

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2320, LIHEAP Funding.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1807–S1858

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2375–2383. **Pages S1833–34**

Measures Passed:

LIHEAP Funding: Senate passed S. 2320, to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1808–15, S1817–28**

Adopted:

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 34), Frist (for Snowe) Amendment No. 2913 (to Amendment No. 2899), to improve the distribution of funds to States under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. **Pages S1815, S1817–26**

Kyl/Ensign Amendment No. 2899, to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for allotments to States for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006. **Page S1826**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 75 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 33), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1815**

Chair sustained a point of order that Inhofe Amendment No. 2898, to reduce energy prices, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S1826**

Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act:

Senate continued consideration of S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1850–52**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2932, to provide additional transparency in the legislative process. **Pages S1850–52**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 8, 2006. **Page S1850**

Nominations Received:

Senate received the following nominations:

Michael E. Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2010.

Jon Wellingshoff, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2008.

Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Jerry Gayle Bridges, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps. **Pages S1852–58**

Nominations Withdrawn:

Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

James Hardy Payne, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on September 29, 2005. **Page S1858**

Executive Communications: **Pages S1832–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1834–35**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1835–44**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1831–32**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1844–49**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: Pages S1849–50

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S1850

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
(Total—34) Pages S1815, S1826

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 8, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1850.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee held a hearing to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist the Gulf Coast region in its recovery from hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005, after receiving testimony from Alabama Governor Bob Riley, Montgomery; Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco, Baton Rouge; Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, Jackson; and Texas Governor Rick Perry, Austin.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and Vice Admiral

Evan M. Chanik, USN, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessments (J8).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued open and closed hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command; General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, Commander, United Nations Command and Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command, Commander, United States Forces Korea; and General James L. Jones, USMC, Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine the nuclear weapons and defense environmental cleanup activities of the Department of Energy in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years nuclear security program, after receiving testimony from Linton F. Brooks, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, and James A. Rispoli, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy.

CREDIT RATING AGENCIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current oversight and operation of credit rating agencies, after receiving testimony from Paul Schott Stevens, Investment Company Institute, Damon A. Silvers, AFL-CIO, and Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Colleen S. Cunningham, Financial Executives International, Florham Park, New Jersey; Glenn L. Reynolds, CreditSights, Inc., and Vickie A. Tillman, Standard and Poor's Credit Market Services, both of New York, New York; Frank Partnoy, University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California; and Jeffrey J. Diermeier, CFA Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia.

RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rural telecommunications, including telephony, data transmission, video transmission and mobility, after receiving testimony from Thomas Dorr, Under Secretary, and James M. Andrew, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mark K. Johnson, Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Anchorage; Ray Baum, Commissioner, Public Utility Commissioner of Oregon, Salem; William Squires, Blackfoot Telecommunications Group, Missoula, Montana; Larry Sarjeant, Qwest Communications, and Joe Garcia, National Congress of American Indians, both of Washington, D.C.; and Craig Mundie, Microsoft, Redmond, Washington.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the goal of U.S. energy independence, focusing on how the United States can facilitate the advancement of technologies to create new sources of energy, how to make more

efficient use of existing energy resources, and how to increase access to domestic resources in an environmentally safe way, after receiving testimony from R. James Woolsey, Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, Virginia, former Director of Central Intelligence Agency; Susan M. Cischke, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Frank A. Verrastro, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Amory B. Lovins, Rocky Mountain Institute, Snowmass, Colorado.

U.S.-OMAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Committee on Finance: On Monday, March 6, Subcommittee on International Trade held a hearing to examine the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement, receiving testimony from Susan C. Schwab, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Edward S. Walker, Jr., Middle East Institute, David Hamod, National U.S. Arab Chamber of Commerce, and Thea M. Lee, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robert Hemphill, AES Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Randall L. Tobias, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Bayh, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

2005 GULF COAST HURRICANES RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee met to discuss the response of community-based organizations to the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes, receiving testimony from Cynthia Fagnoni,

Managing Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Kay Wilkins, American Red Cross, Metairie, Louisiana; Jayne Wright, Louisiana State Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and Food Bank of Central Louisiana, Alexandria; Todd Hawks, Salvation Army, Arlington, Virginia; Craig Nemitz, America's Second Harvest, and Heather Feltman, Lutheran Disaster Response, both of Chicago, Illinois; Mostafa Mahbood, Islamic Relief USA, Burbank, California; Almetra Franklin, St. Mary Community Action Agency, Franklin, Louisiana; Tanya Harris, Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, New Orleans, Louisiana; Lorna Bourg, Southern Mutual Help Association, New Iberia, Louisiana; Thomas E. Green, Office of Community Services, Little Rock, Arkansas; and Ande Miller, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Tom Hazelwood, United Methodist Committee on Relief, William Daroff, United Jewish Communities, and Welton Gaddy, Interfaith Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from James R. Mueller, Robert E. Wallace, and Dennis Cullinan, all of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4881–4897; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 81–82; H. Con. Res. 352; and H. Res. 711–712 were introduced. **Pages H644–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H645–46**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 645, requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the President or the Secretary of Defense

relating to the collection of intelligence information pertaining to persons inside the United States without obtaining court-ordered warrants authorizing the collection of such information and relating to the policy of the United States with respect to the gathering of counterterrorism intelligence within the United States; adversely (H. Rept. 109–384);

