

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8091–S8151

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1381–1385, and S. Res. 196. **Page S8134**

Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 18, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. (S. Rept. No. 109–101) **Page S8134**

Measures Passed:

Welcoming Prime Minister of Singapore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, welcoming the Prime Minister of Singapore on the occasion of his visit to the United States, expressing gratitude to the Government of Singapore for its strong cooperation with the United States in the campaign against terrorism, and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the continued expansion of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Singapore. **Page S8144**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8093–S8131**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 174), Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 1129, to provide emergency supplemental funds for medical services provided by the Veterans Health Administration for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. **Pages S8106–10**

Kerry/Lautenberg Amendment No. 1162, to require the Inspector General to report to the Congress on the port security grant programs. **Pages S8126–28**

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 175), Collins Amendment No. 1142, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification. **Pages S8129–30**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 176), Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 1215, to improve the allocation of grants through the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S8093–S8106, S8130**

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 1200, to provide funds for certain programs authorized by the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974. **Pages S8124–26**

Akaka Amendment No. 1112, to increase funding for State and local grant programs. **Page S8128**

Akaka Amendment No. 1113, to increase funding for State and local grant programs and firefighter assistance grants. **Pages S8128–29**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1111, to prohibit the use of funds appropriated under this Act to promulgate the regulations to implement the plan developed pursuant to section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform Act of 2004. **Page S8129**

Durbin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1216, to provide for the strengthening of security at nuclear power plants. **Pages S8130–31**

Durbin (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1217, to provide funding for interoperable communications equipment grants. **Page S8131**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2005. **Pages S8144–45**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2010.

Patricia Louise Herbold, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

James Caldwell Cason, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:09 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8145.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STEM CELLS RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine alternative methods for deriving stem cells, focusing on a single cell technique without destruction of the embryo, and a related measure, H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research (pending on Senate calendar), after receiving testimony from James F. Battley, Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, and Chair, National Institutes of Health Stem Cell Task Force, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert Lanza, Advanced Cell Technology, Worcester, Massachusetts; Ronald M. Green, Director, Dartmouth College Ethics Institute, Hanover, New Hampshire; George Q. Daley, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American Society for Cell Biology; and William B. Hurlbut, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues concerning Digital Television (DTV) transition, after receiving testimony from Edward O. Fritts, National Association of Broadcasters, Kyle McSlarrow, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, Richard Slenker, DIRECTV, Inc., John M. Lawson, Association of Public Television Stations, Michael D. Kennedy, Motorola, Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, on behalf of Consumer Federation of America, and Michael Calabrese, New America Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Manuel Abud, KVEA-TV, Channel 52, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of Telemundo; Patrick Knorr, Sunflower Broadband, Lawrence, Kansas, on behalf of the American Cable Association; Harlin R. McEwen, Ithaca, New York, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Charles C. Townsend, Aloha Partners, LP, Rumford, Rhode Island; and Gary J. Shapiro, Consumer Electronics Association, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jill L. Sigal, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Crapo; David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, and James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WATER PROJECTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 49, to establish a joint Federal-State Floodplain and Erosion Mitigation Commission for the State of Alaska, S. 247, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 648, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance, S. 819, 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, S. 891, to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin

Program, Nebraska, and S. 1338, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, after receiving testimony from John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Leslie Holland-Bartels, U.S. Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior; Edgar Blatchford, Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, Anchorage; and Elmer McDaniels, Tumalo Irrigation District, Bend, Oregon.

DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine S. 1265, to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines, after receiving testimony from Wayne Nastri, Regional Administrator, Region 9—Pacific Southwest Region, Environmental Protection Agency; Joseph P. Koncelik, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus; Judge Margaret Keliher, Dallas County Commissioner's Court, Dallas, Texas; Michael S. Cross, Cummins, Inc., Columbus, Indiana; Conrad G. Schneider, Brunswick, Maine, on behalf of the Clean Air Task Force; Timothy J. Regan, Emissions Control Technology Association, Washington, D.C.; and Stuart Nemser, Compact Membrane Systems, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware.

NORTH AMERICAN BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine North American cooperation on border security, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Cornyn, and Kennedy; Representative Harris; David V. Aguilar, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Perrin Beatty, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, Ottawa; and Jorge

Castaneda, former Foreign Minister of Mexico, Mexico City.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine truth and transparency in Federal financial reporting, focusing on challenges Federal agencies face in meeting the requirements of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, as well as incentives for improved reporting, and elimination of improper payments in the Federal government, after receiving testimony from McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Linda M. Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; Tim Hill, Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Kate Coler, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

MUSIC LICENSING REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property held a hearing to examine music licensing reform issues, focusing on legal online music services, and equitable compensation of creators and copyright holders, receiving testimony from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Rob Glaser, RealNetworks, Inc., Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the Digital Media Association; Rick Carnes, Songwriters' Guild of America, Nashville, Tennessee; Ismael Cuebas, Trans World Entertainment Corporation, Albany, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Recording Merchandisers; Glen Barros, Concord Music Group, Beverly Hills, California; Del R. Bryant, Broadcast Music, Inc., New York, New York; and David Israelite, National Music Publishers' Association, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 57 public bills, H.R. 3204–3260; 1 private bill, H.R. 3261; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 206–207; and H. Res. 356–360, were introduced. **Pages H5739–41**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2385, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program, amended (H. Rept.

109–164); and H.R. 3100, to authorize measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People's Republic of China, (H. Rept. 109–165).

