

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8589–S8714

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and two resolutions, were introduced, as follows: S. 1440–1463, and S. Res. 203–204. **Pages S8664–65**

Measures Reported:

S. 1446, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. (S. Rept. No. 109–106)

H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8664**

Measures Passed:

Highway Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3377, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8712**

Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 202, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor Constantino Brumidi on the 200th anniversary of his birth. **Page S8712**

VA 75th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 203, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans' Administration and acknowledging the achievements of the Veterans' Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S8712–13**

Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 544, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely effect patient safety, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment, proposed thereto:

Warner (for Enzi) Amendment No. 1411, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8713–114**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8602–60**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 199), Warner Modified Amendment No. 1314, to increase, with an offset, amounts available for the procurement of wheeled vehicles for the Army and the Marine Corps and for armor for such vehicles. **Pages S8607–08, S8614–17**

Graham Amendment No. 1363, to expand the eligibility of members of the Selected Reserve under the TRICARE program. **Pages S8625–31**

Levin/Kerry Amendment No. 1376, to enhance and extend the increase in the amount of the death gratuity. **Pages S8632–33**

Warner Amendment No. 1390, to increase the authorized number of Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service employees. **Page S8651**

Warner (for Wyden/Smith) Amendment No. 1391, to provide for cooperative agreements with tribal organizations relating to the disposal of lethal chemical agents and munitions. **Page S8652**

Warner Amendment No. 1392, to provide for the provision by the White House Communications Agency of audiovisual support services on a non-reimbursable basis. **Page S8652**

Warner (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1393, to establish the United States Military Cancer Institute. **Page S8652**

Warner (for Sessions) Amendment No. 1394, to make available, with an offset, an additional \$1,000,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Army, for the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center. **Page S8652**

Warner (for Reed) Amendment No. 1395, to make available, with an offset, \$5,000,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Navy, for the design, development, and test of improvements to the towed array handler. **Page S8652**

Warner (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1396, to authorize \$5,500,000 for military construction for the Army for the construction of a rotary wing landing pad at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and to provide an offset of \$8,000,000 by canceling a military construction project for the construction of an F-15E flight simulator facility at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. **Page S8652**

Warner (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1397, to reduce funds for an Army Aviation Support Facility for the Army National Guard at New Castle, Delaware, and to modify other military construction authorizations. **Pages S8652-53**

Warner (for Lott/Cochran) Amendment No. 1398, relating to the LHA Replacement Ship. **Page S8653**

Warner (for Feinstein/Grassley) Amendment No. 1399, to provide for the transfer of the Battleship U.S.S. Iowa (BB-61). **Page S8653**

Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 1400, to improve the management of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. **Page S8653**

By 78 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 200), Lugar Amendment No. 1380, to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations. **Pages S8640-50, S8654-57**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 1342, to support certain youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America. **Pages S8602-07**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1311, to protect the economic and energy security of the United States. **Pages S8608-09**

Inhofe/Collins Amendment No. 1312, to express the sense of Congress that the President should take immediate steps to establish a plan to implement the recommendations of the 2004 Report to Congress of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission. **Pages S8609-11**

Inhofe/Kyl Amendment No. 1313, to require an annual report on the use of United States funds with respect to the activities and management of the International Committee of the Red Cross. **Pages S8611-13**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 1351, to stop corporations from financing terrorism. **Pages S8613-14, S8618-25**

Ensign Amendment No. 1374, to require a report on the use of riot control agents. **Page S8631**

Ensign Amendment No. 1375, to require a report on the costs incurred by the Department of Defense in implementing or supporting resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. **Pages S8631-32**

Collins Amendment No. 1377 (to Amendment No. 1351), to ensure that certain persons do not evade or avoid the prohibition imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. **Pages S8633-35**

Durbin Amendment No. 1379, to require certain dietary supplement manufacturers to report certain serious adverse events. **Pages S8635-38**

