell:

DeWine Amendment No. 340, to increase the period of continued TRICARE coverage of children of members of the uniformed services who die while serving on active duty for a period of more than 30 days.

Pages S3965, S3980

Salazar Amendment No. 351, to express the sense of the Senate that the earned income tax credit provides critical support to many military and civilian families.

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Frist (for Craig/Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 375, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers.

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Feinstein Amendment No. 395, to express the sense of the Senate that the text of the REAL ID Act of 2005 should not be included in the conference report.

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Bingaman (for Grassley) Amendment No. 417, to provide emergency funding to the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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Frist (for Chambliss/Kyl) Amendment No. 432, to simplify the process for admitting temporary alien agricultural workers under section

101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, to increase access to such workers.

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Reid Amendment No. 445, to achieve an acceleration and expansion of efforts to reconstruct and rehabilitate Iraq and to reduce the future risks to United States Armed Forces personnel and future costs to United States taxpayers, by ensuring that the people of Iraq and other nations do their fair share to secure and rebuild Iraq.

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Schumer Amendment No. 451, to lower the burden of gasoline prices on the economy of the United States and circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall oil profits.

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Reid (for Reed/Chafee) Amendment No. 452, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents.

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Sessions Amendment No. 456, to provide for accountability in the United Nations Headquarters renovation project.

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Reid (for Feingold) Amendment No. 459, to extend the termination date of Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, expand the duties of the Inspector General, and provide additional funds for the Office.

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Byrd Amendment No. 463, to require a quarterly report on audits conducted by the Defense Contract Audit Agency of task or delivery order contracts and other contracts related to security and reconstruction activities in Iraq and Afghanistan and to address irregularities identified in such reports.

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Warner Amendment No. 499, relative to the aircraft carriers of the Navy.

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Craig Amendment No. 475, to limit the use of funds to restrict the issuance of general licenses for travel to Cuba in connection with authorized sales activities.

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Reid (for Biden) Amendment No. 537, to provide funds for the security and stabilization of Iraq and Afghanistan and for other defense-related activities by suspending a portion of the reduction in the highest income tax rate for individual taxpayers.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate continue consideration of the bill; that all time be considered expired under Rule XXII, with the exception of 15 minutes for debate equally divided between the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Cochran, and Senator Bayh, or his designee, prior to votes in relation to the remaining amend-

ments, and that following disposition of the amendments, the bill be read a third time and the Senate vote on final passage; provided further, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint the Members of the Committee on Appropriations as conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence; that there be 4 hours of debate, equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader, or their designees, and that the Democratic time be equally divided between Senators Rockefeller and Wyden; and that at the expiration, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—106) **Pages S3984–85, S3989, S3993**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 21, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S4038–39.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Guard

and Reserve, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Roger Schultz, Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Daniel James III, Director, Air National Guard; Lieutenant General James R. Helmly, Chief and Commander, Army Reserve; Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, Chief of Naval Reserve; Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; and Lieutenant General John A. Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Annice Wagner, Chief Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Chair, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration; Rufus King III, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Paul Quander, Jr., Director, Court Service and Offender Supervision Agency; and Avis Buchanan, Director, Defender Service for the District of Columbia.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the readiness of military units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Thomas F. Metz, USA, Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood; Lieutenant General John F. Sattler, USMC, Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force, U.S. Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Walter E. Buchanan III, USAF, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Air Forces; Major General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, Commander, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and Fort Drum; and Rear Admiral Barry McCullough, USN, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Six.

HOUSING GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to improve the regulation of Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs), focusing on ensuring that GSEs have a regulator with the necessary authority to enable GSEs to fulfill their important mission in a safe and sound fashion, after receiving testimony from Raymond R. Christman, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; and Daniel H. Mudd, Fannie Mae, and Richard F. Syron, Freddie Mac, both of Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine International Space Station research benefits, focusing on research and technology development efforts on areas that best contribute to the vision for space exploration, specifically using the space station to study human endurance in space and to test new technologies and techniques to prepare NASA for longer journeys to the moon and Mars, after receiving testimony from William F. Readdy, Associate Administrator, Space Operations Mission Directorate, Howard Ross, Deputy Chief Scientist, and Lieutenant Colonel Mike Fincke, Active Duty Astronaut, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jeffrey Sutton, National Space Biomedical Research Institute, Houston, Texas; and Mary Ellen Weber, University of Texas Southwest Medical Center, Austin.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gregory B. Jazcko, of the District of Columbia, and Peter B. Lyons, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TERRORISM PROHIBITION IMPROVEMENTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine a review of the material support to Terrorism Prohibition Improvements Act, focusing on the need to strengthen statutory arsenal that enables law enforcement to stop terrorist attacks at an early stage, before they endanger Americans, and the need to recognize the threat posed by paramilitary training, after receiving testimony from

Barry Sabin, Chief, Counterterrorism Section, Criminal Division, and Daniel Meron, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, both of the Department of Justice; and Andrew C. McCarthy, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the small business health care crisis, focusing on alternatives for lowering costs and covering the uninsured, including related provisions of S. 406, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005, after receiving testimony from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor; Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Montana State Auditor John Morrison, Commissioner for Insurance and Securities, Helena, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Doug Newman, Newman Concrete

