

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 889, Coast Guard Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3587–3595, and S. Con. Res. 107. **Page S6634**

Measures Reported:

S. 3589, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund. (S. Rept. No. 109–271)

S. 811, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

S. 3569, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. **Page S6634**

Measures Passed:

Rural Health Care Capital Access Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4912, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to extend the exemption for critical access hospitals under the FHA program for mortgage insurance for hospitals, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6726**

Coast Guard Authorization—Conference Report: Pursuant to the order of June 22, 2006, Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6615**

U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2006,

Senate begin consideration of S. 3569, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. **Page S6726**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Henry M. Paulson, Jr., of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S6615–24, S6727**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

John Preston Bailey, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Mary O. Donohue, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

John Alfred Jarvey, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Robert James Jonker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Paul Lewis Maloney, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Janet T. Neff, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Sean T. Connaughton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

Jay M. Cohen, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

Timothy Shanahan, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2007.

Patricia Mathes, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2007.

Carmel Borders, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2008.

Donald D. Deshler, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2008.

Eliza McFadden, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009.

Blanca E. Enriquez, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009. **Pages S6726–27**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 29, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6726.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed hearings to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect, Robert C. Hixon, Jr., Capitol Visitor Center Project Manager, John Eisold, Attending Physician, and Stephen Ayers, Chief Operating Officer, all of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Gov-

ernment Accountability Office; Peter Evelyth, General Counsel, Office of Compliance; and Captain Joseph Terra, U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, August 2.

IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to discuss training and equipping Iraqi security forces with Lieutenant General Martin Dempsey, USA, Commander, Multinational Security Transition Command in Iraq.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators McCain and Kyl, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from William E. Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Jason Peltier,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior; Richard Dieker, Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, Yakima, Washington; and Einar L. Maisch, Placer County Water Agency, Auburn, California.

EPA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing on the efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency to meet the challenges of ensuring consistent implementation of federal environmental laws and regulations, after receiving testimony from Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, and Donald Welsh, Regional Administrator, Region 3, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; David Paylor, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Richmond, on behalf of the Environmental Council of the States; Jean Payne, Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, Bloomington; Richard W. Waterman, University of Kentucky Department of Political Science, Lexington; and Eric Schaeffer, Environmental Integrity Project, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1321, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the substitute amendment incorporates the text of S. 832.);

S. 3569, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement; and

The nomination of Henry M. Paulson, Jr., of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter R. Coneway, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, and Thomas C. Foley, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ireland, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senator Domenici, Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, and Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3570, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3546, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to serious adverse event reporting for dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jonann E. Chiles, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the barriers, challenges, and accomplishments of Native American Housing Programs, including Alaska Native Villages, the Native Hawaiian Program, and the Land Assignment Law, after receiving testimony from Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing; Pattye Green, Fannie Mae, Tishomingo, Oklahoma; Marty Shuravloff, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, D.C.; A.D. Ellis, Muscogee Creek Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; and James Steele, Jr., Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation, Pablo, Montana.

HEDGE FUNDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the relationship between certain hedge funds and independent analysts, focusing on ensuring integrity of the marketplace and protection of investors and the public from fraud, after receiving testimony from Matthew Friedrich, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Gary J. Aguirre, Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C.; Marc E. Kasowitz, Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP, and Joseph McLaughlin, Sidley Austin LLP, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, both of New York, New York; Kim D. Blickenstaff, Biosite Incorporated, San Diego, California; Owen A. Lamont,

Yale School of Management, New Haven, Connecticut; Demetrios Anifantis, JP Morgan, Scottsdale, Arizona; Howard M. Schilit, Center for Financial Research and Analysis, Rockville, Maryland; and Jonathan A. Boersma, CFA Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Bobby E. Shepherd, of Arkansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Lincoln and Pryor, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5693–5709; and 4 resolutions, Con. Res. 439; and H. Res. 895, 898–899 were introduced. **Pages H4794–95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4795–96**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 5061, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery and Wytheville National Fish Hatchery to the State of Virginia (H. Rept. 109–533);