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

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rabbi David Greene, Chabad-Lubavitch in Rochester, Minnesota.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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

Excluding from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program: H.R. 804, amended, to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program;

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NASA and JPL 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 68, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and

Pages H5649–55

Commending the State of Kuwait for granting women important political rights: Debated on Monday, July 11: H. Res. 343, commending the State of Kuwait for granting women certain important political rights, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 368.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Providing that the House will focus on removing barriers to competitiveness of the U.S. economy: H.R. 352, providing that the House of Representatives will focus on removing barriers to competitiveness of the United States economy, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 367.

Pages H5655–61, H5676

Occupational Safety and Health Small Business Day in Court Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 739, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to the filing of a notice of contest by an employer following the issuance of a citation or proposed assessment of a penalty by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, by a ye-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 369.

Pages H5677–86, H5706–07

Pursuant to H. Res. 351, the texts of H.R. 740, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Efficiency Act of 2005, H.R. 741, Occupational Safety and Health Independent Review of OSHA Citations Act of 2005, and H.R. 742, Occupational Safety and Health Independent Review of OSHA Ci-

tations Act of 2005, were appended to the engrossment of H.R. 739 and the bills H.R. 740, 741, and 742 were laid on the table.

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Also pursuant to H. Res. 351, the title of H.R. 739 was conformed to reflect the addition of the texts of H.R. 740, H.R. 741, and H.R. 742. Conformed so as to read: to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to the filing of a notice of contest by an employer following the issuance of a citation or proposed assessment of a penalty by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, to provide for judicial deference to conclusions of law determined by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission with respect to an order issued by the Commission, and to provide for the award of attorneys fees and costs to small employers when such employers prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

H. Res. 351, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 366, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 365.

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Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Efficiency Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 740, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 370.

Pages H5686–92, H5707

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education & the Workforce, now printed in the bill, was adopted.

H. Res. 351, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 366, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 365.

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Occupational Safety and Health Independent Review of OSHA Citations Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 741, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for judicial deference to conclusions of law determined by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission with respect to an order issued by the Commission, by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 371.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education & the Workforce, now printed in the bill, was adopted.

H. Res. 351, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 366, after agreeing to

order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 365. **Pages H5661–76**

Occupational Safety and Health Independent Review of OSHA Citations Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 742, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the award of attorneys' fees and costs to small employers when such employers prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 372. **Pages H5698–H5706**

H. Res. 351, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 366, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 365. **Pages H5661–76**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5642.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5674–75, H5675–76, H5676, H5676–77, H5706–07, H5707, H5708 and H5708–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. COUNTERNARCOTICS PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Counternarcotics Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Nancy Powell, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement; and Jim Kunder, Assistant Administrator, USAID, Bureau for Asia and the Near East.

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, DETENTION AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Customs and Border Protection, Detention and Removal Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David Aguilar, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol; and Leonnard Kovensky, Acting Assistant Director, Detention and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

SPACE ACQUISITION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on space acquisition. Testimony was heard from GEN Lance W. Lord, USAF, Commander, U.S. Air Force Space Command, Department of Defense; Peter Rostan, Director, Advanced Science and Technology, National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Levin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and A. Thomas

Young, former Chairman, Defense Science Board, Department of Defense.

COORDINATION AMONG FEDERAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing entitled "Coordination Among Federal Youth Development Programs." Testimony was heard from Michael J. O'Grady, Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Richard G. Moore, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division, Department of Human Rights, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Flood Map Modernization and the Future of the National Flood Insurance Program." Testimony was heard from David I. Maurstad, Acting Mitigation Division Director and Federal Insurance Administrator, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

THREAT CONVERGENCE AT THE BORDER

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Threat Convergence at the Border: How Can We Improve the Federal Effort to Dismantle Criminal Smuggling Organizations?" Testimony was heard from Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO.

PROJECT BIOSHIELD

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Project BioShield: Linking Bioterrorism Threats and Countermeasure Procurement to Enhance Terrorism Preparedness." Testimony was heard from Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John Vitko, Jr., Director, Biological Countermeasures Portfolio, Directorate of Science and Technology; and Karen T. Morr, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Information Analysis, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING—ECONOMIC ASPECTS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Economic Aspects of Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy met in executive

session to receive a Briefing on Intelligence Overview. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 722)

S. 714, to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227) relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions. Signed on July 9, 2005. (Public Law 109–21).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold open hearings to examine the investigation into FBI allegations of detainee abuse at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Detention Facility; to be followed by closed hearings in SR–222, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine money laundering and terror financing issues in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the financial stability of airlines, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold hearings to examine the Endangered Species Act and incentives for private landowners, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Federal role regarding chemical facility security, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine habeas corpus proceedings and issues of actual innocence, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on national security implications of the possible merger of the China National Offshore Oil Corporation with Unocal Corporation, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, to mark up H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Treasury’s Report to Congress on the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA),” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled “From Bureaucrats to Plutocrats: Can Entrepreneurialism Work in the Federal Government?” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled “Leveraging Technology to Improve Aviation Security,” 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled “Engineering Bio-Terror Agents: Lessons from the Offensive U.S. and Russian Biological Weapons Programs,” 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 2965, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2005; H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005; and H.R. 1502, Civil Liberties Restoration Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, joint hearing entitled “Motorized Recreational Use on Federal Lands,” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Small Business Development Centers: New Offerings for a New Economy,” 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, to mark up H.R. 3200, Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider the USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing regarding the political and business implications of the prosecution and imprisonment of Russian Yukos Oil Chairman and CEO, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2360, Homeland Security Appropriations.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 13

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions: (1) H.R. 2385, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; (2) H.R. 2113, John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building Designation Act; (3) H.R. 2183, Vincent Palladino Post Office Designation Act; (4) H.R. 2630, J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex Designation Act; (5) H.R. 1220, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005; (6) H.R. 3100, East Asia Security Act of 2005; and (7) H. Con. Res. 191, Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War.

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