

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3561–3564, and S. Res. 520. **Page S6457**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 3525, to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program. (S. Rept. No. 109–269) **Pages S6456–57**

#### Measures Passed:

*Second Higher Education Extension Act:* Senate passed H.R. 5603, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6462**

*Legal Representation Authority:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 520, to authorize the production of records, testimony and legal representation. **Pages S6462–63**

*Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act:* Senate passed H.R. 5403, to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the safe and timely placement of children across State lines, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6463**

*Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 2370, to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the admin-

istrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6463–65**

Frist (for McConnell) Amendment No. 4542, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6465**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11:04 a.m., and adjourned at 12:40 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 26, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6465.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### INTERDEPARTMENTAL COOPERATION OVERSEAS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on State Department and Defense Department cooperation overseas from Philip D. Zelikow, Counselor of the Department of State; and Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2006.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D647)

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". Signed on June 23, 2006. (Public Law 109-237)

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 26 through July 1, 2006

## Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of S.J. Res. 12, Flag Desecration Constitutional Amendment.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 12, (listed above), and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

## Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* June 27, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the potential impact of S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos (referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions), 9 a.m., SD-192.

June 27, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up H.R. 5386, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 10 a.m., SD-124.

June 27, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 12 noon, S-128, Capitol.

June 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, business meeting to mark up H.R. 5427, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

June 28, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

June 29, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up H.R. 5427, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and H.R. 5386, making appropriations for the Department of

the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* June 27, to receive a closed briefing from representatives of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Missile Defense Agency on recent North Korean ballistic missile developments, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* June 27, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the current state of progress and future outlook relating to SAFETEA-LU implementation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* June 27, business meeting to resume mark up of H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 28, Full Committee, business meeting to continue mark up of H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 29, Full Committee, business meeting to continue mark up of H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* June 27, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the Energy Policy Act provisions on enhancing oil and gas production on Federal lands in the Rocky Mountain Region, 10 a.m., SD-366.

June 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

June 28, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1812, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah, S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, S. 2129, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho, S. 2470, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho, S. 2502, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, S. 3404, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project, H.R. 2383, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant", and H.R. 4204, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

June 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 5254, to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* June 28, to hold an oversight hearing on Environmental Protection Agency regional inconsistencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Finance:* June 27, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

June 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

June 29, Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction, to hold hearings to examine how to increase worker coverage relating to small business pension plans, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* June 28, business meeting to consider an original bill, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 U.S. exports to India of nuclear materials, equipment and technology, the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Argentina, Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, John Clint Williamson, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, Michael E. Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, W. Stuart Symington IV, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Australia, and Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* June 28, business meeting to consider proposed Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006, S. 3546, Dietary Supplement and Nonprescription Drug Consumer Protection Act, S. 707, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, S. 757, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and any pending nominations; to be followed by a hearing on biodefense, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* June 27, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of Personnel Management, focusing on whether the Office of Personnel Management is positioned to be the Federal government's leader in personnel policy today and in the future, 10 a.m., SD-342.

June 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico,

Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, and Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

June 29, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation relating to enhancing employee performance, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

June 29, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the case for reform regarding community development block grants, focusing on issues surrounding program formulas, recipient communities, and management of grants within the Community Development Block program, including aspects of the reform package, the "CDBG Reform Act of 2006", 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* June 28, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Native American Housing Programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* June 27, to hold hearings to examine the use of presidential signing statements, which are issued when a president signs new laws, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine hedge funds and independent analysts, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

June 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Bobby E. Shepherd, of Arkansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, 2 p.m., SD-226.

June 29, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 1038, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* June 28, to hold hearings to examine strengthening participation of small businesses in Federal contracting and innovation research programs, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* June 27, to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

June 28, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

June 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* June 27, to hold hearings to examine if medical tourism can reduce health care costs relating to the globalization of health care, 10 a.m., SD-106.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* June 29, hearing to review Agriculture's Role in the Renewable Fuels Market, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, June 27, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Veterans Affairs Data Security, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, June 27, hearing on Army and Marine Corps reset strategies for ground equipment and rotorcraft, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 28, hearing on the status of security and stability in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 29, hearing on reports of weapons of mass destruction findings in Iraq, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on assessing United States Special Operations Command's missions and roles, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, June 28, hearing on The First Tee and Schools: Working to Build Character Education, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Workforce Protection, to mark up H.R. 2561, Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, June 27 and 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearings entitled "Making the Internet Safe for Kids: The Role of ISP's and Social Networking Sites," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn on June 27 and 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn on June 28.

