

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nominations of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6243–S6345

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 10, S. 1206–1224, S. Res. 165–167, and S. Con. Res. 41.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals”. (S. Rept. No. 109–77)

H.R. 483, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse”.

S. 10, to enhance the energy security of the United States.

S. 1140, to designate the State Route 1 Bridge in the State of Delaware as the “Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge”.

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Measures Passed:

Printing Authority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 166, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the Committees of the Senate.

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Recognizing Sun Safety: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, recognizing the importance of sun safety.

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Recognizing Armed Forces’ Families: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 159, recognizing the sacrifices being made by the families of members of the Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week.

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Nomination—Agreement: Pursuant to the order of May 24, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2005, Senate will proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be

United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 14, 2005.

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Energy Bill—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, following the vote on the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith (listed above); provided further, that the Chairman be recognized in order to offer the Senate reported bill as a substitute amendment, the amendment be agreed to and considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.

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Anti-Lynching Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2005, the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 39, apologizing to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation; that there be 3 hours of debate equally divided, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate proceed to a vote on adoption of the resolution.

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Rules—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Rules and Administration be directed to prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate and they be printed as a Senate document.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 133), William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 134) Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 135) David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Henry Crumpton, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Ronald Spogli, of California, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic.

Robert H. Tuttle, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—135) **Pages S6284, S6291, S6292**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m. until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6342.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees, who were both introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, completed its review of 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 582, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Federal Housing Commissioner.

GENERAL AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine general aviation (GA) security, the Transportation Security Administration's proposed plan to reopen Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to GA operations, and the security procedures followed during the recent air incursion that caused the emergency evacuation of the White House and the U.S. Capitol buildings, after receiving testimony from Michael A.

Cirillo, Vice President, System Operations Services, Air Traffic Organization, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Jonathan Fleming, Chief Operating Officer, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, Washington, D.C.; James K. Coyne, National Air Transportation Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Andrew V. Cebula, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Frederick, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard J. Griffin, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, and Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Under Secretary of State for Management, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CROSS-BORDER TRAVEL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), focusing on plans to augment United States border security and facilitate international travel by establishing new documentary standards, and regarding safety and convenience in cross-border travel, after receiving testimony from Frank E. Moss, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; Elaine Dezenski, Acting Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy and Planning, Border and Transportation Directorate; Paul M. Ruden, American Society of Travel Agents, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; and Robert A. Pastor, American University Center for North American Studies, Washington, D.C.

PENSION PLAN FRAUD

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting America's pensions plans from fraud, focusing on the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration's enforcement strategy, efforts to address weakness in its enforcement program along with the challenges that remain, after receiving testimony from Alan D. Lebowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employee Benefit Security Administration; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; John Endicott, Local Union 290 Plumbers, Steamfitters and Marine Fitters, Tualatin, Oregon; Barclay Grayson, BDC Advisors, LLC, and Stephen F. English,

Bullivant Houser Bailey, PC, both of Portland, Oregon; and James S. Ray, Law Offices of James S. Ray, Alexandria, Virginia.

BIOSHIELD

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness concluded a hearing to examine promising medical countermeasures to bioshield, focusing on the Project BioShield Act of 2004, and the Administration's priority to have an appropriate armamentarium of medical countermeasures as a critical aspect of the response and recovery component of the President's strategy "Biodefense for the 21st Century", after receiving testimony from John Vitko, Jr., Director, Biological Countermeasures Portfolio, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; William F. Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and Carol Heilman, Director, Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Colonel Joseph Palma, Medical Director, Office of the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Chemical and Biological Defense, Department of Defense; Alan P. Timmins, AVI BioPharma, Inc., Portland, Oregon; Richard Frothingham, Duke University Medical Center and Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina; David P. Wright, PharmAthene, Inc., Annapolis, Maryland; Scott Magids, University of Maryland Technology Advancement Program, College Park; and Philip K. Russell, Potomac, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1181, to ensure an open and deliberate process in Congress by providing that any future legislation to establish a new exemption to section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) be stated explicitly within the text of the bill.

