

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4939, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5731–S5819

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3492–3506 and S. Res. 507–511. **Page S5779**

National Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5740–46**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 168), Warner (for Frist/Reid) Amendment No. 4208, to express the sense of Congress that the United States Armed Forces, the intelligence community, and other agencies, as well as the coalition partners of the United States and the Iraqi Security Forces should be commended for their actions that resulted in the death of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of the al-Qaeda in Iraq terrorist organization and the most wanted terrorist in Iraq. **Page S5744**

Pending:

Levin (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 4205, to provide a temporary prohibition on an increase in copayments required under the retail pharmacy system of the pharmacy benefits program of the Department of Defense. **Pages S5740–41**

Warner Amendment No. 4211, to name the CVN-78 aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Gerald Ford. **Pages S5744–46**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, June 14, 2006.

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4939, making

emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Pages S5750–65**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, that there be 25 minutes of debate controlled by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and 75 minutes of debate controlled by the Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations; provided further, that following the use or yielding back of time, the conference report be set aside, and at 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2006, Senate proceed to vote on adoption of the conference report, with no further intervening action or debate. **Pages S5765, S5819**

Stickler Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, was vitiated. **Page S5746**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Charles P. Rosenberg, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years. **Page S5819**

Messages From the House: **Page S5777**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—168)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5819.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of Agriculture farm loan programs, focusing on the Farm Loan Programs Risk Assessment (FLPRA), and barriers for entry-level farmers and ranchers, after receiving testimony from Glen Keppy, Associate Administrator for Programs, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture; Dennis A. Everson, First Dakota National Bank, Yankton, South Dakota, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Elisabeth B. Senter, Federal Managers Association, Gregory, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Association of Credit Specialists of the Farm Service Agency; and Karen R. Krub, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSUMER'S CHOICE & BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934, after receiving testimony from former Representatives Dan Glickman, on behalf of the Motion Picture Association of America, and Steve Largent, on behalf of the CTIA—The Wireless Association; Robert LeGrande, II, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, District of Columbia Government; Mayor Kenneth S. Fellman, Arvada, Colorado, on behalf of sundry organizations; Brigadier General Richard M. Green (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States, Ben Scott, Free Press, on behalf of sundry organizations, John Rose, Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies, on behalf of the Coalition to Keep America Connected, Kyle McSlarrow, National Cable & Telecommunications Association, Walter B. McCormick, Jr., USTelecom, and Christopher Putala, Earthlink, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; Dave McCurdy, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the

Electronic Industries Alliance and the Telecommunications Industry Association; John Rutledge, Rutledge Capital, Cos Cob, Connecticut, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Philip Jones, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Olympia, Washington, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; and Robert S. Foosaner, Sprint Nextel Corporation, Reston, Virginia.

CORPORATE TAX COMPLIANCE

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine trends in corporate taxes and opportunities to improve corporate tax compliance, including recent work on the misreporting of capital gains income from securities sales and options to improve compliance, receiving testimony from Mark Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Eileen J. O'Connor, Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; George A. Plesko, University of Connecticut School of Business, Storrs; Edward D. Kleinbard, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton LLP, New York, New York; and Martin A. Sullivan, Tax Analysts, Falls Church, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

COUNTERTERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the changing face of terror relating to counterterrorism, focusing on U.S. counterterrorism efforts, how terrorists are adapting and changing their operations, and where the U.S. is headed in the short and longer term, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral John Scott Redd, USN (Ret.), Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Henry A. Crumpton, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and John E. McLaughlin, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and Daniel Benjamin, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine autopilot budgeting, including the PART (Program Assessment Rating Tool) and consider how systematic performance reporting of government agencies helps taxpayers get better services as well as whether Congress can better utilize the report cards to inform their annual budgeting, after receiving testimony

from Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Eileen Norcross, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Adam Hughes, OMB Watch, Washington, D.C.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT: BILINGUAL EDUCATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the continuing need for section 203 provisions of the Voting Rights Act regarding bilingual election materials, receiving testimony from Peter N.

Kirsanow, Member, National Labor Relations Board, and Commissioner, United States Commission on Civil Rights; Deborah Wright, Los Angeles County Department of Registrar-Recorder, and John Trasvina, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, both of Los Angeles, California; Mauro E. Mujica, U.S. English, Inc., and Linda Chavez, One Nation Indivisible, and the Center for Equal Opportunity, both of Washington, D.C.; and Margaret Fung, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York, New York.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 5590–5602; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 427–429; and H. Res. 866 were introduced. **Pages H3907–08**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3909**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 372, recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–499);

H.R. 5117, to exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students (H. Rept. 109–500); and

H. Res. 865, providing for consideration of H.R. 5576, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–501). **Page H3907**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Campbell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3791**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H3797**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Joseph J. Kleinstuber, Pastor, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bryantown, Maryland. **Page H3797**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, June 12th:

Commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror:

H. Con. Res. 408, amended, to commend the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 256. **Page H3798**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan.”. **Page H3798**

Oath of Office—Fiftieth Congressional District of California: Representative-elect Brian P. Bilbray presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of the unofficial returns of the Special Election held on June 6, 2006 from Ms. Susan Lapsley, Assistant Secretary of State for Elections, California Secretary of State Office, indicating that the Honorable Brian P. Bilbray was elected Representative in Congress for the Fiftieth Congressional District of California. **Page H3798**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from California, Mr. Brian P. Bilbray, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Page H3799**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 67 nays, Roll No. 257. Consideration of the measure began on yesterday, Monday, June 12th. **Pages H3799–H3800**

H. Res. 857, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 255. The resolution was agreed to on yesterday, Monday, June 12th.

