

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 8 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S7361–S7450*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3639–3650, S. Res. 527, and S. Con. Res. 108. **Page S7415**

**Measures Reported:** Report to accompany S. 3524, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve health care provided to Indians under the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Programs. (S. Rept. No. 109–278)

S. 2832, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. (S. Rept. No. 109–279)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Condemning Terrorist Attacks:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 527, condemning in the strongest terms the July 11, 2006, terrorist attacks in India and expressing sympathy and support for the families of the deceased victims and wounded as well as steadfast support to the Government of India as it seeks to reassure and protect the people of India and to bring the perpetrators of this despicable act of terrorism to justice. **Page S7441**

**Printing Authority:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 108, authorizing the printing of a revised edition of a pocket version of the United States Constitution, and other publications. **Pages S7441–42**

**National Veterans Awareness Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 507, designating the week of November 5 through November 11, 2006, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7742**

**National Mammography Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 508, designating October 20, 2006, as "National Mammography Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7742**

**National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 499, designating September 9, 2006, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7742–43**

**Commemorating 50th Anniversary of U.S. National Motto:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 96, to commemorate, celebrate, and reaffirm the national motto of the United States on the 50th anniversary of its formal adoption, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7743–44**

**Louis Braille Bicentennial—Braille Literacy Commemorative Coin Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2872, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7444**

**Homeland Security Appropriations:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7366–S7407**

#### Adopted:

Bingaman Amendment No. 4591, to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders. **Pages S7367–68**

Coburn Amendment No. 4562, to require that any limitation, directive, or earmarking contained in either the House of Representatives or Senate report accompanying this bill be included in the conference

report or joint statement accompanying the bill in order to be considered as having been approved by both Houses of Congress. **Pages S7368–69**

Coburn Amendment No. 4561, to require that reports required in the bill to be submitted to the Committee on Appropriations and the Department of Homeland Security's annual justifications of the President's budget request shall be posted on the Department of Homeland Security's public Web site not later than 48 hours after such submission unless information in the report compromises national security. **Pages S7369–70**

Coburn Amendment No. 4590, to make appropriations available for the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to ensure compliance with the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note). **Pages S7373–74**

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 4585, to prohibit the use of funds available to the Coast Guard for operating expenses for the continuation of operations of Long Range Aids to Navigation stations nationwide, except in Alaska, far northwest, and far northeast Continental United States of America. **Pages S7370–73, S7374–77, S7382**

Gregg (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 4558, to prohibit the expenditure of appropriated funds to enforce or comply with the limitation on the number of Transportation Security Administration employees. **Page S7387**

Gregg (for Salazar) Amendment No. 4554, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a report on the conduct of activities to achieve communications interoperability. **Page S7387**

Gregg (for Kerry) Amendment No. 4552, to repeal the Transportation Security Administration's exemption from Federal procurement law. **Page S7387**

Gregg (for Feingold/Sununu) Amendment No. 4569, to require reports to Congress on the Department of Homeland Security's use of data-mining. **Page S7387**

Gregg (for Byrd) Amendment No. 4614, to establish procedures for grants for State and local programs. **Pages S7389–90**

Byrd Amendment No. 4620, to ensure adequate safety at high-risk chemical facilities. **Pages S7388, S7390**

Baucus Modified Amendment No. 4621, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct tests of unmanned aerial vehicles for border surveillance along the border between Canada and the United States. **Pages S7388–89, S7390–91**

Withdrawn:

Coburn Amendment No. 4589, to reduce appropriations available for certain training, exercises, technical assistance, and other programs. **Pages S7373, S7384**

Pending:

Feinstein Amendment No. 4556, to amend chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the unauthorized construction, financing, or, with reckless disregard, permitting the construction or use on one's land, of a tunnel or subterranean passageway between the United States and another country and to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to modify the sentencing guidelines to account for such prohibition. **Pages S7366, S7399**

Thune/Talent Amendment No. 4610, to establish a program to use amounts collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels. **Pages S7384–86**