Hutchison/Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 1357, to express the sense of the Senate with regard to manned space flight. **Pages S8638-40**

Thune Amendment No. 1389, to postpone the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment. **Pages S8650-51, S8657-60**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 22, 2005. **Page S8714**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Whip, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S8712**

Quarterly Financial Report Program—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2385, to extend by 10 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S8713**

Highway Extension Enrollment—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, that when the Senate receives from the House of Representatives a concurrent resolution relating to the enrollment of H.R. 3377, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for

the 21st Century, the resolution be considered, agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table. **Page S8714**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 62 yeas 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 198), Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development. **Pages S8590–S8602**

(Prior to this action, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination was vitiated.)

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Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. **Page S8602**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Russia Federation.

Arthur F. Rosenfeld, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

Donetta Davidson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2007.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S8662–63**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8661–62**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8684–S8711**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S8711–12**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S8712**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—200) **Pages S8602, S8617, S8654**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:58 p.m. until 10 a.m., on Friday, July 22, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8714.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Commodity Exchange Reauthorization Act of 2005."

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill (S. 1446), making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation;

S. 1390, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, with amendments;

S. 363, to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish vessel ballast water management requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 360, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1392, to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission, with amendments; and

The nominations of Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and certain Coast Guard officer nomination lists.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of climate change scientific research and the economics of strategies to manage climate change, focusing on the relationship between energy consumption and

climate change, new developments in climate change research and the potential effects on the U.S. economy of climate change and strategies to control greenhouse gas emissions, after receiving testimony from Ralph J. Cicerone, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.; Mario Molina, University of California, San Diego; James W. Hurrell, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado; and John Houghton, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, London, England.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jill L. Sigal, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be General Counsel, and James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy; and R. Thomas Weimer, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, and Mark A. Limbaugh, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

TAX CODE'S DEPRECIATION SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction held a hearing to examine the Federal Tax Code's depreciation system focusing on how to amend the current depreciation system to provide simplification and updated guidance for areas such as emerging industries and technologies, and the role that depreciation should play in providing fiscal stimulus or encouraging economic growth for particular industries of the U.S. economy at large, receiving testimony from Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Joseph M. Mikrut, Capitol Tax Partners, and Thomas S. Neubig, Ernst & Young, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Kenneth D. Simonson, The Associated General Contractors of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Christopher R. Anderson, Massachusetts High Technology Council, Inc., Waltham.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

UNITED NATIONS REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforms at the United Nations, focusing on expansion of the Security Council, the U.N. Human Rights Commission, and budget and management reform recommendations and proposed performance measures, after receiving testimony from former Senator George Mitchell, and former Representative Newt Gingrich, both on behalf of the Task Force on the United Nations, United States In-

stitute of Peace; and R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Retzer, of Mississippi, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, Katherine Hubay Peterson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, and Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Richard L. Skinner, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, and Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and Brian David Miller, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration.

UNITED NATIONS RENOVATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine United States financial involvement relative to the United Nations' Capital Master Plan to renovate the United Nations headquarters in New York City, after receiving testimony from Senators Inhofe and Sessions; Anne W. Patterson, Deputy Permanent United States Representative to the United Nations, Department of State; New York State Senator Martin J. Golden, Albany; and Christopher B. Burnham, United Nations Department of Management, and Donald J. Trump, The Trump Organization, both of New York, New York.

BIOSHIELD II

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness met to discuss S. 975, to provide incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop medical countermeasures to prevent, detect, identify, contain, and treat illnesses, including those associated with biological, chemical, nuclear, or radiological weapons attack or an infectious disease outbreak, with Senators Lieberman, Schumer, and Hatch.

NAVAJO-HOPI LAND SETTLEMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1003, to amend the Act of

December 22, 1974, relating to Navajo-Hopi land settlement, after receiving testimony from William P. Ragsdale, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Christopher J. Bavasi and Paul Tessler, both of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, all of the Department of the Interior; Wayne Taylor, Jr., The Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona; and Joe Shirley, Jr., Louis Denetsosie, and Roman Bitsuie, all of The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1389, to reauthorize and improve

the USA PATRIOT Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John S. Redd, of Georgia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Chambliss and former Senator Robb, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 5; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 212–215; and H. Res. 374–375 were introduced.

