

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 739–742, and S. Con. Res. 25. **Page S3358**

Nomination Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 11, 2005, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Crotty, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees, and the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S3363**

China Currency Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, shall, no later than July 27, 2005, call up S. 295, to authorize appropriate action in the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency are not successful; that if the bill has not been reported by then by the Committee on Finance, it be discharged at that time, and the Senate begin its consideration; that there be 2 hours for debate equally divided between the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and the Democratic Leader, or his designee; that no amendments or motions be in order, including Committee amendments; that after the use, or yielding back of time, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate vote on final passage of the bill; provided further, that the bill become the pending business when the Senate resumes legislative session after July 26, 2005, under the above terms and conditions if it has not been considered prior to that time. **Page S3363**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. **Page S3364**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 2:16 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 11, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3364.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, both of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS: CORPS OF ENGINEERS/BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from John Paul Woodley, Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and R. Tomas Weimer, Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and John W. Keys, III, Commissioner, both of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Ballistic Missile Defense Programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, United States Strategic Command; David W. Duma, Acting Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency.

GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory reform of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on the Administration's views on

how best to improve and reform regulatory oversight of the housing government-sponsored enterprises, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; and Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Thune, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8 in pro forma session, and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education, and Extension. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; Edward B. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension; Susan E. Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; R. Ronald Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Office.

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services,

Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on OSHA, on the Mine Safety and Health Administration, and on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jonathon Snare, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA; David Dye, Acting Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; and John Howard, M.D., National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the GSA. Testimony was heard by Stephen A. Perry, Administrator, GSA.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on BRAC/Global Posture Review. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Military Resale and Morale Welfare and Recreation Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; MG Kathryn Frost, USA, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service Command; RADM Robert E. Cowley, USN, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Michael P. Downs, Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Patrick Nixon, CEO and Acting Director, Defense Commissary Agency; BG John A. MacDonald, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center; RADM Christopher Weaver, USN, Commander, Navy Installations Command; Arthur Meyers, Director, Services, USAF; SFC Peter Cawley, Army National Guard; GySgt Alan R. Gilly, USMC; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform,: Held a hearing entitled “No Computer Left Behind: A Review of the Federal Government’s D+Information Security Grade.” Testimony was heard from Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; Karen S. Evans, Administrator, Office of E-Government and Information Technology, OMB; the following officials of AID, Department of State: Bruce N. Crandlemire, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and John Streufert, Acting Chief Information Officer; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Frank Deffer, Assistant Inspector General, Information Technology; and Steve Cooper, Chief Information Officer; and the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Ted Alves, Assistant Inspector General, IT and Financial Management; and Daniel Matthews, Chief Information Officer.

Joint Meetings

KYRGYZSTAN REVOLUTION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the recent revolution in Kyrgyzstan and the prospects now for consolidating democracy, focusing on the implications for Central Asia, Belarus, Russia and the United States, after receiving testi-

mony from Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Daniel Kimmage, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, both of Washington, D.C.; and Zamira Sydykova, Res Publica, and Yulia Savchenko, Pyramid TV, both of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 11 through April 16, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations. Also, at 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Crotty, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 5:30 p.m.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 12, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 13, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for intelligence and global intelligence programs, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

April 13, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

April 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of the Chief Economist, the Office of Farm and

Foreign Agricultural Services, the Office of Natural Resources and the Environment, the Office of Rural Development, and the Office of Research, Education, and Economics, all of the Department of Agriculture, 12:30 p.m., SD-192.

April 14, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 14, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of Marketing and Regulatory Programs, the Office of Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, and the Office of Food Safety and Inspection Service, all of the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-192.

April 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: April 11, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the Chemical Demilitarization Program of the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 2 p.m., SR-222.

April 12, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding assessment of Iraqi Security Forces, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

April 12, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold closed hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding and industrial base status in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006; to be followed by an open hearing in SR-232A, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 13, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine high risk areas in the management of the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

April 13, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 1:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 13, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Home Loan Bank System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 11, to hold hearings to examine S. 241, to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act, 2 p.m., SR-253.

April 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Griffin, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Joseph H. Boardman, of New York, to be

Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Nancy Ann Nord, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and William Cobey, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 12, to hold hearings to examine developing a reliable supply of oil from domestic oil shale and oil sands resources, focusing on opportunities to advance technology that will facilitate environmentally friendly development of oil shale and oil sands resources, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 12, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine management and planning issues for the National Mall, including the history of the development, security projects and other planned construction, and future development plans, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 13, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

April 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 388, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity and to provide credit-based financial assistance and investment protection for projects that employ advanced climate technologies or systems, to provide for the establishment of a national greenhouse gas registry, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 13, business meeting to consider the nominations of Luis Luna, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Major General Don T. Riley, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, and Michael Butler, of Tennessee, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and pending legislation, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 13, to hold hearings to examine The U.S.-Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 11, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be U.S. Representative to United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for European

Affairs, and Robert Joseph, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 13, business meeting to consider the nomination of Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine lifelong education opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 13, business meeting to consider S. 21, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, S. 335, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, S. 494, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, S. 501, to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in the District of Columbia, and certain committee reports, 11 a.m., SD-562.