Services, Inc., Hallowell, Maine, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Al Mansell, National Association of Realtors, and Len Nichols, The New America Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; W. Thomas Haynes, The Coca-Cola Bottlers' Association, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Association Healthcare Coalition; and William N. Lindsay III, Denver, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 1713–1746; 1 private bill, H.R. 1747; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 223, were introduced. **Pages H2393–94**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2394–95**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Monsignor George B. Flinn, Vicar General, Pastoral Life in Ministry, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Pennsylvania. **Page H2153**

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

Ray Charles Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Ray Charles Post Office Building"; **Pages H2157–58**

Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1001, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Heatherwilde Boulevard in Pflugerville, Texas, as the "Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building"; **Pages H2158–60**

Recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the ter-

rorist bombing in Oklahoma City: H. Res. 184, recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City; **Pages H2160–65**

Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 West End Street in Goliad, Texas, as the "Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building"; **Pages H2165–66**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week: H. Res. 130, amended, recognizing the contributions of environmental systems and the technicians who install and maintain them to the quality of life of all Americans and supporting the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week; **Pages H2166–67**

Expressing condolences and sympathies in the aftermath of the recent school shooting at Red Lake High School in Red Lake, Minnesota: H. Con. Res. 126, expressing the condolences and deepest sympathies of the Congress in the aftermath of the recent school shooting at Red Lake High School in Red Lake, Minnesota, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 113; and **Pages H2167–71, H2179**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the polio vaccine: H. Res. 208, amended, recognizing the University of Pittsburgh and Dr.

Jonas Salk on the fiftieth anniversary of the milestone discovery of the Salk polio vaccine, which has virtually eliminated the disease and its harmful effects, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 114.

Pages H2171–74, H2179–80

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: Resolution recognizing the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Jonas Salk, the University of Michigan, and Dr. Thomas Frances, Jr., on the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery and the declaration that the Salk polio vaccine was potent, virtually eliminating the disease and its harmful effects.

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Energy Policy Act of 2005: The House began consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, April 21.

Pages H2192–2366, H2366–80

Agreed by unanimous consent that the Waxman amendment be allowed to be considered at any time.

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Agreed to:

Hall manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that makes a number of changes to the bill;

Pages H2321–25

Slaughter amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that requires any escalator being installed in federal buildings to be an Intermittent Escalator;

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Dingell amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that authorizes \$20 million for the Administrator of General Services Administration to install a photovoltaic solar electric system at the headquarters of the Energy Department;

Pages H2365–66

Abercrombie amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that authorizes a 3-year demonstration program for producing ethanol from sugar cane;

Pages H2368–70

Conaway amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that provides that the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Labor and Interior Departments, will evaluate and report on both the short and longer term availability of skilled workers to meet the energy security needs of the U.S.;

Pages H2372–73

Rogers of Michigan amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that amends the Johnson (CT) amendment, to direct the Administrator of the EPA to revise certain Federal vehicle fuel economy adjustment factors to provide consumers with accurate fuel economy information on new vehicle labels (by a recorded vote of 259 yeas to 172 noes, Roll No. 119); and

Pages H2344–47, H2377–78

Johnson of Connecticut amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–49), as amended by the Rogers (MI) amendment, that requires the EPA’s fuel econ-

omy test procedures reflect current driving patterns and conditions and provide consumers with more accurate information about fuel economy (by a recorded vote of 346 yeas to 85 noes, Roll No. 120).

Pages H2343–47, H2378

Rejected:

Solis amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to strike all of Title III, Subtitle D, the Refinery Revitalization Act (by a recorded vote of 182 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 115);

Pages H2373–74, H2374–75

Kaptur amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to provide the Secretary of Energy the authority to include in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve alternative fuels, including ethanol and biodiesel and rename the reserve the “Strategic Fuels Reserve” (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 116);

Pages H2370–72, H2375–76

Waxman amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to require the Administration to take “voluntary, regulatory, and other actions” to reduce oil demand in the U.S. by 1 million barrels per day from projected levels by 2013 (by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 262 noes, Roll No. 117);

Pages H2366–68, H2376

Bishop of New York amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to contain a number of provisions designed to reduce dependence on nonrenewable energy sources (by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 259 noes, Roll No. 118);

Pages H2347–64, H2376–77

Boehlert amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to direct the Secretary of Transportation to increase fuel economy standards from today’s average of 25 miles/gallon to 33 miles/gallon over 10 years (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 121);

Pages H2339–43, H2378–79

Markey amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to strike the provisions that will allow oil and gas exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 231 noes, Roll No. 122); and

Pages H2334–39, H2379–80

Dingell amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to increase penalties for violations of the Federal Power Act and authorizes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to refund electricity overcharges (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 123).

Pages H2325–34, H2380

H. Res. 219, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H2180–92

Earlier it was agreed to proceed with the consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 112.

Pages H2174–78

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2178, H2179, H2179–80, H2375, H2375–76, H2376, H2376–77, H2377–78, H2378, H2379, H2379–80, and H2380. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Testimony was heard from David Eisner, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from Annette M. Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. AID.