VETERANS' HEALTHCARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1182, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, S. 481, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release, S. 716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1176, to improve the provision of health care and

services to veterans in Hawaii, S. 1177, to improve mental health services at all facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 614, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1180, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, S. 1189, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish a strategic plan for long-term care,

S. 1190, to provide sufficient blind rehabilitation outpatient specialists at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 1191, to establish a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in remote rural areas, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Donald Mooney, The American Legion, Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 2828–2861; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 53; H. Con. Res. 176; and H. Res. 310–312, were introduced. **Pages H4354–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4356**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 184, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to provide authority to the Attorney General to authorize any controlled substance that is in schedule I or II or is a narcotic drug in schedule III or IV to be exported from the United States to a country for subsequent export from that country to another country, if certain conditions are met, amended (H. Rept. 109–115, Pt. 1);

H.R. 869, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices (H. Rept. 109–116, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 517, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (H. Rept. 109–117, Pt. 1). **Page H4354**

Withdrawing approval of the U.S. from the Agreement establishing the WTO: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 27, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, by a yea-and-nay vote of 86 yeas to 338 nays, with one voting “present”, Roll No. 239. **Pages H4302–18**

H. Res. 304, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to yesterday, June 8.

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 310, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 240. **Pages H4318–19**

Late Reports: Agreed that the Committee on Appropriations have until midnight on June 10 to file a report on a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for FY 2006, and a report on a bill making appropriations for Science and the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies for FY 2006. **Pages H4319–20**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Monday, June 13 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4321**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 15. **Page H4321**

Expressing the importance of reopening of the Beartooth All-American Highway: The House agreed to H. Res. 309, expressing the importance of immediately reopening the famous Beartooth All-American Highway from Red Lodge, Montana, to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. **Pages H4321–22**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4318 and H4319. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Relations Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

PBGC'S UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on PBGC's Unfunded Pension Liabilities: Will Taxpayers Have To Pay The Bill? Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

HIGH SCHOOL REFORM EFFORTS—NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ROLE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled "The Role of Non-Profit Organizations in State and Local High School Reform Efforts." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-CHINA TRADE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Issues before the U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade." Testimony was heard from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY INITIATIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Patient Safety and Quality Initiatives." Testimony was heard from Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Financial Services Regulatory Relief: The Regulators' Views." Testimony was heard from John M. Reich, Vice-Chairman, FDIC; Donald L. Kohn, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and Richard M. Riccobono, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; JoAnn Johnson, Chair-

man, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT MISSIONS EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Department of Homeland Security's Mission Effectiveness: Is it Enough to Meet the Terrorist Threat?" Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

REGISTERED TRAVELER IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled "The Promise of Registered Traveler." Testimony was heard from Bridgette Goersch, Director of Security, Greater Orlando Airport Authority, Orlando International Airport, Florida; and public witnesses.

HOUSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on the Emergency Preparedness of the House and the Evacuation of May 11, 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House: Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; and James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Terrance Gainer, U.S. Capitol Police; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT; RESOLUTION—MASSACRE AT SREBRENICA

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2601, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007.

The Committee also approved a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measure be placed on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 199, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995.

PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled "Proliferation Security Initiative: An Early Assessment." Testimony was heard from Stephen G. Rademaker, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Arms Control, Department of State.

PATENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2795, Patent Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHILD PROTECTION MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on

the following: H.R. 764, To require the Attorney General to establish a Federal register of cases of child abuse or neglect; H.R. 95, Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Database Act of 2005; H.R. 1355, Child Predator's Act of 2005; H.R. 1505, Jessica Lunsford Act; H.R. 2423, Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act; H.R. 244, Save Our Children: Stop the Violent Predators Against Children DNA Act of 2005; H.R. 2796, DNA Fingerprinting Act of 2005, and H.R. 2797, Aime Zyla Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives Foley, Poe, Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida, and Pomeroy.

OVERSIGHT—CHILD PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on "Protecting our Nation's Children from Sexual Predators and Violent Criminals: What Needs to Be Done?" Testimony was heard from Tracy Henke, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. OLYMPIC OPERATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "The Olympic Family—Functional or Dysfunctional?" Testimony was heard from Jim Scherr, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Olympic Committee; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills: H. R. 562, To authorize the Government of Ukraine to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the victims of the manmade famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932–1933; H.R. 1096, To establish the Thomas Edison National Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Thomas Edison Historic Site; and H.R. 1515, To adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana. Testimony was heard from Representatives Levin, Garrett, Payne and Pascrell; Joseph Lawler, Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

AMTRAK FOOD AND BEVERAGE OPERATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Amtrak Food and Beverage Operations. Testimony was heard from JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; the following officials of

Amtrak: David L. Gunn, President; and Fred E. Weiderhold, Jr., Inspector General; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action H.R. 1220, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005.

FEDERAL FOSTER CARE FINANCING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Federal Foster Care Financing. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Don Winstead, Deputy Secretary, Department of Children and Families, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; Frederick G. Streckewald, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, SSA; Nan Grogan Orrock, Representative, General Assembly, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 14.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

IRAN CRISIS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the human rights situation in Iran and the prospects for a U.S.-European response, after receiving testimony from Goli Ameri, U.S. Public Delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission; Jeff Gedmin, Aspen Institute Berlin, Berlin, Germany; Tom Melia, Freedom House, Washington, D.C.; Manda Zand Ervin, Alliance of Iranian Women; Karim Lahidji, International Federation of Human Rights, France.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3, to

authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue oversight hearings on Reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act, 8:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of June 13 through June 18, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. At 6:30 p.m., Senate will consider S. Res. 39, apologizing to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation, with 3 hours for debate, followed by a vote on adoption of the resolution.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 10 a.m.; following which, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: June 14, to hold hearings to examine the benefits and future developments in agriculture and food biotechnology, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: June 14, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

June 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

June 16, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 14, Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the role of financial markets in social security, 10 a.m., SD-538.