Vitter Amendment No. 4615, to prohibit the confiscation of a firearm during an emergency or major disaster if the possession of such firearm is not prohibited under Federal or State law. **Page S7386**

Menendez Modified Amendment No. 4634, to provide that appropriations under this Act may not be used for the purpose of providing certain grants, unless all such grants meet certain conditions for allocation. **Pages S7399–S7401**

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

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 194), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as made effective by section 7035(a) of P.L. 109–234, with respect to Biden Amendment No. 4553, to increase amounts for the rail and transit security grant programs. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would increase mandatory spending, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S7377–81, S7382–84, S7387**

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 195), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006, with respect to the emergency designation provision in Clinton Amendment No. 4576, to restore funding to States and local governments for terrorism prevention activities in the Homeland Security Grant Program to fiscal year 2005 levels. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 was sustained and the provision was stricken. Also, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment would exceed the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation, as made effective by section 7035(a) of P.L. 109–234, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S7391–95, S7396–97, S7398**

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**Pages S7395-96, S7397-98, S7398-99**

Chair sustained a point of order against Cornyn Amendment No. 4577 (to Amendment No. 4556), to provide for immigration injunction reform, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on appropriations matters, and the amendment thus fell.

**Pages S7367, S7399**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 13, 2006.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Philip S. Goldberg, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia.

John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

Henry M. Paulson, Jr., of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Navy.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
**Pages S7440-41**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S7441**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—196) **Pages S7387, S7398, S7399**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 13, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7444.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President, and J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

### VIETNAM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held a hearing to examine S. 3495, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam, receiving testimony from Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy United States

Trade Representative; Eric G. John, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Jon Caspers, National Pork Producers Council, Swaledale, Iowa; Christian Schlect, Northwest Horticultural Council, Yakima, Washington; Jeffrey R. Shafer, Citigroup Global Markets, New York, New York; and Augustine D. Tantillo, American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, Chris Seiple, Institute for Global Engagement, T. Kumar, Amnesty International USA, and Virginia B. Foote, U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine development effectiveness of certain infrastructure projects relating to multilateral development banks and their role in promoting economic development and reducing poverty, focusing on the Camisea pipeline project in Peru, and the Chad-Cameroon oil pipeline revenue management program, after receiving testimony from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Jaime Quijandria, The World Bank, Korinna Horta, Environmental Defense Fund, on behalf of The Chadian Association for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights and The Center for Environment and Development in Cameroon, and Manish Bapna, Bank Information Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Carlos Herrera Descalzi, National Engineers Association of Peru, Lima.

### LUMBEE RECOGNITION ACT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 660, to provide for the acknowledgment of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, after receiving testimony from Senator Dole; Representative McIntyre; R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Department of the Interior; James Ernest Goins, Pembroke, North Carolina, Arlinda F. Locklear, Jefferson, Maryland,

and Jack Campisi, Red Hook, New York, all of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; and Michell Hicks, Eastern Bank of Cherokees, Cherokee, North Carolina.

### IMMIGRATION REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine immigration reform issues, after receiving testimony from Carlos Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce; Michael

W. Cutler, Center for Immigration Studies, Benjamin Johnson, American Immigration Law Foundation, and William F. McDonald, Georgetown University Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Niall O'Dowd, Irish Lobby for Immigration, New York, New York.

### SMALL BUSINESS FEDERAL CONTRACTING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening participation of small businesses in Federal contracting and innovation research programs, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Thorson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration; Joe Wynn, Veterans Enterprise Training and Services Group, and Charles W. Wessner, National Research Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Steven Sims, National Minority Supplier Development Council, New York, New York; Michael Squillante, RMD, Inc., Watertown, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Small Business Technology Council; Eugene Watson, Red Ladder Ranch, Centennial, Wyoming, on behalf of the University of Wyoming Research Office and Wyoming Business Council; and Thomas J. Bigger, Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Boston, Massachusetts.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 5765–5781; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 445 and H. Res. 911–913, were introduced. **Pages H5127–28**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5128–29**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 910, providing for consideration of H.R. 9, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 109–554); and