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

Providing for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes, with respect to individuals who work with children: H.R. 4894, to provide for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes, with respect to individuals who work with children, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 259;

Pages H3805–08, H3816–17

Exempting persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students: H.R. 5117, amended, to exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students;

Pages H3808–09

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System: H. Con. Res. 372, to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System; and

Pages H3809–13

Supporting responsible fatherhood, promoting marriage, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day: H. Res. 318, amended, to support responsible fatherhood, promoting marriage, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay" and 8 voting "present", Roll No. 260.

Pages H3813–15, H3817

Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 5576, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Wednesday, June 14th.

Pages H3817–91

Agreed to:

Knollenberg amendment to increase funding for the IRS operations support account by \$20,748,000;

Page H3828

Kucinich amendment to increase funding (by offset) for the Federal Railroad Administration Safety and Operations by \$70,000;

Page H3833

Millender-McDonald amendment to increase funding for the Election Assistance Commission by \$250,000;

Pages H3849–50

Knollenberg amendment to strike Section 531, beginning on page 175, line 16, through page 176, line 6;

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Shays amendment to increase funding for the Privacy and Civil Liberties Board by \$750,000;

Pages H3872–75

LaTourette amendment to increase funding (by offsets) for Amtrak by \$214,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 266 yeas to 158 noes, Roll No. 263);

Pages H3828–33, H3884–85

Bean amendment to increase funding (by offsets) for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Operations and Research by \$6,700,000 (by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 264);

Pages H3833–34, H3885

Miller, Gary G. of California amendment that increases funding (by offset) for the Community Development Fund by \$15,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 286 yeas to 139 noes, Roll No. 266);

Pages H3845–47, H3886–87

Nadler amendment to increase funding for Section 8 housing vouchers (by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 267);

Pages H3851–52, H3887

Davis of Alabama amendment to increase funding for the Public Housing Capital Fund Program by \$30 million (by a recorded vote of 262 yeas to 162 noes, Roll No. 268);

Pages H3852–54, H3887–88

Harris amendment to increase funding (by offset) for the HUD Elderly and Disabled program by \$15 million (by a recorded vote of 335 yeas to 90 noes, Roll No. 270);

Pages H3859, H3889

Slaughter amendment to increase the funding in the bill for the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Program account in the amount of \$35 million (by offset) (by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 271);

Pages H3862–65 H3889–90

Waters amendment to add a new section providing for the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the amount otherwise provided in the bill for Management and Administration—Salaries and Expenses, is reduced by \$2,970,000 (by offset) (by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 207 noes, Roll No. 272); and

Pages H3865–72, H3890–91

Hooley amendment to increase funding (by offset) for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program by \$8 million (by a recorded vote of 348 yeas to 76 noes, Roll No. 273).

Pages H3875–77, H3891

Rejected:

Inslee amendment that sought to increase funding (by offset) for the Public Housing Capital Fund by \$261 million; **Pages H3854–56**

Israel amendment that sought to increase funding (by offsets) for Research and University Research Centers by \$9,448,000 (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 265); and

Pages H3834–35, H3885–86

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that sought to extend funding for the American Dream Downpayment Act by 3 months (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 269).

Pages H3857–62, H3888–89

Withdrawn:

Waters amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to increase funding (by offset) for Public Housing Capital Fund by \$261,000,000; **Pages H3837–38**

Nadler amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to increase funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program by \$10 million; and

Pages H3851–52, H3856–57

Wynn amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to provide \$1 million (by offset) for a study on the implementation of employee health and fitness programs for federal employees. **Page H3877**

Point of Order sustained against:

The proviso, beginning on page 5, line 23, and ending on page 5 line 24, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill; **Page H3836**

The proviso, Section 101, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill; **Pages H3836–37**

The proviso, beginning on page 13, line 1, through page 13, line 6, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill; **Page H3837**

The proviso, beginning on page 13, line 17, through page 13, line 25, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill; **Page H3837**

The proviso, Section 120, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill; **Pages H3839–40**

The proviso, Section 127, sought to change existing law and constituted legislation in an appropriations bill; **Pages H3840–45**

The proviso, Section 206, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill; and **Pages H3850–51**

Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to continue the availability of tenant-based housing for the elderly under the bill. **Pages H3860–62**

Agreed to limit the number of amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on each amendment during further proceedings.