H. Res. 641, requesting the President to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in his possession relating to electronic surveillance without search warrants on individuals in the United States, adversely (H. Rept. 109–385); and

H. Res. 710, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4167) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements (H. Rept. 109–386). **Pages H575, H600, H644**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Price of Georgia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H573**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H575**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress a legislative proposal entitled, the “Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006”, to give the President line item authority to reduce wasteful spending—referred to the Committee on Budget and the Committee on Rules and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–94). **Page H577**

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

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the “Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office Building”: H.R. 3934, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the “Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office Building”; **Pages H577–78**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office”: H.R. 4054, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 19; **Pages H578–79, H598–99**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the “Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building”: S. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the “Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building”—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H579–81**

USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act of 2006: S. 2271, to clarify that individuals who receive FISA orders can challenge nondisclosure requirements, that individuals who receive national security letters are not required to disclose the name of their attorney, that libraries are not wire or electronic communication service providers unless they provide specific services, by a yea-

and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 138 nays, Roll No. 20—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H581–93, H599

Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act: H.R. 32, amended by the Senate, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks; and **Pages H593–96**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week: H. Res. 681, to support the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week. **Pages H596–98**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H598**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H575 and H601.

Senate Referral: S. 2320 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and the Workforce. **Page H628**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H598–99 and H599. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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

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 Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation.

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Air Force Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force.

HUMAN CLONING/STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Human Cloning and Embryonic Stem Cell Research After Seoul: Examining Exploitation, Fraud and Ethical Problems in the Research.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: James F. Battey, Jr., M.D., Chair, NIH Stem Cell Task Force, Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Bernard Schwetz, Director, Office for Human Research Protections; and Chris B. Pascal, Director, Office of Research Integrity; and public witnesses.

CRUISE SHIPS/INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “International Maritime Security II: Law Enforcement, Passenger Security and Incident Investigation on Cruise Ships.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—BIENNIAL BIOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Biennial Biological Risk Assessment. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WHITE COLLAR ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on White Collar Enforcement (Part 1): Attorney-Client Privilege and Corporate Waivers. Testimony was heard from Robert D. McCallum, Jr., Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 9.

NATIONAL FOOD UNIFORMITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 4167, National Food Uniformity Act of 2005. The rule provides that no further general debate shall be in order. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. 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. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 8, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

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

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

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine the proposed reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to markup concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development, to hold hearings to examine impacts of piracy and counterfeiting of American goods and intellectual property in China, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine a prognosis of the nation's health care tax policy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, Donald J. DeGabrielle, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, John Charles Richter, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, Amul R. Thapar, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, all of the Department of Justice, proposed legislation providing for comprehensive immigration reform, S. 1768, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S.

829, to allow media coverage of court proceedings, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, 4 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider a motion to authorize issuance of a service contract with Mr. Robert Douglas to support the ongoing investigation by the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of "data brokers" who acquire and sell consumers' cell phone records and other confidential information; followed by a markup of the Prevention of Fraudulent Access to Phone Records Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health,” 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “The Paperwork Reduction Act at 25: Opportunities To Strengthen and Improve the Law,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled “Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget: Enhancing Preparedness for First Responders,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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

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

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

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

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

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: Evidence of Continued Need,” 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled “The Report on Orphan Works by the Copyright Office,” 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4545, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration project; and S. 1338 Alaska Water Resources Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2829, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2005, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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

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

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, oversight hearing on improving access to quality care for our nation's veterans through collaboration with affiliated medical institutions and the Department of Defense and the operation of integrated medical facilities, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2349, Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 8

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions: (1) 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”; (2) H.R. 1190—San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act of 2005; (3) H.R. 4192—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System; (4) H.R. 4472—Children’s Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Act of 2005; (5) H.R. 3505—Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005; (6) H.R. 1053—To authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment; (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Ukraine; (7) H. Res. 673—Expressing support for the efforts of the people of the Republic of Belarus to establish a full democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights and urging the Government of Belarus to conduct a free and fair presidential election on March 19, 2006. Begin consideration of H.R. 4167—National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005.

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