

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5261–S5314

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1248–1253, and S. Res. 176–177. **Page S5306**

Measures Reported:

S. 1248, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 110–58).

S. 849, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act). (S. Rept. No. 110–59). **Page S5306**

Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments: Senate began consideration of S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions. **Pages S5270–S5303**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, May 1, 2007. **Page S5314**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2012.

Maurice S. Parker, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

James Russell Dedrick, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Esteban Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

Joe W. Stecher, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S5314**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S5305**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:45 p.m., and adjourned at 6:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5314.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAN BUSINESS TIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism concluded a hearing to examine Halliburton and United States business ties to Iran, after receiving testimony from William C. Thompson, Jr., New York City Comptroller, New York, New York; Sherry Williams, Halliburton Company, Washington, D.C.; and Victor D. Comras, Falls Church, Virginia.

EMPOWERING AMERICANS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the Federal government's role in empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Morgan Brown, Assistant Deputy Secretary of Education for Innovation and Improvement; Dan Iannicola, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Education; Robert F. Danbeck, Associate Director for Human Resources Products and Services Division, Office of Personnel Management; Yvonne D. Jones, Director, Financial Markets and Community

Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; Robert F. Duvall, National Council on Economic Education, New York, New York; and Stephen Brobeck, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 2073–2079; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 134; and H. Res. 344–345 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1124, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 (H. Rept. 110–112);

H.R. 1592, to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–113);

H.R. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–114); and

H.R. 1868, to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–115). **Page H4209**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4207**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. J. Cletus Kiley, President, The Faith & Politics Institute, Washington, DC. **Page H4207**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and message received from the Senate today appear on page H4207.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at noon and adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Missile Defense Agency. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine conservation policy recommendations for the farm bill, 2 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense transportation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBRs) and truck driver fatigue reduction, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine advanced technology vehicles, focusing on the road ahead, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine process patents, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (Public Law 95–511), 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the crop insurance industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on review of rural broadband programs operated by the USDA's Rural Utilities Service, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on Health Personnel Overview, 10 a.m., and on Preventative Medicine and Cancers Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Public Witnesses, 12 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, hearing on Paying For a College Education: Barriers and Solutions for Students and Families," 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Achieving—At Long Last—Appliance Efficiency Standards," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1014, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act, 12 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following bills: H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007; and H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, 4 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on the Future of Political, Economic and Security Relations with China, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Direction and Viability of the Federal Protective Service," 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to consider a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to James Comey for testimony and related documents at a hearing before the Committee regarding the circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorney's, representatives to Congress regarding those circumstances, and related matters; followed by a hearing on the Second Anniversary of the Enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005: Are Consumers Really Being Protected Under the Act: 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing and markup of the following bills: H.R. 1525, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007; and H.R. 1615, Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on An Examination of Point Systems as a Method for Selecting Immigrants, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, joint oversight hearing on The Future of Fossil Fuels: Geological and

Terrestrial Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Gone with Wind: Impacts of Wind Turbines on Birds and Bats, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on FDA's Critical Mission and Challenges for the Future; and to mark up the following: H.R. 1873, Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act; the Clarification of Federal Employment Protections Act; the District of Columbia Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007; a measure to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to increase the salary of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia; H.R. 1617, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building;" H.R. 2025, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building;" H. Res. 53, Recognizing the life of Lamar Hunt and his outstanding contributions to the Kansas City Chiefs, the National Football League, and the United States; H.R. 1722, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office;" H. Con. Res. 105, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who worked for the right of women to vote in the United States; H. Res. 307, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the National during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007; H.R. 1335, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building;" H.R. 1260, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the "Claude Ramsey Post Office;" H. Con. Res. 117, Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown; and H. Res. 291, Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 1429, Improving Head Start Act of 2007; H.R. 1867, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007; and H. R. 1868, Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing to examine the SSA's ability to hire Administrative Law Judges to address the growing disability claims backlog, 11a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2008 Intelligence Authorization Act, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1082, Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 1

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 252—Recognizing the 45th anniversary of John Hershel Glenn, Jr.'s historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth; (2) H. Con. Res. 95—Honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award; (3) H. Res. 316—Recognizing the accomplishments of Roger D. Kornberg, Andrew Fire, Craig Mello, John C. Mather, and George F. Smoot for being awarded Nobel Prizes in the fields of chemistry, physiology or medicine, and physics; (4) H. Res. 334—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month; (5) H. Con. Res. 112—Supporting the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage

Day; (6) H. Res. 298—To commend the University of Florida Gators for their historic win in the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament; (7) H. Res. 344—Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education; (8) H. Res. 100—Expressing the sympathy of House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes; (9) H. Res. 272—Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade; (10) H. Res. 158—Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world; (11) H. Res. 243—Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience; (12) H. Con. Res. 132—Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo; and (13) H. Con. Res. 118—Congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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