June 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine meeting the housing and service needs of seniors, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: June 15, to hold hearings to examine current financial condition and potential risks relating to solvency of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: June 15, Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine coral reef ballast water, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

June 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Federal legislative solutions to data breach and identity theft, 10 a.m., SR-253.

June 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Alan Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, and Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Transportation Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 14, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 206, to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, S. 556, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, S. 588, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Arizona Trail as a national scenic trail or a national historic trail, and S. 955, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: June 15, to hold hearings to examine strategies for strengthening Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Foreign Relations: June 14, to hold hearings to examine six-party talks and matters related to the resolution of the North Korean nuclear crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

June 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Iraq, Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, Julie Finley, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to France, Robert Johann Dieter, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Rodolphe M. Vallee, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Molly Hering Bordonaro, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Ann Louise Wagner, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, and promotion lists in the foreign service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

June 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine stabilization and reconstruction regarding building peace in a hostile environment, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: June 15, business meeting to consider the nomination of Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:50 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: June 14, Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) initiative, established to stop trade in pirated and counterfeit goods, focusing on activities undertaken by STOP! to date, its effectiveness in coordinating federal government efforts to combat intellectual property theft at home and abroad, and the federal government's ability to recruit, train and retain the workforce necessary to implement STOP!, also the Administration's long-term strategic plan for STOP! and ways the initiative assists small business protect its intellectual property rights, 10 a.m., SD-562.

June 14, Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine accountability and results in Federal budgeting, focusing on the specific metrics and tools used by the Office of Management and Budget to determine the effectiveness of Federal programs, the advantages and disadvantages of using these metrics, and how information provided by these metrics is being used to increase effectiveness and accountability in Federal budgeting, 2 p.m., SD-562.

June 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine if the Federal government is doing enough to secure chemical facilities, 10 a.m., SD-562.

June 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Laura A. Cordero, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and A. Noel Anketell

Kramer, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

June 16, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine tax delinquency problems with Federal contractors, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: June 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine youth suicide prevention, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

June 16, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: June 14, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine injunctions and damages relating to patent law reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

June 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to detainees, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: June 14, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

June 15, Full Committee, closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

June 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Janice B. Gardner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis, 3 p.m., SDG-50.

Special Committee on Aging: June 15, to hold hearings to examine the impact of soaring energy costs on the elderly, 3 p.m., SH-216.

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Committee on Agriculture, June 16, Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs, hearing to Review Food Aid Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, June 15, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 16, Subcommittee on Select Education, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 509, International Studies in Higher Education Act of 2005; and H.R. 510, Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, June 14, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Threat Convergence Along the Border: How Does Drug Trafficking Impact Our Borders?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, to consider H.R. 2385, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; followed by a hearing entitled "Revitalizing Communities: Are Faith-Based Organizations getting the Federal Help They Need?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Elusive Antidotes: Progress Developing CBRN Countermeasures," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Reducing the Paperwork Burden on the Public:

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June 15, full Committee, hearing entitled "Eradicating Steroid Use, Part IV: Examining the Use of Steroids by Young Women to Enhance Athletic Performance and Body Image," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Committee on International Relations, June 14, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the United States and South Asia, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, June 15, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on The Diversity Visa Program, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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June 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Impacts of Environmental Regulations on Energy and Mineral Development: The Wildlands Project," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, June 13, to consider the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006: Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies; and Defense, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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Committee on Small Business, June 14, hearing entitled "Are Skyrocketing Medical Liability Premiums Driving Doctors Away from Underserved Areas?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, June 14, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing and markup of The Design, Alteration and Construction Portions of The General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue oversight hearings on Financing Water Infrastructure Projects, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Coast Guard Law Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, June 16, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing to consider the following: a measure to amend the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program; a measure regarding the Traumatic Injury Protection provisions of Public Law 109-13; and H.R. 1618, Wounded Warrior Servicemembers Group Disability Insurance Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, June 14, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the implementation of the State Unemployment Tax Act (SUTA) Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-295), 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

June 16, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Post-Acute Care, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Program for Monday: Senate will consider the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. At 6:30 p.m., Senate will consider S. Res. 39, apologizing to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation, with a vote on adoption of the resolution to occur thereon.

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