H.R. 5640, to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the safe and stable families program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–555). **Page H5127**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5049**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael Jackson, Pastor, New Life Assembly of God, Janesville, Wisconsin. **Page H5049**

**Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2005—Motion to go to Conference:** The House previously passed H.R. 366, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act. The House subsequently passed S. 250, as amended by the House, a similar Senate-passed bill after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of H.R. 366, as passed by the House. The House insisted on its amendments and requested a conference with the Senate. **Pages H5062–73**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act.” **Page H5073**

The House agreed to the Miller of California motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 260 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 366.

**Pages H5073–78, H5080**

The Chair appoints the following Members of the House as conferees on S. 250: Representatives McKeon, Castle, Souder, Osborne, Musgrave, Miller, George, of California, Woolsey, and Kind.

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**Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Relief Act of 2005:** The House passed H.R. 2990, to improve ratings quality by fostering competition, transparency, and accountability in the credit rating agency industry, by a recorded vote of 255 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 368. **Pages H5080–94**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

**Pages H5087–89**

Agreed to:

Oxley amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–550) to clarify that there is no private right of action for rating agencies registered as “Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations” or “NRSROs” under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; allot to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) an additional 6 months for a total of 1 year to review and, if necessary, revise its regulations that use the term “NRSRO”; and make a number of technical amendments clarifying definitions, findings, and disclosure requirements. **Pages H5089–90**

Rejected:

Kanjorski amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–550) which sought to establish a globally consistent, market-based approach to rating agency oversight and protects investors by maintaining quality as a factor in identifying Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs); require the SEC to complete its definitional rulemaking on what constitutes an NRSRO within 60 days of enactment and establish public guidelines about the process used to identify new NRSROs within 180 days of enactment; encourage participating parties to expedite and complete their ongoing discussions over the Voluntary Framework, consistent with the European Commission’s adoption of the International Organization of Securities Commissions’ self-regulatory model, to improve market discipline and enhance rating quality; and would require annual hearings for 5 years on rating agencies before the House Financial Services Committee to explore the effectiveness of the prior two reforms and determine the need for further action (by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 367). **Pages H5090–94**

H. Res. 906, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 308 yeas to 113 nays, Roll No. 365, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 364.

**Pages H5056–62, H5078–80**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 11th:

*To study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States:* H.R. 5646, amended, to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 369. **Pages H5094–95**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5049.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1509 and S. 2430 were referred to the Committee on Resources, S. 2918 was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and S. 2041 was held at the desk. **Page H5125**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5078–79, H5079–80, H5080, H5093–94, H5094, and H5095. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MILITARY COMMISSIONS AND TRIBUNALS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals. Testimony was heard from Steven Bradbury, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Daniel J. Dell’Orto, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense; Theodore Olson, former Solicitor General of the United States; and RADM John Hutson, USN, (Ret.), former Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy.

### LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT AND DISABLED STUDENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing entitled “No Child Left Behind: Ensuring High Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students and Students with Disabilities.” Testimony was heard from Keith Buchanan, English for Speakers of Other Languages Office Coordinator, Fairfax County Public Schools, State of Virginia; Margaret McLeod, Executive Director, Office of Bilingual Education, Public Schools, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4591, Stockholm and Rotterdam Toxics Treaty Act of 2005; H.R. 2567, Antifreeze Bittering Act of 2005; and H.R. 5337, Reform of National Security Reviews of Foreign Direct Investments Act.

