

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1665–S1757

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2365–2368, and S. Res. 389. **Page S1680**

Measures Reported:

S. 2128, to provide greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1680**

Measures Passed:

Pension Reform Act: Senate passed H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist Amendment No. 2901, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1755**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Lott, Snowe, Santorum, Enzi, Gregg, DeWine, Isakson, Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Bingaman, Kennedy, Harkin, and Mikulski. **Page S1755**

William H. Emery Post Office: Senate passed S. 1445, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the “William H. Emery Post Office”. **Page S1755**

Grant W. Green Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 1792, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the “Grant W. Green Post Office Building”. **Page S1755**

Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office: Senate passed S. 1820, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma as the “Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office”. **Page S1755**

Malcolm Melville ‘Mac’ Lawrence Post Office: Senate passed S. 2064, to designate the facility of

the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the “Malcolm Melville ‘Mac’ Lawrence Post Office”. **Page S1755**

Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the “Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building”. **Page S1755**

John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building: Senate passed 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”, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S1755–56**

John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2346, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the “John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1756**

Lillian McKay Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the “Lillian McKay Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1756**

J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex: Senate passed H.R. 2630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the “J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1756**

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2894, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 102 South Walters Avenue in Hodgenville, Kentucky, as the “Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1756**

Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3256, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3368, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the “Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Ava Gardner Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3439, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the “Ava Gardner Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3548, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Franklin Avenue in Pearl River, New York, as the “Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3703, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the “Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Grant W. Green Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3770, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the “Grant W. Green Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Trumbull Drive in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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United States Cleveland Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3830, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the “United States Cleveland Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Albert H. Quie Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3989, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37598 Goodhue Avenue in Dennison, Minnesota, as the “Albert H. Quie Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4053, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 545 North Rimsdale Avenue in Covina, California, as the “Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Raymond J. Salmon Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4152, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the “Raymond J. Salmon Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4515, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4422 West Sciota Street in Scio, New York, as the “Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1287, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 312 East North Avenue in Flora, Illinois, as the “Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Maryland State Delegate Lena K. Lee Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4107, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1826 Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the “Maryland State Delegate Lena K. Lee Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Mont and Mark Stephensen Veterans Memorial Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4295, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12760 South Park Avenue in Riverton, Utah, as the “Mont and Mark Stephensen Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity 150th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 389, recognizing and honoring the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

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LIHEAP Funding—Cloture Motion: Senate continued consideration of S. 2320, to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1665–77**

Pending:

Kyl/Ensign Amendment No. 2899, to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for allotments to States for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006. **Page S1665**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. **Pages S1665–66**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that first-degree amendments in relation to the filed cloture motion be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., on Monday, March 6, 2006; that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill occur on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, following a period of morning business and one hour of debate equally divided in relation to this bill. **Page S1757**

Katrina Emergency Assistance Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1777, to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1757**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Dennis Bottorff, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2011.

Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2011.

William B. Sansom, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2009.

Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2007.

Donald R. DePriest, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2009.

Howard A. Thraikill, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the term prescribed by law. **Page S1757**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S1680**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S1678–80**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 1:12 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, March 6, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1757.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at noon on Monday, March 6, 2006.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 6 through March 11, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate may begin debate on the proposed lobbying reform bill. At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration the nominations of Timothy C. Batten, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Thomas E. Johnston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Aida M.

Delgado-Colon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, and at 5:30 p.m., proceed to consecutive votes on confirmation of the nominations.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 2320, LIHEAP Funding bill, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 9, to hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture's management and oversight of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist the Gulf Coast region in its recovery from hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 7, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

March 8, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist the Gulf Coast region in its recovery from hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 8, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine potential effects of a flat Federal income tax in the District of Columbia, 2 p.m., SD-124.

March 9, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Agriculture, 8:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist in ongoing military, diplomatic, and intelligence operations in the Global War on Terror; Stabilization and counter-insurgency activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, and other humanitarian assistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: March 7, to hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 7, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the nuclear weapons and defense environmental cleanup activities of the Department of Energy in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years nuclear security program; to be followed by a closed session in SR-222, 2:45 p.m., SR-232A.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense quadrennial defense review; to be followed by a closed session in SR-222, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

March 9, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 10, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the roles and missions of the Department of Defense regarding homeland defense and support to civil authorities in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the current oversight and operation of credit rating agencies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 8, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine the proposed reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine self-regulatory organizations in the securities markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 7, to hold hearings to examine rural telecom, 10 a.m., SD-562.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 3:15 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the goal of energy independence, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 8, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Alexander A. Karsner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Dennis R. Spurgeon, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, all of the Department of Energy, and David Longly Bernhardt, of Colorado, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 9, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: March 6, Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to examine The U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a prognosis of the nation's health care tax policy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Randall L. Tobias, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard T. Miller, of Texas, to be U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an U.S. Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 8, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the American Servicemembers' Protection Act on Latin America, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the response of community-based organizations to the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes, 10 a.m., SD-430.