April 14, Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold oversight hearings to examine a review of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), focusing on the impact of the UMRA has had on Federal, state, and local governments and explore if changes are necessary to strengthen the law's procedures, definitions, and exclusions, 10 a.m., SD-562.

April 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the ongoing need for comprehensive postal reform, 2 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 13, to hold oversight hearings to examine Indian Health, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 13, to hold hearings to examine securing electronic personal data, focusing on striking a balance between privacy and commercial and governmental use, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

April 13, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine judicial activism regarding federal and state marriage protection initiatives, 2 p.m., SD-226.

April 14, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold joint hearings to examine deportation and related issues relating to strengthening interior enforcement, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 14, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association of State Director of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Vietnam Veterans of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 12, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

April 12, Full Committee, to continue hearings in closed session to examine the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 13, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 12, to hold hearings to examine role of employer-sponsored retirement plans in increasing national savings, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 12, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Pandemic Preparedness and Influenza Vaccine Supply, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 12, Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia and Independent Agencies, on the Federal Judiciary, 9:30 a.m., and on the Supreme Court, 1 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and on the Administration on Aging, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia and Independent Agencies, on OMB, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Defense, on Recruiting and Retention, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security, on Science and Technology, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., and on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies, on Members of Congress and Public Witnesses, 9 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 14, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses: Native Americans, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on FCC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 15, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development,

the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Related Agencies, on the Federal Highway Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on International Relations, April 14, joint hearing regarding U.S. national security and foreign policy implications of arms exports to the People's Republic of China by member states of the European Union, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request on the Department of Defense's major rotorcraft programs, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 14, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on The Best of Head Start: Learning from Model Programs, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 12, to continue markup of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The ORBIT Act: An Examination of Progress Made in Privatizing the Satellite Communications Marketplace," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 12, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Reforming Credit Rating Agencies: The SEC's Need for Statutory Authority," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 13, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Administration Perspective on GSE Regulatory Reform," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 1042, Net Worth Amendment for Credit Unions Act, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Review and Oversight of the National Flood Insurance Program," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, April 12, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "NSPS: The New Department of Defense Civilian Personnel System—Reaching Readiness," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 12, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations hearing entitled: Oil-for-Food: The Inevitable Failure of U.N. Sanctions," 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 12, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "The Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturing," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Yucca Mountain Project: Digging for the Truth," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 14, full Committee, hearing entitled "Domestic Source Restrictions Threaten Free Trade: What is the Federal Government Doing to Ensure a Level Playing Field in the Global Economy," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "The Na-

tional Parks: Will They Survive for Future Generations?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 12, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "The Need for Grant Reform and The Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005," 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 13, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security: Promoting Risk-Based Prioritization and Management," 1:30 p.m., room to be announced.

April 14, hearing entitled "Grant Reform: The Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005," 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, April 13, hearing on U.S. Response to Global AIDS Crisis: A Two-Year Review, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, to mark up H.R. 282, Iran Freedom Support Act, 12 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S. Trade Agreements with Latin America, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Zimbabwe: Prospects for Democracy after the March 2005 Elections, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Averting Nuclear Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the United Nations Secretary-General's Reform Plan: Rhetoric vs. Reality, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 12, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 1528, Defending America's Most Vulnerable Safe Access to Drug Treatment and Child Protection Act of 2005; followed by a markup of H.R. 1528 and H.R. 1279, Gang Deterrence and Community Protection Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on Immigration and the Alien Gang Epidemic: Problems and Solutions, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, oversight hearing of the Department of Justice the Use of Section 218 of the USA PATRIOT Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 12, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on Snowmobile Use in the National Park System, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 13, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Management Challenges for Grazing and Range Conservation in the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, 3:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 13, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "The Role of New Surface and Groundwater Storage in Providing Reliable Water and Power Supplies and Reducing Drought's Impacts," 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 14, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Relationship between the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 14, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 432, Betty Dick Residence Protection Act; H.R. 481, Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Trust Act of 2005; and H.R. 1492, To provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, April 13, to mark up H.R. 1215, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 14, hearing on the 2004 Presidential Awardees for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 13, hearing on the importance of the participating securities program to assist small businesses gain access to much needed capital, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

April 14, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, hearing entitled "The Estate Tax and the Alternative Minimum Tax—Inequity for America's Small Businesses," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 13, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to mark up H.R. 889, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 13, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Wastewater Blending, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Transforming the Federal Aviation Administration: a Review of the Air Traffic Organization and the Joint Program Development Office, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 14, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on The National Preparedness System: What are we preparing for? 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 14, hearing on United States-China Economic Relations and China's Role in the World Economy, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 14, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on 2005 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 12, executive, hearing on Central Intelligence Program (CIAP) Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 13, executive, hearing on FBI Budget, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 14, executive, briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., and executive, hearing on General Defense Intelligence Program (GDIP) Budget, 10 a.m., HJ-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: April 14, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association of State Director of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Vietnam Veterans of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, April 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations. Also, at 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Crotty, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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