

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3435–S3525

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2636–2651, S.J. Res. 34, and S. Res. 441–445. **Page S3506**

Measures Passed:

Relative to the Death of Francis R. Valeo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, relative to the death of Francis R. Valeo, former Secretary of the Senate. **Pages S3523–24**

Commemorating American Jewish Committee: Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Jewish Committee. **Page S3524**

Holocaust Remembrance Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, expressing the sense of the Senate in commemorating the Holocaust Remembrance Day. **Pages S3524–25**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and that the bill as amended be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S3444–92**

Pending:

Gregg Modified Amendment No. 3594, to provide, with an offset, emergency funding for border security efforts. **Pages S3476–83, S3492**

Harkin/Grassley Amendment No. 3600, to limit the compensation of employees funded through the Employment and Training Administration. **Pages S3483–86**

Reid Amendment No. 3604, to provide, with an offset, emergency funding for border security efforts. **Pages S3490–92**

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

Chair sustained a point of order against Menendez Amendment No. 3598, to provide a highway fuel tax holiday funded by the repeal of certain produc-

tion incentives, as being in violation of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on appropriation matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3486–87**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, Senate proceed to a vote on Gregg Modified Amendment No. 3594 (listed above), to be followed by a vote on Reid Amendment No. 3604 (listed above); provided further, that no second degree amendments be in order to the amendments, and that when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on Wednesday, all debate time until the votes occur be equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. **Page S3492**

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 109th Congress: Senators Leahy and Akaka. **Page S3523**

U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, and as further amended by Public Law 107–228, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Preeti D. Bansal of Nebraska, for a term of two years (May 15, 2006–May 14, 2008). **Page S3523**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 93), Gray Hampton Miller, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S3442–43**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sue C. Payton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2006.

April H. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Lawrence A. Warder, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education.

Frances Marie Tydingco-Gatewood, of Guam, to be Judge for the District Court of Guam for the term of ten years.

Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—93) **Page S3443**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:46 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Francis R. Valeo, former Secretary of the Senate, in accordance with S. Res. 443, adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3525.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current securities issues, focusing on improving financial disclosure for individual investors, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine activities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, focusing on space exploration, scientific discovery, and aeronautics research, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

METHAMPHETAMINE

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the social and economic effects of the methamphetamine epidemic on America's child welfare system, receiving testimony from Kevin T. Frank, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services, Billings; Nancy K. Young, Children and Family Futures, Inc., Irvine, California; Frederick Aigner, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Des Plaines; and certain other witnesses.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the scope of illicit activity funding the current regime of North Korea, focusing on narcotics trafficking, manufacturing and trading in counterfeit cigarettes, and the Supernote family of counterfeit currency notes, after receiving testimony from Peter A. Prahar, Director, Office of Africa, Asia and Europe Programs, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Michael Merritt, Deputy Assistant Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Kim Seung Min, Free North Korea Radio, Seoul, South Korea; David Asher, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; and Marcus Noland, Institute for International Economics, and Chuck Downs, both of Washington, D.C.

IMMIGRATION AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine immigration issues, focusing on economic impacts relating to trade and capital flows and policies that affect trade and capital that alter immigration, after receiving testimony from Richard B. Freeman, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Dan Siciliano, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Barry R. Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago; and Harry J. Holzer, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Milan D. Smith, Jr., of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Renee Marie

Bumb, Noel Lawrence Hillman, Peter G. Sheridan, and Susan Davis Wigenton, each to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who were introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 5169–51195; 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 389; and H. Res. 772–773, 775–777 were introduced. **Pages H1741–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1742–44**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 349, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 109–416);

H.R. 282, to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–417);

H.R. 3462, to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–418);

H.R. 2978, to allow the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact for the purpose of meeting the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Incorporated (H. Rept. 109–419);

H.R. 2563, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–420);

H.R. 518, to require the Secretary of the Interior to refine the Department of the Interior program for providing assistance for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–421);

H.R. 374, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain tribally-owned reservation land into trust for the Puyallup Tribe, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–422);

H.R. 122, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–423); and

H.R. 4912, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to extend the exemption for critical access hospitals under the FHA program for mortgage insurance for hospitals (H. Rept. 109–424);

H.J. Res. 78, approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower (H. Rept. 109–425);

S. 584, to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park (Private Bill H. Rept. 109–426);

H.R. 1307, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 109–427);

S. 1869, to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (H. Rept. 109–428);

S. 1165, to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii (H. Rept. 109–429);

H.R. 4204, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project (H. Rept. 109–430);

H.R. 3967, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to reallocate costs of the Pactola Dam and Reservoir, South Dakota, to reflect increased demands for municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife purposes (H. Rept. 109–431); and

H.R. 4080, to extend the contract for the Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project in the State of Wyoming (H. Rept. 109–432);

H.R. 3682, to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge (H. Rept. 109–433);

2006 Congressional Drug Control Budget and Policy Assessment: A Review of the 2007 National Drug Control Budget and 2006 National Drug Control Strategy (H. Rept. 109–434);

Updating Nuclear Security Standards: How Long Can the Department of Energy Afford to Wait? (H. Rept. 109–435);

Strengthening Disease Surveillance (H. Rept. 109–436);

H.R. 1595, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–437, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 774, providing for consideration of (H.R. 5020) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 109–438); and

H.R. 4975, to provide greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–439, Pts. 1, 2, 3, and 4).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Drake to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Meeting Hour for Thursday: Agreed that when the House adjourn on Wednesday, April 26th, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 27th, for the purpose of receiving former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Further agreed that it be in order for the Speaker to declare the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair for the purpose of receiving the former Members.

