

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1591, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1225–1247, S. Res. 173–175, and S. Con. Res. 29. **Pages S5183–84**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence Covering the Period January 4, 2005, to December 8, 2006”. (S. Rept. No. 110–57) **Page S5183**

Measures Passed:

National Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 174, honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, beginning April 22, 2007. **Pages S5255–57**

Israeli Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 175, recognizing the 59th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel. **Page S5257**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report: By 51 yeas and 46 nays (Vote No. 147), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5128–53**

Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:15 p.m., on Monday, April 30, 2007, Senate begin consideration of S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions. **Page S5257**

Nonination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Harold R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, sent to the

Senate by the President on March 26, 2007 be referred jointly to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S5255**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John Roberts Hackman, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

44 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S5254–55, S5258**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007.

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

James R. Keith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

Stephen A. Seche, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Nepal.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Army.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—147) **Page S5153**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 6:00 p.m., until 2:45 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5257.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including the USA PATRIOT Act, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

UNLAWFUL ENEMY COMBATANTS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legal issues regarding individuals detained by the Department of Defense as unlawful enemy combatants, after receiving testimony from Senator Leahy; Daniel J. Dell'Orto, Principle Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense; Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, (Ret.) USN, former Judge Advocate General of the Navy, Concord, New Hampshire; Jeffrey H. Smith, former General Counsel of the Center Intelligence Agency, Neal K. Katyal, Georgetown University Law Center, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker Hostetler, all of Washington D.C.; and Mark P. Denbeaux, Seton Hall Law School, New York, New York.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Air Force and aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony

from Lieutenant General Carrol H. Chandler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, Vice Chief of Staff, and Lieutenant General Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, both of the U.S. Air Force, William Balderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research, Development and Acquisition, and Rear Admiral Bruce W. Clingan, USN, Director, Air Warfare, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, both of the U.S. Navy, and Lieutenant General John G. Castellaw, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, all of the Department of Defense.

CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine clean coal technology, after receiving testimony from Joseph M. Chaisson, Clean Air Task Force, Harpswell, Maine; Roberto R. Denis, Sierra Pacific Resources, Las Vegas, Nevada; Gregory J. McRae, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Chemical Engineering, Cambridge; Michael W. Rencheck, American Electric Power, Columbus, Ohio; and John M. Wilson, Siemens Power Generation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 169, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, S. 312 and H.R. 497, bills to authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion, S. 580, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, S. 686, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail, S. 722, 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. 783, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, S. 890, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and H.R. 1047, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a

study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mayor Timmy Kerner, Lafitte, Louisiana; Brigadier General Carl W. Reddel, (Ret.) USAF, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and James P. Brown, City of St. Louis, Missouri Office of the Mayor, both of Washington, D.C.; Kim Burdick, National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, Rockland, Delaware; Linda Borkow, Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, Dobbs Ferry, New York; and Gary Werner, Partnership for the National Trails System, Madison, Wisconsin.

COAL

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine coal, focusing on a clean coal technologies, after receiving testimony from Steve Waddington, Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, Cheyenne; Nina French, ADA Environmental Solutions, Napa, California; John Diesch, Rentech Energy Midwest Corporation, East Dubuque, Illinois; Brian J. McPherson, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; and William L. Townsend, Blue Source Companies, Holladay, Utah.

OSHA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine the effectiveness of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), after receiving testimony from David Michaels, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, former Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety and Health, and Peg Seminario, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Konnie Compagna, Service Employees International Union, Kent, Washington; and Thomas F. Cecich, TFC and Associates, Apex, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES OF DUCK VALLEY WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 462, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; W. Patrick Ragsdale, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Allen Biaggi, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City; and Kyle Prior, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 2046–2071; 1 private bill, H.R. 2072; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 132–133; and H. Res. 339–343 were introduced.

Pages H4203–04

Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 1873, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–111, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lincoln Davis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Monsignor George R. Coyne, St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Tiltonsville, Ohio.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, April 30th.

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Restoring the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros: The House passed H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 277 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 269.