H.R. 413, to establish the Bleeding Kansas and the Enduring Struggle for Freedom National Heritage Areas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–534);

H.R. 5534, to establish a grant program whereby moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program are used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels (H. Rept. 109–535);

H.R. 5611, to provide for the establishment of a partnership between the Secretary of Energy and appropriate industry groups for the creation of a transportation fuel conservation education campaign, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–536);

H.R. 5632, to amend Chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to establish a national tire fuel efficiency consumer information program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–537);

H.R. 5646, to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States (H. Rept. 109–538);

H. Res. 896, providing for consideration of H. Res. 895, supporting intelligence and law enforcement programs to track terrorists finances conducted consistent with Federal law and with appropriate Congressional consultation and specifically condemning the disclosure and publication of classified information that impairs the International fight against terrorism and needlessly exposes Americans to the threat of further terror attacks by revealing a crucial method by which terrorists are traced through their finances (H. Rept. 109–539); and H. Res. 897, providing for consideration of H.R. 4761, the Deep Ocean Energy Resources Act of 2006 (H. Rept. 109–540). **Page H4794**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rehberg to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4683**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Karl D. Eastlack, Senior Pastor, Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, Williamsville, New York. **Page H4683**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Wu motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 27 yeas to 358 nays, Roll No. 331. **Page H4689**

Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007: The House continued consideration of H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State,

Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. Further consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, Thursday, June 29th. **Pages H4689–H4779**

Agreed To:

Wolf amendment to increase the amount for Operations and Administration under the ITA by \$5 million; **Page H4694**

Reyes amendment adds \$10 million to the southwest Border Initiative, offset by a \$10 million cut to State CIO, after vacating the previous request for a recorded vote; **Pages H4690–91**

Garrett amendment adds \$2 million to the Department of Justice's General Administration salaries and expenses account, offset by cuts to State CIO, after vacating the previous request for a recorded vote; **Page H4691**

Lynch amendment adds \$12 million to the COPS bulletproof vest program, offset by a cut to State CIO, after vacating the previous request for a recorded vote; **Page H4691**

Brown amendment increases by \$6 million the funding for the International Trade Administration's Office of China Compliance, after vacating the previous request for a recorded vote; **Pages H4694–96**

Johnson, Eddie Bernice, of Texas amendment adds \$2.7 million to the funding for the Weather Service of NOAA, offset by cuts to the Department on Commerce's Department of Management, after vacating the previous request for a recorded vote; **Pages H4696–97**

Thompson of California amendment to provide an additional \$2 million (by transfer) for the West Coast commercial salmon industry; **Pages H4699–H4701**

Pallone amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) makes available \$1 million for the study of which coastal population centers are most at risk from the impacts of sea level rise due to global warming for the Commerce Department to contract with the National Academy of Sciences, offset by a \$1 million reduction in the Commerce Department's administrative expense account; **Pages H4701–07**

Murphy amendment to increase (by \$50,000) and immediately decrease (by \$50,000) funding for the FCC in order to encourage the FCC to promulgate a rule on caller ID services; **Pages H4707–08**

Davis of California amendment to increase funding to the National Veterans Business Development Corporation by \$1 million; **Pages H4708–11**

Tancredo amendment (No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) would invalidate several State Department guidelines that needlessly restrict communication between officials from Taiwan and the U.S. These guidelines prevent meetings between officials from Taiwan and Executive Branch

personnel from taking place in the Old Executive Office Building, the White House, and the State Department. They also prevent Executive Branch officials from going to Twin Oaks (the former Washington, DC residence of Taiwan's de facto ambassador), and bar executive branch personnel above the rank of GS-14 from attending Taiwan's annual holiday reception. The guidelines also prevent high ranking DOD officials and military officers above the rank of Colonel or Captain (Navy) from traveling to Taiwan;

Cardoza amendment increases funding for the Office of Justice Programs Justice Assistance for the Drug Endangered Child grant program; **Pages H4725–26**