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

To memorialize and honor the contribution of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist: H.J. Res. 83, to memorialize and honor the contribution of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist;

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Approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower: S.J. Res. 28, to approve the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, by a yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 100—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H1687–88, H1703–04

Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project Contract Extension Act of 2005: S. 592, to extend the contract for the Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project in the State of Wyoming—clearing the measure for the President;

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Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas: H.R. 2341, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas;

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Law Enforcement and Phone Privacy Protection Act of 2006: H.R. 4709, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen protections for law enforcement officers and the public by providing criminal penalties for the fraudulent acquisition or unauthorized disclosure of phone records, by a yeand-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 101; and

Pages H1690–94, H1704

Authorizing United States participation in, and appropriations for, the United States contribution to the first replenishment of the resources of the Enterprise for the Americas Multilateral Investment Fund: H.R. 4916, to authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for, the United States contribution to the first replenishment of the resources of the Enterprise for the Americas Multilateral Investment Fund.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Mollohan wherein he resigned from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, effective today.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures will resume tomorrow, April 26th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 357, to support the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month; and

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Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 349, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1683, H1686.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 85 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1704, H1704–05. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

SAVING AMERICA'S RURAL HOUSING ACT OF 2006

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 5039, Saving America's Rural Housing Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Russell T. Davis, Administrator, Rural Development Housing and Community Facilities Programs, USDA; and public witnesses.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Yucca Mountain: Broken Management, Broken Quality Assurance, Broken Project." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Paul Golan, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and Gregory Friedman, Inspector General; Margaret Federline, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, NRC; and Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

A NEW ASSESSMENT OF IRAQ

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "A New Assessment of Iraq." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

STATE OF INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "The State of Interoperable Communications: Perspectives on Federal Coordination of Grants, Standards and Technology." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Tracy A. Henke, Assistant Secretary, Office of Grants and Training; and David G. Boyd, Director, Office for Interoperability and Compatibility, both with the Directorate of Preparedness; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: John Kneuer, Acting Assistant

Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and Dereck Orr, Program Manager, Public Safety Communications System, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Kenneth P. Moran, Director, Office of Homeland Security, FCC; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Carl Peed, Executive Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; and John Morgan, Assistant Director, Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice; and public witnesses.

NETWORK NEUTRALITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Telecom and Antitrust held an oversight hearing on Network Neutrality: Competition, Innovation and Non-discriminatory Access. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 5020, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. 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 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence 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 waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report accompanying the resolution 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 Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 26, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the state of the biofuels industry, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Accountability Office and other issues, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine fostering innovation in math and science education, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to hold hearings to examine certain marine and terrestrial systems, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and a proposal to amend Committee Rule 7(d) relative to the naming of public buildings and facilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine authorizations of customs and trade functions, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States-India atomic energy cooperation, focusing on strategic and nonproliferation implications, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine ensuring early diagnosis and access to treatment for HIV/AIDS, focusing on how federal funding is being distributed to provide AIDS drugs and HIV testing opportunities in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the future of the music industry in the digital radio revolution, focusing on parity, platforms, and protection issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Finance and Entrepreneurial Development programs administered

by the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 11:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Oversight of Reform of the DOE Nuclear Weapons Complex, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on USAID, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "Gulf Coast Recovery: Facing Challenges and Coming Back Stronger in Education," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "America's Capital Markets: Maintaining Our Lead in the 21st Century," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Title Insurance: Cost and Competition," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Transit Zone Operations: Can We Sustain Record Seizures and Declining Resources," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Adding a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Index Option to the Thrift Savings Plan: Considering the Views and Advisory Role of the Employee Thrift Advisory Council (ETAC);" followed by a markup of H.R. 1578, Real Estate Investment Thrift Savings Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Iraq: Update on U.S. Policy, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on the Endangered Children of Northern Uganda, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, to continue hearings on U.S. Policy in Central Asia: Balancing Priorities (Part II), 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S.-Mexico Relations, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the Department of Justice: Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Civil Division, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Executive Office for United States Trustees, and Office of the Solicitor General, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1711, New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act; H.R. 4750, Lower Republican River Basin Study Act; and S. 166, Deschutes River Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 2005, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Cutting Our Trade Deficit: Can the U.S. Muster Its Diverse Trade Promotion Operations to Make an Impact?" 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on the U.S. Rail Capacity Crunch, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, oversight hearing on Corporate Commitment to Hiring Veterans, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

CONSEQUENCES AND RESPONSES TO CHERNOBYL

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster 20 years later, and the response of the affected countries and the international community, after receiving testimony from Stephen G. Rademaker, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation; H.E. Oleh Shamshur, Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States, Kiev; David Marples, University of Alberta Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; and Pablo Rubinstein, New York Blood Center, and Kathleen Ryan, Chernobyl Children's Project International, both of New York, New York.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4939, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations; that at 12 noon, Senate proceed to a vote on the pending Gregg Modified Amendment No. 3594, to be followed by a vote on the pending Reid Amendment No. 3604.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of suspensions: (1) H. Con. Res. 365—Urging the Government of China to reinstate all licenses of Gao Zhisheng and his law firm, remove all legal and political obstacles for lawyers attempting to defend criminal cases in China, including politically sensitive cases, and revise law and practice in China so that it conforms to international standards; and (2) H.R. 282—Iran Freedom Support Act. The House will also consider H.R. 5020—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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