March 8, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S.1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace, S.1902, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children, and the nominations of Mitchell C. Clark, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education, Jean B. Elshtain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, George Perdue, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Anne-Imelda Radice, of Vermont, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Craig T. Ramey, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Sarah M. Singleton, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and certain nominations in the Public Health Service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 8, to resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina, focusing on recommendations for reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 8, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Crime Victims Fund reversion, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 9, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine agencies' progress relating to reporting improper payments, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 8, to hold hearings to examine S. 2078, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to clarify the authority of the National Indian Gaming Commission to regulate class III gaming, to limit the lands eligible for gaming, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 7, to hold hearings to examine defective products relating to criminal penalties ensuring corporate accountability, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 8, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 9, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Small Business Administration, and related measures, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Blinded Veterans of America, The Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Jewish War Veterans, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 7, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 8, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 9, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 9, to hold hearings to examine how to prepare Americans for long-term care financing, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 7, on House of Representatives and U.S. Capitol Police, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Air Force Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 7, Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Related Agencies, on Food and Safety Inspection Service, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Air Force Budget and Acquisition Overview, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 8, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Department of Health and Human Services, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on DOE, 10 a.m., and on Bureau of Reclamation, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Indian Health Services, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 10 a.m., and on Pacific Command, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 8, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NOAA, 1 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related

Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Army Budget and Acquisition Overview, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, on United States Coast Guard, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE, Environment Management, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on HIV/AIDS Programs, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Forest Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on VA/DHP Information Technology, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on the Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 10, full Committee, on GPO, Library of Congress, Open World Leadership Center, GAO, and CBO, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 8, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the European Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Evolving Missions of the U.S. Navy and the Role of Surface and Subsurface Combatants, 5 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Department of Defense management of historic and historic-eligible facilities, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Special Operations Command: Transforming for the Long War, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 9, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request for the Missile Defense Agency and Ballistic Missile Defense Programs, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal year 2007 National Defense

Authorization Act Budget Request for the Department of Defense major rotorcraft programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 9, full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Proposal," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 9, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Federal Role in Facilitating Recovery and Long-term Rebuilding Efforts in the Gulf Coast Region," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 7, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Human Cloning and Embryonic Stem Cell Research after Seoul: Examining Exploitation, Fraud and Ethical Problems in the Research," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "International Maritime Security II: Law Enforcement, Passenger Security and Incident Investigation on Cruise Ships," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "The Paperwork Reduction Act at 25: Opportunities To Strengthen and Improve the Law," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 9, full Committee, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "The Regulation of Dietary Supplements: A Review of Consumer Safeguards," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 7, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, executive, briefing on the Biennial Biological Risk Assessment, 5 p.m., H2-176 Ford.

March 8, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget: Enhancing Preparedness for First Responders," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 8, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "The 9/11 Reform Act: Examining the Implementation of the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center," 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 9, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 4439, Transportation Security Administration Reorganization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, March 8, to mark up H.R. 3127, Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2005; followed by a hearing on United States Policy Toward Iran—Next Steps, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on East Asia in Transition: Opportunities and Challenges for the United States, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on The U.S.-European Relationship: Opportunities and Challenges, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Palestinian Authority Elections: Implications for Peace, Regional Security, and U.S. Assistance, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Afghanistan: Progress Report, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Afghanistan: Is the Aid Getting Through? 8 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 7, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on White Collar Enforcement (Part 1): Attorney-Client Privilege and Corporate Waivers, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "The Voting Rights Act: Evidence of Continued Need," 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled "The Report on Orphan Works By the Copyright Office," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1458, To require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to continue oversight hearings on White Collar Enforcement (Part 2): Corporate and Criminal Fraud Accountability, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to continue oversight hearings on the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act—Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to These Cold War Veterans When We Created This Program? 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 8, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4545, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and

Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration project; and S. 1338 Alaska Water Resources Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 9, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the FY '07 Budget Request of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, March 7, to consider H.R. 4167, National Food Uniformity Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

March 9, to continue hearings on lobby reform, entitled "Lobby Reform: Reforming the Gift and Travel Rules," 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, March 9, hearing on Should Congress Establish "ARPA—E," The Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 9, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Small Business Administration's Finance Programs," 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 8, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue oversight hearings on Agency Budgets and Priorities for FY 2007 for the following Agencies: EPA, NOAA and TVA, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Foreign Operations of U.S. Port Facilities, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 9, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service contract services and its coordination with the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 8, executive, hearing on Director of National Intelligence Fiscal Year 2007 Budget, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, March 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, March 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business, Senate may begin debate on the proposed lobbying reform bill. At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the Nominations of Timothy C. Batten, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Thomas E. Johnston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Aida M. Delgado-Colon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, with a period of debate, following which, at 5:30 p.m., Senate will proceed to consecutive votes on confirmation of the nominations.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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