June 27, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Audio and Video Flags: Can Content Protection and Technological Innovation Coexist?," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, June 28, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Investor Protection: A Review of Plaintiffs' Attorney Abuses in Securities Litigation and Legislative Remedies," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Is America's Housing Market Prepared for the Next Natural Catastrophe?," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness in the Financial Services Sector," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, June 27, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Clinical Lab Quality: Oversight Weaknesses Undermine Federal Standards," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

June 27, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Moving the CDBG Program Forward: A Look at the Administration's Reform Proposal: Where Do We Go From Here?," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 27, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, hearing entitled "Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women in the Military and at the Academies," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Availability and Effectiveness of Programs To Treat Victims of the Methamphetamine Epidemic," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability, hearing entitled "OMB's Financial Management Line of Business Initiative: Do Recent Changes to the Implementation Guidance Clarify the Rules?," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

June 29, Full Committee, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "What Price Free Speech?: Whistleblowers and the Ceballos Decision," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, June 28, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "DHS Intelligence and Border Security: Delivering Operational Intelligence," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

June 29, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity, hearing on the Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations*, June 27, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4974, To authorize the President to waive the application of certain requirements under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 with respect to India; and H.R. 4014, Millennium Challenge Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 27, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing and briefing on Making Safe Blood Available in Africa, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on East Timor: Instability and Future Prospects, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Hurricane Reconstruction and Preparedness, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 29, Full Committee, hearing on United States Security Policy in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, joint hearing on Somalia: Expanding Crisis in the Horn of Africa, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 30, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing Can Religious Pluralism Survive? Minority Religions Under Threat, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: June 29, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 5219, Judiciary Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2006, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, June 27, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Meeting Electricity Demand in the West through Responsible Development of Energy Rights-of-Way on Federal lands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 28, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2692, Acadia National Park Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 3871, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska,

to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail; and H.R. 5145, to authorize the National War Dogs Monument, Inc. to establish a national monument in honor of military working dog teams, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 5539, North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 29, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Healthy Forests: Targets and Accomplishments, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, June 26, to consider the following: H.R. 4973, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2006; and H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, June 27, to mark up H.R. 5656, Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, June 27, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing entitled "S Corporations—Their History and Challenges," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

June 27, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs, hearing entitled "Immigrant Employment Verification and Small Business," 2:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, hearing entitled "The Effects of the High Cost of Natural Gas on Small Businesses and Future Energy Technologies," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, joint hearing entitled "Chinese Barriers to Trade: Does China Play Fair?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, June 27, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, hearing Celebrating 59 Years: The Eisenhower Interstate Highway System, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 27, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on current FRA Rail Safety Initiatives, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 28, full Committee, to mark up the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; S. 362, Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; H.R. 4650, National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005; and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2006, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Airline Passenger Baggage Screening: Technology and Airport Deployment Update, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, June 27, Subcommittee on Health, oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to provide high quality health care to veterans in rural communities, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

June 28, full Committee, hearing on What VA IT Organizational Structure would have best prevented VA's "Meltdown" in Information Management, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

June 29, oversight hearing on VA's current status of mitigating the nation's second largest data breach, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, June 28, hearing on Health Savings Accounts, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, June 29, executive, hearing on Integrated Collection Architecture, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: June 28, to hold hearings to examine Belgium's Chairmanship of the OSCE, focusing on developments in Central Asia and neighboring Afghanistan, the emergence of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the political situation in the Caucasus, and human rights trends in the Russian Federation, 11 a.m., 2359 RHOB.

*Joint Economic Committee*: June 27, to hold hearings to examine prospects for U.S. economic expansion, 10 a.m., 2118 RHOB.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, June 26

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, June 26

## Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S.J. Res. 12, Flag Desecration Constitutional Amendment.

## House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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