Chocola amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) would prohibit the use of funds by NASA in contravention of OMB federal travel regulations, which govern the use of agency-owned passenger aircraft; **Page H4726**

Chocola amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) prohibits the use of funds by the State Department in contravention of the General Services Administration's (GSA) Federal Travel Regulation, which governs travel by State's civil service employees; **Pages H4729–30**

Culberson amendment states that no funds from this Act may be used on activities in contravention of section 1373 of title 8; **Pages H4731–33**

Capuano amendment adds \$3 million to the Justice Assistance for young witness assistance, offset by a \$3 million cut to the Department of Commerce's Departmental Management; **Page H4734**

Engel amendment prohibits the use of funds in contravention of a provision in current law requiring that at least 75% of vehicles acquired by federal agencies run on alternative fuels; **Page H4734**

DeGette amendment to revise the amount made available for "Office of Justice Programs—Justice Assistance" and reducing the amount made available for "Department of Justice—General Administration—Salaries and Expenses", by \$3 million; **Page H4748**

Lipinski amendment cuts the General Administration funding by \$500,000 and add to the Law Enforcement Tribute Act program; **Pages H4756–57**

DeLauro amendment to provide an additional \$10 million for various new Violence Against Women programs; **Pages H4757–58**

McCaul amendment prohibits funds for the United Nations Human Rights Council unless all state sponsors of terrorism are removed; **Pages H4758–59**

Johnson, Eddie Bernice, of Texas amendment to reduce funding for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Block Grant program by \$5 million; **Pages H4759–60**

Waxman amendment prohibits funding for Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Chemicals unless certain membership requirements are met; **Page H4762**

Garrett amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) prohibits funds from this Act to be used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 employees from a Federal department or agency at any single conference occurring outside the United States; **Pages H4762–63**

Nadler amendment to increase funding (by offset) for the Jessica Gonzales Victims Assistance program by \$5,000,000; **Pages H4763–64**

Mica amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) states that none of the funds made available in this Act maybe used in contravention of the Buy American Act; **Pages H4767–68**

Baird amendment to prohibit use of funds in the bill to file a motion under section 3730(b)(3) of title 31, United States Code, for an extension of time of more than 6 months, or to file more than one motion under such section in any case; **Pages H4770–71**

Renzi amendment to revise amounts in the bill by increasing the amount made available under title I for “Community Oriented Policing Services” and reducing the amount made available under title IV for “International Organizations—Contributions to International Organizations”, by \$5 million; **Pages H4771–72**

Wolf amendment to increase by \$2,000,000 funding for prisoner re-entry programs; **Page H4774**

Musgrave amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to carry out section 924(p) of title 18, United States Code (by a recorded vote of 230 ayes, to 191 noes, Roll No. 343); and **Pages H4760–62, H4776–77**

Soudrel amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds in the bill for the purpose of enforcing the final judgement of the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Indiana issued in Hinrichs v. Bosma (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes, to 174 noes, Roll No. 345). **Pages H4768–70, H4777–78**

Rejected:

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds (\$250,000) made available in this Act be used to fund the Rochester, NY, Tooling and Machining Association for a workforce development program; **Pages H4716–17**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds (\$200,000) made available in this Act be

used to fund the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry and Tourism; **Pages H4718–19**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds (\$750,000) made available in this Act be used to fund the Fairplex Trade and Conference Center; **Pages H4719–20**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds (\$400,000) made available in this Act be used to fund the Wisconsin Procurement Initiative; **Pages H4722–23**

Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to prevent certain states and local programs from implementing medical marijuana laws (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes, to 259 noes, Roll No. 333); **Pages H4735–39**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds (\$150,000) made available in this Act be used to fund the Arthur Avenue Retail Market for local business requirements and improvements (by a recorded vote of 76 ayes, to 345 noes, Roll No. 334); **Pages H4717–18 H4739–40**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds (\$300,000) made available in this Act be used to fund the Bronx Council for marketing of local business arts initiatives (by a recorded vote of 74 ayes, to 343 noes, Roll No. 335); **Pages H4720–21, H4740–41**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds (\$800,000) made available in this Act be used to fund the Johnstown Area Regional Industries (JARI) organization (by a recorded vote of 63 ayes, to 356 noes, Roll No. 336); **Pages H4721–22, H4741**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds (\$900,000) made available in this Act be used to fund the Fairmont State University for a small business initiative (by a recorded vote of 70 ayes, to 350 noes, Roll No. 337); **Pages H4723–24, H4741–42**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds (\$1,000,000) made available in this Act be used to fund the Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association (by a recorded vote of 56 ayes, to 363 noes, Roll No. 338); **Pages H4724–25, H4742–43**

Frank amendment that sought to prohibit funding for a manned space missions to Mars (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes, to 274 noes, Roll No. 339); **Pages H4726–29, H4743**

Gingrey amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) that sought to prohibit funds from this Act to be used for negotiating the participation of additional countries under the visa waiver program in section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act; **Pages H4755–56**

Stearns amendment (No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) that sought to prohibit funds from this Act to be used to carry out any provision of section 203 of the Voting Rights Act (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes, to 254 noes, Roll No. 340); **Pages H4743–48, H4774–75**

Weiner amendment that sought to increase funding (by offset) for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program by \$467,574,000 (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes, to 236 noes, Roll No. 341); **Pages H4748–52, H4775**

Stearns amendment (No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) that sought to prohibit funds from this Act to be used for the design, renovation, construction, or rental of any headquarters for the United Nations in any location in the United States (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes, to 288 noes, Roll No. 342); **Pages H4752–53, H4775–76**

Nadler amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds from being used to issue a national security letter to a health insurance company under any of the provisions of law amended by section 505 of the USA PATRIOT ACT (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes, to 230 noes, Roll No. 344); and **Pages H4764–67, H4777**

Henchey amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds in the bill in contravention of section 3109 of title 18, United States Code (knock and announce rule) (by a recorded vote of 109 ayes, to 310 noes, Roll No. 346). **Pages H4772–74, H4778–79**

Withdrawn:

Gilchrest amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to add \$738 million to NOAA, offset by a \$738 cut to NASA; **Pages H4697–99**

Etheridge amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to allocate \$38,000,000 for the Public Safety Officers' Death Benefits program; **Pages H4733–34**

Hinchey amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit funds to prevent certain states and local programs from implementing medical marijuana laws and transfers of funds; **Page H4735**

Jones amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit funds from being used to operate the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's National Contact Center; **Pages H4753–55**

McCaul amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit funds for any U.N. peacekeeping missions in which United Nations employees under investigation have not been removed; **Page H4757**

Garrett amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to require that not

later than 90 days after enactment, and annually thereafter, the President shall submit to Congress a report listing contributions of the United States Government for the preceding fiscal year to the United Nations and United Nations affiliated agencies and related bodies; and **Page H4764**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit funds made available in this Act from being used to target segments of Muslim and Arab Communities for national security investigations. **Page H4768**

Point of Order sustained against:

The proviso, Sec. 608, sought to prohibit legislation in an appropriations bill; **Pages H4711–12**

Obey amendment that sought to insert a new section at the end of title IV amending Section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)) to raise the Federal minimum wage; and **Pages H4712–13**

Watson amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds from being made available to negotiate the accession by the Russian Federation into the World Trade Organization. **Page H4730**

Rejected the Miller, George, of California motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 37 ayes, to 352 noes, Roll No. 332. **Pages H4692–93**

H. Res. 890, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, Tuesday, June 27th, by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 319, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

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

Amending the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections: H.R. 5689, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections; and **Pages H4779–83**

Congratulating the National Hockey League Champions, the Carolina Hurricanes, on their victory in the 2006 Stanley Cup Finals: H. Res. 881, to congratulate the National Hockey League Champions, the Carolina Hurricanes, on their victory in the 2006 Stanley Cup Finals. **Pages H4783–86**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:50 p.m and reconvened at 12:25 a.m. **Page H4793**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4743.