Pages H6326–28

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6328–29

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2130, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize research programs to better understand and protect marine mammals (H. Rept. 109–180).

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USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, by a recorded vote of 257 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 414.

Pages H6210–20, H6221–69, H6273–H6309

Rejected the Boucher motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 413.

Pages H6306–08

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–178 is considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment, in lieu of the amendments reported by the Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill.

Page H6210

Agreed to:

Flake amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that states that the Director of the FBI must personally approve any library or bookstore request for records by the FBI under section 215 (by

a recorded vote of 402 ayes to 26 noes, Roll No. 403);

Pages H6249–52, H6265–66

Issa amendment (no. 3 in H. Rept. 109–178) that increases the oversight over the use of roving wiretaps by requiring timely notification to the issuing judge of any changes of location (by a recorded vote of 406 ayes to 21 noes, Roll No. 404);

Pages H6252–54, H6266–67

Capito amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that standardizes the penalties for terrorist attacks and other violence against railroad carriers and mass transportation systems on land, water, or in the air (by a recorded vote of 362 ayes to 66 noes, Roll No. 405);

Pages H6254–56, H6267

Flake amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that specifies that the recipient of a national security letter may consult an attorney, and may also challenge national security letters in court (by a recorded vote of 394 ayes to 32 noes, Roll No. 406);

Pages H6556–60, H6267–68

Delahunt amendment (no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that changes the reference in the forfeiture statute from 2331 (domestic terrorism) to 2332(b) and 2332 (g)(5)(B) (the Federal crime of terrorism definition) (by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 7 noes, Roll No. 407);

Pages H6262–63, H6268–69

Flake amendment (no. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that requires reporting by the Administrative Office of the Courts on search warrants and also eliminates the provision “unduly delaying trial” in the delayed notification section of the Patriot Act for “sneak and peak” searches (by a recorded vote of 407 ayes to 21 noes, Roll No. 408);

Pages H6263–65, H6269

Lungren amendment (no. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that adds to the list of offenses that are

predicates for obtaining electronic surveillance to include offenses which are related to terrorism;

Pages H6276–77

Coble amendment (no. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–178), as modified by unanimous consent agreement, that amends the Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act, which makes it unlawful to knowingly ship, possess, sell, distribute or purchase contraband cigarettes;

Pages H6282–85

Carter amendment (no. 13 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that amends the Federal criminal code to apply the death penalty or life imprisonment for a terrorist offense that results in death;

Pages H6285–87

Hyde amendment (no. 16 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that establishes a new criminal offense of narco-terrorism;

Pages H6292–94

Sessions amendment (no. 18 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that provides additional protection to all aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the U.S. the same protection currently provided to passenger aircraft;

Pages H6294–95

Paul amendment (no. 19 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that expresses the sense of Congress that no American citizen should be the target of a Federal investigation solely as a result of that person's political activities;

Pages H6295–97

Lowey amendment (no. 20 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that strikes section 1014(c) of PL 107–56 as it applies to Homeland Security Grant Funding; and adds H.R. 1544, The Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005, as passed by the House as a new section of the bill;

Pages H6297–H6303

Berman amendment (no. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–178), that requires a report to Congress on the development and use of data-mining technology by departments and agencies of the Federal government (by a recorded vote of 261 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 409);

Pages H6274–76, H6303–04

Schiff amendment (no. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that adds a new title to the bill regarding Reducing Crime and Terrorism at America's Seaports (by a recorded vote of 381 ayes to 45 noes, Roll No. 410);

Pages H6277–82, H6304–05

Hart amendment (no. 14 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that increases the penalties and criminal sentences for activities constituting terrorism financing (by a recorded vote of 387 ayes to 38 noes, Roll No. 411); and

Pages H6287–90, H6305

Jackson-Lee amendment (no. 15 printed in H. Rept. 109–178), as modified by unanimous consent agreement, that allows the attachment of property and the enforcement of judgment against a judgment debtor that has engaged in planning or perpe-

trating any act of terrorism (by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 412).