Pages H3848–49

Agreed to H. Res. 862, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 258. **Pages H3815–16**

Agreed to H. Res. 865, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 262, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 261. **Pages H3818–22**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3909–10.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3798, H3799–H3800, H3815–16, H3816–17, H3817, H3821, H3821–22, H3884–85, H3885, H3885–86, H3886–87, H3887, H3887–88, H3888–89, H3889, H3889–90, H3890–91 and H3891. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: Defense; and the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

NATIONAL DEFENSE ENHANCEMENT AND NATIONAL GUARD EMPOWERMENT ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on issues related to H.R. 5200, National Defense Enhancement and National Guard Empowerment Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense; ADM Edmund P. Giambastiani, USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary; GEN Richard Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; and GEN John. D.W. Corley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; BG Stephen M. Koper, USAF (Ret.), President, National Guard Association of the United States; and MG Francis D. Vavala, USA, Vice President, Adjutants General Association of the United States.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “No Child Left Behind: Disaggregating Student Achievement by Subgroups To Ensure All

Students Are Learning.” Testimony was heard from Raymond Simon, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education; Ronald A. Peiffer, Deputy State Superintendent, Department of Education, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

NIH HUMAN TISSUE RESEARCH POLICIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Human Tissue Samples: NIH Research Policies and Practices.” Testimony was heard from Susan Molchan, M.D., Program Director, AD Neuroimaging Initiative, Neuroscience and Neuropsychology of Aging Program, National Institute on Aging, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOME MORTGAGE DISCLOSURE ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Home Mortgage Disclosure Act: Newly Collected Data and What It Means.” Testimony was heard from Mark W. Olson, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

HEALTH IT/FEDERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization continued hearings entitled “Healthier Feds and Families: Introducing Information Technology into the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, a Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4859, (Federal Family Health Information Technology Act of 2006). Part II.” Testimony was heard from Representative Clay; Dan Green, Deputy Associate Director, Center for Employee and Family Support Policy, OPM; and public witnesses.

PRIVATE SECURITY FIRMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Private Security Firms: Standards, Cooperation and Coordination on the Battlefield.” Testimony was heard from William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of State: Greg Starr, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security; and James Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Near East and Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—STATE TAXATION OF INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Oversight of State Taxation of Interstate Telecommunications Services. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CRIMINAL RESTITUTION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on the Criminal Restitution Improvement Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 5576, Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

RESOLUTION—IRAQ WAR ON TERROR

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairmen Hyde and Hunter; Representatives Paul, Jones of North Carolina, Lantos, Abercrombie, and Woolsey, but action was deferred on H. Res. 861, Declaring that the United States will complete the mission in Iraq and prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary.

NASA WORKFORCE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on The NASA Workforce: Does NASA Have the Right Strategy and Policies to Retain and Build the Workforce It Will Need?”

Testimony was heard from Toni Dawsey, Assistant Administrator, Human Capital Management, NASA; and public witnesses.

RAIL TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Current Issues in Rail Transportation of Hazardous Materials. Testimony was heard from Representative Pomeroy; Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert J. Chipkevich, Director, Office of Railroad, Pipeline, and Hazardous Materials Investigations, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to mark up S. 418, to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products, S. 811, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, S. 2321, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille, and the nominations of Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Kathleen L. Casey, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, Donald L. Kohn, of Virginia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; to be followed by a hearing to examine Financial Accountability Standards Board's proposed standard on "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine extension of HUD's mark-to-market program, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine whether potential liability deters abandoned hard rock mine clean up, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2145, to enhance security

and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities, S. 1554, to establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments, S. 1741, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area, S. 1838, to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, S. 2068, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, S. 2146, to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees, S. 2296, to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, S. 2228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the "Hattie W. Caraway Post Office.", S. 2376, 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", S. 2722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building", H.R. 4108, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building", H.R. 3440, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Avenida RL Rodriguez in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, as the "Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building", H.R. 4786, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 535 Wood Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as the "H. Gordon Payrow Post Office Building", H.R. 4561, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the "Francisco 'Pancho' Medrano Post Office Building", H.R. 4688, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the "Mayor John Thompson 'Tom' Garrison Memorial Post Office", H.R. 4995, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Columbus Avenue in Tuckahoe, New York, as the "Ronald Bucca Post Office", H.R. 3549, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building", H.R. 2977, to designate the facility of

the United States Postal Service located at 306 2nd Avenue in Brockway, Montana, as the “Paul Kasten Post Office Building”, S. 2690, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the “Harry J. Parrish Post Office”, S. 3187, to designate the Post Office located at 5755 Post Road, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, as the “Richard L. Cevoli Post Office”, and H.R. 5245, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Marble Street in Fair Haven, Vermont, as the “Matthew Lyon Post Office Building”, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 374, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River, and S. 1535, to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine ensuring competition and innovation relating to reconsidering communication laws, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., H-141 Capitol.

Committee on the Budget, to mark up H.R. 4890, Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

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5024, Promoting Transparency in Financial Reporting Act of 2006; the Financial Netting Improvements Act of 2006; H.R. 5039, Saving America’s Rural Housing Act of 2006; H.R. 4804, FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2006; H.R. 5527, Mark-to-Market Extension Act of 2006; H.R. 5393, Natural Disaster Housing Reform Act of 2006; and H.R. 5443, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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