Senate Referrals: S. 801 was held at the desk and S. 2650 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H4793**

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H4796.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4689, H4692–93, H4739, H4739–40, H4740–41, H4741, H4741–42, H4742–43, H4743, H4774–75, H4775, H4775–76, H4776–77, H4777, H4777–78, and H4778–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:27 a.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHANISTAN SECURITY AND STABILITY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of security and stability in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Karen Tandy, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Karl Eikenberry, USA, Commanding General, Combined Forces Command–Afghanistan; and Mary Beth Long, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and James Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State.

CHARACTER BUILDING IN EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on The First Tee and Schools: Working To Build Character Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MENTAL ILLNESS AND BRAIN DISEASE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Mental Illness and Brain Disease: Dispelling Myths and Promoting Recovery Through Awareness and Treatment. Testimony was heard from Thomas Insel, M.D., Director, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MAKING THE INTERNET SAFE FOR KIDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled “Making the Internet Safe for Kids: The Role of ISPs and Social Networking Sites.” Testimony was heard from Pamela Jones Harbour, Commissioner, FTC; Diego Ruiz, Deputy Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, FCC; and public witnesses.

INVESTOR PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Investor Protec-

tion: A Review of Plaintiffs’ Attorney Abuses in Securities Litigation and Legislative Remedies.” Testimony was heard from Vaughan R. Walker, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; William F. Galvin, Secretary, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

HOUSING MARKET AND NEXT NATURAL CATASTROPHE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Is America’s Housing Market Prepared for the Next Natural Catastrophe?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TREAT METHAMPHETAMINE VICTIMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Availability and Effectiveness of Programs To Treat Victims of the Methamphetamine Epidemic.” Testimony was heard from Bertha Madras, Deputy Director, Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Charles Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; and public witnesses.

OMB’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LINE OF BUSINESS INITIATIVE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability held a hearing entitled “OMB’s Financial Management Line of Business Initiative: Do Recent Changes to the Implementation Guidance Clarify the Rules?” Testimony was heard from Linda Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; Mary Mitchell, Deputy Associate Administrator, GSA; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT BORDER SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “DHS Intelligence and Border Security: Delivering Operational Intelligence.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Charles E. Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, Office of Intelligence Analysis; James Sloan, Assistant Commandant, Intelligence, U.S. Coast Guard; Cynthia O’Connell, Acting Director, Office of Intelligence, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and L. Thomas Bortmes, Director, Office of Intelligence,

Customs and Border Protection; and public witnesses.

**EAST TIMOR:
INSTABILITY AND FUTURE PROSPECTS**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on East Timor: Instability and Future Prospects. Testimony was heard from Eric John, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

**HURRICANE RECONSTRUCTION AND
PREPAREDNESS**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Hurricane Reconstruction and Preparedness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State: Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean; and Timothy M. Callaghan, Senior Regional Advisor, Latin America and the Caribbean, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance.

**BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION
ACT**

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1856, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005.

The Committee also began consideration of H.R. 5323, Proud to Be an American Citizen Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Michaud, Fortenberry, Osborne, and Terry; Sue Masica, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**DEEP OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES ACT OF
2006**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4761, Domestic Energy Production through

Offshore Exploration and Equitable Treatment of State Holdings Act of 2006, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that House Resolutions 162, 163, 181, 182, 393, 395, 400, 401, 468, and 620 are laid upon the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pombo, Chairman Boehlert, Chairman Tom Davis of Virginia and Representatives Calvert, Flake, Bartlett of Maryland, Udall of New Mexico, Markey, Inslee, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

**RESOLUTION—CONDEMNING DISCLOSURE
AND PUBLICATION OF CLASSIFIED
INFORMATION**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H. Res. 895, supporting intelligence and law enforcement programs to track terrorists and terrorist finances conducted consistent with Federal law and with appropriate Congressional consultation and specifically condemning the disclosure and publication of classified information that impairs the international fight against terrorism and needlessly exposes Americans to the threat of further terror attacks by revealing a crucial method by which terrorists are traced through their finances, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. Finally, the rule provides one

motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representative Frank of Massachusetts.