### INDUSTRIAL LOAN CORPORATIONS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “ILCs—A Review of Charter, Ownership, and Supervision Issues.” Testimony was heard from Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Douglas H. Jones, Acting General Counsel, FDIC; Rick Hillman, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; G. Edward Leary, Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

### DIVERSITY—GAO PERSPECTIVE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Diversity: the GAO Perspective.” Testimony was heard from Orice M. Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

### U.S. ELECTRICITY GRID STABILITY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Can the U.S. Electric Grid Take Another Hot Summer?” Testimony was heard from Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—TERRORIST RADICALIZATION PROCESS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessments held a briefing on the terrorist radicalization process, including specific examples of the process at work. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### NEW YORK 9/11 ASSISTANCE FRAUD

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Federal 9/11 Assistance to New York: Lessons Learned in Fraud Detection, Prevention, and Control,” Part I, “Response.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Joe Picciano, Deputy Director, Region II, FEMA; and Richard Skinner, Inspector General; Greg Lutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; the following officials of New York City: Rose Gill Hearn, Commissioner, Department of Investigation; and David J. Varoli, General Counsel, Department of Design and Construction; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2965, amended, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2005; H.R. 1369, To prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property; H.R. 4772, amended, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2005; and H.R. 4132, amended, Law Enforcement Cooperation Act of 2005.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3558, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2005; H.R. 5282, Southern California Desert Region Integrated Water and Economic Sustainability Plan Act; H.R. 5299, Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Revision Act of 2006; and H.R. 5715, To make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992. Testimony was heard from William E. Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## VOTING RIGHTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule providing 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 9, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. 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 the Judiciary 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 makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order 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.

## OVERSIGHT—WRIGHT AMENDMENT REFORM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing entitled "Reforming the Wright Amendment." Testimony was heard from Representatives Hall, Barton of Texas, Sam Johnson of Texas, Granger, Hensarling and Burgess; Micharl Cirillo, Vice President, System Operations, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; the following Mayors of Texas: Laura Miller, Dallas; and Mike Moncrief, Fort Worth; and public witnesses.

## REAUTHORIZATION APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION—CREATE ADDITIONAL REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Appalachian Regional Commission and proposals to Create Additional Regional Economic Development Authorities. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bass, McHugh and McIntyre; the following officials of the Appalachian Regional Commission: Anne B. Pope, Fed-

eral Co-Chair; and Steve Robertson, Alternate to the States' Co-Chair; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS' MEMORIAL MARKER ACT OF 2006

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5038, Veterans' Memorial Marker Act of 2006.

## U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the implementation of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. Testimony was heard from Everett Eissenstat, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Americas; and public witnesses.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D752)

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. Signed on July 11, 2006. (Public Law 109-241)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up 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, and an original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine unmanned aerial systems in Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine H.R. 5254, to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revisions to the particulate matter air quality standards, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

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

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the current situation relative to Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 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, Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Bobby E. Shepherd, of Arkansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth 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, Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 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, and 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, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine renewing the temporary provisions of the Voting Rights Act relating to legislative options after *LULAC v. Perry*, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine challenges facing the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, focusing on efforts to address the backlog, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine Medicaid to retiree benefits, focusing on the impact of seniors on health care costs in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

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*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Chesapeake Bay, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Innovative Solutions to Medical Liability," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing entitled "Can You Clear Me Now?: Weighing 'Foreign Influence' Factors in Security Clearance Investigations," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, to continue hearings entitled "Federal 9/11 Assistance to New York: Lessons Learned in Fraud Detection, Prevention, and Control," Part 2, "Recovery," 10 a.m., and Part 3, "Rebuilding," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Venezuela: Terrorism Hub of South America? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Opportunities for Good Samaritan Cleanup of Hard Rock Abandoned Mine Lands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Working Ranches, Healthy Range and Maintaining Open Space, focusing on the importance of federal grazing programs and working ranches to the landscape, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 383, Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail Designation Act of 2005; H.R. 4581, Easement Owners Fair Compensation Claims Act of 2005; and H.R. 5132, River Raisin National Battlefield Study Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing entitled "An Update on Administration Action to Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens on America's Small Manufacturers," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* to mark up H.R. 3082, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare reimbursement of physician-administered drugs, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on issues relating to the patenting of tax advice, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.



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**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5441, Homeland Security Appropriations.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 9—Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 (Subject to a Rule).

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