Pages H6290–92, H6305–06

Rejected:

Waters amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–178) that sought to establish under section 505 of the USA PATRIOT Act, a recipient of a national security letter may not be penalized for violating the non disclosure requirement if the recipient is mentally incompetent, under undue stress, under threat of bodily harm, or a threat of being discharged from employment.

Pages H6260–62

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 369, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 196 noes and 3 voting "present", Roll No. 402, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote 224 yea to 197 nay, Roll No. 401.

Pages H6210–20

Surface Transportation Extension Act: The House passed H.R. 3377, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

Pages H6269–73

Later agreed to H. Con. Res. 212, to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H6293, H6314.

Senate Referrals: S. 45 was held at the desk, S. 544 was referred to Energy and Commerce and S. Con. Res. 212 was held at the desk.

Pages H6293, H6314

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and 12 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6219–20, H6220, H6265–66, H6266–67, H6267, H6268, H6268–69, H6269, H6303–04, H6304, H6305, H6305–06, H6307–08, H6308–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RENEWABLE FUELS STANDARD REVIEW USDA'S ROLE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to Review Agriculture's Role in a Renewable Fuels Standard. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; Tim Pawlenty, Governor, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

U.S. COAST GUARD DEEPWATER PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on U.S. Coast Guard Deepwater Program, Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: ADM Thomas H. Collins, Commandant; and ADM Patrick Stillman, Deepwater Program Manager.

COUNTER TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY SHARING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing on counter terrorism technology sharing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sue Payton, Deputy Under Secretary, Advanced Systems and Concepts; Peter F. Verga, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; and Tony Tether, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; and John Kubricky, Acting Director, Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency and Director, Systems Engineering and Development, Department of Homeland Security.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Continued markup of H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

CREDIT CARD DATA PROCESSING

Committee on Financial Service: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Credit Card Data Processing: How Secure Is It?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTROLLING RESTRICTED AIRSPACE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Controlling Restricted Airspace: An Examination of the Management and Coordination of Our National Air Defense." Testimony was heard from Davi M. D'Agostino, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; and MG Marvin S. Mayes, USAF, Commander, 1st Air Force and Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region; and Robert A. Sturgell, Deputy Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

DARFUR PEACE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT;

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3127, Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2005.

CHINA HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on Falun Gong and China's Continuing War on Human Rights. Testimony was heard from Gretchen Berkel, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC DUCK STAMP ACT; JUNIOR DUCK STAMP REAUTHORIZATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1494, Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005; and H.R. 3179, Junior Duck Stamp Reauthorization Amendments Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Paul R. Schmidt, Assistant Director, Migratory Birds, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

U.S. COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on U.S. Competitiveness: The Innovation Challenge. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING SAFETY ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Issues. Testimony was heard from Senator Vitter; Representative Kucinich; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; Mark V. Rosenker, Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS HEALTH CARE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on the amendment the Administration submitted to Congress for the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2006 budget, requesting an additional \$1.977 billion for higher-than-expected veterans' health care needs. Testimony was heard from

Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MEDICARE—PHYSICIAN VALUE-BASED PURCHASING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Value-Based Purchasing for Physicians under Medicare. Testimony was heard from Mark McClellan, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 758–759)

H.R. 3332, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and

other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Signed on July 20, 2005 (Public Law 109–35)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Karen P. Hughes, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, with the rank of Ambassador, Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, and Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, 10 a.m., SD–419.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue markup of H.R. 690, College Access and Opportunity Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, July 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1042, Department of Defense Authorization.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005 (structured rule, one hour of debate).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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