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Frederick D. Gregory, Deputy Administrator, NASA.

VIDEO AND DATA INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services Are Changing the Face of Communications: A Look at Video and Data Services.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER: FINANCIAL LITERACY AND SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Generations Working Together: Financial Literacy and Social Security Reform.” Testimony was heard from former Senator Alan Simpson of Wyoming; and former Representatives Tim Penny of Minnesota; and Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC CHECK CLEARING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act.” Testimony was heard from Louise L. Roseman, Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity approved for full Committee action H.R. 285, Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2005.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Management Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Richard L. Skinner, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Norman Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; James S. Gilmore III, Chairman, National Council on Readiness and Preparedness; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT NUCLEAR DETECTION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attacks concluded hearings entitled “DHS Coordination of Nuclear Detection Efforts, Part II.” Testimony was heard from Vayl Oxford, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security.

527 REGULATION

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Regulation of 527 Organizations. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shays, Meehan, Pence and Wynn; and public witnesses.

FOCUS ON A CHANGING JAPAN

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Focus on a Changing Japan.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MIDDLE EAST AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on the Middle East and the United Nations. Testimony was heard from Philo L. Dibble, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; Richard S. Schifter, former U.S. Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, and Deputy U.S. Representative to the United Nations Security Council; and Richard S. Williamson, former U.S. Ambassador and Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs to the United Nations.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; GANGS AND CRIME IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee action H. Res. 193, Expressing support to the organizers and participants of the historic meeting of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, in Havana.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Gangs and Crime in Latin America. Testimony was heard from Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Latin America and Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; Chris Swecker, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigation Division, FBI, Department of Justice; John P. Torres, Deputy Assistant Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT— INDUSTRY COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1279, amended, Gang Deterrence and Community Protection Act; and H. Res. 210, Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day, and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and Worldwide.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on Industry Competition and Consolidation: The Telecom Marketplace Nine Years After the Telecom Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PATENT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing entitled “Committee Print Regarding Patent Quality Improvement.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GUAM WAR CLAIMS REVIEW COMMISSION IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 1595, To implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission. Testimony was heard from the following former Delegates from Guam: Ben Garrido Blaz; and Robert Underwood; and the following officials of Guam: Felix P. Camacho, Governor; Antonio R. Unpingco and Benjamin J. Cruz, both Senators, Legislature.

UNITED STATES TSUNAMI WARNING AND EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action H.R. 1674, United States Tsunami Warning and Education Act.

FUTURE MARKET FOR COMMERCIAL SPACE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on the Future Market for Commercial Space. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Air Traffic Management by Foreign Countries. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillinghman, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; 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 ADM Thomas A. Collins, USCG, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Margaret T. Wrightson, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs an oversight hearing on the National Cemetery Administration. Testimony was heard from Richard Wannemacher, Jr., Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held an oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; Judy Caden, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

OVERVIEW—TAX-EXEMPT SECTOR

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on an Overview of the Tax-Exempt Sector. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; Sheldon S. Cohen, former Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of Management and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine an overview of methamphetamine abuse, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Krieg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine present and future costs of Department of Defense health care, and national health care trends in the civilian sector, 1:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine proposals to improve the regulation of Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine structural deficits and budget process reform, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of Amtrak, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine anti-corruption strategies of the African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank on Reconstruction and Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine easing costs and expanding access relating to small businesses and health insurance, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold an oversight hearing to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies including the implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the President's management agenda, including Federal financial performance, best practices, and program accountability, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 378, to make it a criminal act to willfully use a weapon with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury to any person while on board a passenger vessel, S. 629, to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems, S. 339, to reaffirm the authority of States to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities, S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to

resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and the nominations of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and certain committee matters, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine the patent system today and tomorrow, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review Implementation of the Secure Rural Schools Act of 2000: A Continuing Commitment to Rural Education and Sustainable Forestry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Department of State, International Organizations, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on Early Childhood Education: Improvement Through Integration, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "A Hearing on the Administration's Clear Skies Initiative and EPA's Recent Clean Air Act Regulations," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "The Impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "OMB Management Watch List: \$65 Billion Reasons to Ensure the Federal Government is Effectively Managing Information Technology Investments," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 1544, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to mark up the Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution for the 109th Congress, 5 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Redefining Boundaries: Political Liberalization in the Arab World, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Zimbabwe: Prospects for Democracy after the March 2005 Elections, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections of the Act that Address—Crime, Terrorism, and the Age of Technology, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "October, 2005 deadline for Visa Waiver Program Countries to produce Secure Passports: Why it matters to Homeland Security," 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on the National Historic Preservation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs, hearing entitled "Removing Obstacles to Job Creation: How Can the Federal Government Help Small Businesses Revitalize the Economy?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Implementation of the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA), 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

Joint Committee on Printing: business meeting to consider organizational matters, 2 p.m., S-219, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, April 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any routine morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will consider the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence, with four hours of debate, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Also, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, with a vote on final passage of the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2005 (structured rule).

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