HIGH NATURAL GAS PRICE EFFECTS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports held a hearing entitled “The Effects of the High Cost of Natural Gas on Small Businesses and Future Energy Technologies.” Testimony was heard from James Kendell, Director, Natural Gas Division, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Minerals Management Service; and Tom Lonnie, Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection Directorate; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SURVEY RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: S. 362, Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; H.R. 4650, National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005; and H.R. 5681, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions.

VA OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on What VA IT Organizational Structure would have best prevented VA's “Meltdown” in Information Management. Testimony was heard from MG Robert Howard, USA (Ret.), Acting Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology and Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and the following former Assistant Secretaries, Information Technology and Former Chief Information Officers, Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert McFarland and John A. Gauss; and public witnesses.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Health Savings Accounts. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REPORT: AL QAEDA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session and approved the following: “Report: ‘al Qaeda: The Many Faces of an Islamic Extremist Threat.’”

Joint Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee met and agreed to certain committee procedural matters.

ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE)

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Karel De Gucht, Foreign Minister of Belgium, Brussels.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: 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, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

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: to hold hearings to examine Russia, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider Protocol between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the State of Israel, signed at Jerusalem on July 6, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 109-3), 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 to India, and to implement the U.S. Additional Protocol, S. Res. 460, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should

increase its support to the people of Somalia in their efforts to end decades of violence, establish lasting peace, form a democratically elected and stable central government, and become an effective partner in eradicating radicalism and terrorism from their country and the region, S. Con. Res. 105, commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan, and 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, 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, Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Peter R. Coneway, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and Thomas C. Foley, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ireland, 11 a.m., SD-419.

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

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 the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, and Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Gustavo Antonio Gelpi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Daniel Porter Jordan III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, R. Alexander Acosta, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Martin J. Jackley, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, and Brett L. Tolman, to be United States

Attorney for the District of Utah, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, S. 2831, to guarantee the free flow of information to the public through a free and active press while protecting the right of the public to effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice, H.R. 1036, to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to Copyright Royalty Judges, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 2703, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965, S. 1845, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, S. 2679, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other committee matters, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

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

House

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

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on reports of weapons of mass destruction findings in Iraq, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on assessing United States Special Operations Command's missions and roles, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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, hearing on Growth, Opportunity, Competition—America Goes to Work, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 3329, Civilian Prisoner-of-War Medal Act of 2005; the Federal Wildland Firefighter Classification Act; H.R. 4962, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the "Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building; H.R. 5626, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 802 South Carrier Parkway in Rand Prairie, Texas, as the "Alexander McRae Dechman Post Office Building;" H. Res. 189, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day ought to be established to bring awareness to the issue of missing persons; H. Res. 533, Supporting the goals and ideals of Cambodian-American Freedom day; H.R. 721, Supporting the goals and ideals of a Salvadoran-American Day (El Dia del Salvadoreno) in recognition of all Salvadoran-Americans for their hard work, dedication, and contribution to the stability and well-being of the United States; and H. Res. 823, Commending the outstanding efforts by members of faith-based and community organizations in response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita; and to hold a hearing entitled "What Price Free Speech?: Whistleblowers and the Ceballos Decision," 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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

Cybersecurity, hearing on H.R. 5695, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, 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.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on North Korean Brinkmanship: Is U.S. Policy Up to the Challenge? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary: to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2389, Pledge Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 5323, Proud to Be an American Citizen Act, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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

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

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

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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, to consider the following: H.R. 5640, Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006; and H.R. 5684, United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Integrated Collection Architecture, 10 a.m., and executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 3:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 hours), Senate will begin consideration of S. 3569, to implement the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 5672—Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007. Possibly, consider H.R. 4761—Deep Ocean Energy Resources Act of 2006 (Subject to a Rule).

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