Pages H4182–92

Rejected the Price (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House

forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 268. **Pages H4190–91**

Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2007) that sought to add a new section relating to requirement of off-sets (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 267). **Pages H4187–90**

H. Res. 331, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H4180–82**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 2nd. **Page H4194**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4189–90, H4191, and H4192. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM CROP PROVISIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review proposals to amend the program crop provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Climate Change. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Tom Armstrong, Senior Advisor, Global Change Programs, U.S. Geological Survey; Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary; Sam D. Hamilton, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dan Kimball, Superintendent, Everglades National Park, and Don L. Neubacher, Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore, both with the National Park Service; Ron Huntsinger, National Science Coordinator, and Mike Pellant, Great Basin Restoration Initiative Coordinator, both with the Bureau of Land Management; and Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing of the Secretary of Labor.

Testimony was heard from Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Office of Compliance/Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO; Tamara Chrisler, Acting Executive Director; and Peter Eveleth, General Counsel, both with the Office of Compliance.

CREDIT CARD PRACTICES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Credit Card Practices: Current Consumer and Regulatory Issues.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURE HANDLING OF AMMONIUM NITRATE ACT OF 2007

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1680, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2007.

SAFE PORT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “The SAFE Port Act: A Six-Month Review.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: ADM Craig E. Bone, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard; Jayson Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection; and Maurine S. Fanguy, Program Director, Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program, Transportation Security Administration; Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; George P. Cummings, Director, Homeland Security, Port of Los Angeles, California; Richard A. Wainio, Port Director and CEO, Tampa Port Authority, Florida; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SHARING/CLASSIFICATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “The Over-Classification and Pseudo-Classification of Government Information: The Response of the Program Manager of the Information Sharing Environment.” Testimony was heard from Ambassador Thomas E. McNamara, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Carter Morris, Director, Informational

Sharing and Knowledge Management, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Wayne M. Murphy, Assistant Director, Directorate of Intelligence, FBI, Department of Justice; COL Bart R. Johnson, New York State Police; and Mark Zadra, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Law Enforcement, Florida.

PATIENT REFORM ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMPLOYER CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK ACCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1700, COPS Improvements Act of 2007; and H.R. 916, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Employer Access to Criminal Background Checks: The Need for Efficiency and Accuracy. Testimony was heard from Frank Campbell, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION AND WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held a hearing on Proposals for Improving the Electronic Employment Verification and Worksite Enforcement System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Calvert, Dreier, Reyes, Gutierrez, and Flake; and public witnesses.

OCEANS CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, AND NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR 21ST CENTURY ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 21, Oceans Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Farr and Allen; Jack Dunnigan, Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ONSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a joint oversight hearing on Land-use Issues Associated

with Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Development. Testimony was heard from Representative Peterson of Pennsylvania; Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; Tony L. Ferguson, Director, Minerals and Geology Management, Forest Service, USDA; John Emmerich, Deputy Director, Department of Game and Fish, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1462, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Jason Peltier, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior; Ann Bleed, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Nebraska; Ted Kowalski, Program Manager, Water Conservation Board, State of Colorado; Mike Purcell, Director, Water Development Commission, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY—ENERGY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Establishing the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy—H.R. 364, To provide for the establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL REGULATORY SYSTEM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Amending Executive Order 12866: Good Governance or Regulatory Usurpation? Part II. Testimony was heard from Steve Aitken, General Counsel, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Small Business Innovation Reauthorization on the 25th Program Anniversary. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRS TAX GAP PROPOSALS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Closing the Tax Gap Without Creating Burdens for Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEMA'S PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on FEMA's Preparedness and Response to All Hazards. Testimony was heard from VADM Harvey Johnson, USCG (Ret.) Deputy Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 92, Veterans' Timely Access Health Care Act; H.R. 315, Help Establish Access to Local Timely Healthcare for Your Veterans (Healthy Vets) Act of 2007; H.R. 339, Veterans' Outpatient Care Access Act of 2007; H.R. 463, Honor Our Commitment to Veterans Act; H.R. 538, South Texas Veterans' Access to Care Act of 2007; H.R. 542, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mental health services in languages other than English, as needed, for veterans with limited English proficiency; H.R. 1426, Richard Helm Veterans' Access to Local Health Care Options and Resources; H.R. 1470, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 1471, Better Access to Chiropractors to Keep Our Veterans' Health Act (BACK Veterans' Health Act); H.R. 1527, Rural Veterans' Access to Care Act; and a draft discussion on the Rural Health Care bill and a proposed TBI bill. Testimony was heard from Chairman Filner; and Representatives Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida; Pearce, Rothman, Ortiz, Solis, Latham, Moran of Kansas and Altmire; Gerald M. Cross, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

POVERTY REDUCTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Poverty Reduction. Testimony was heard from Linda Gibbs, Deputy Mayor, Health and Human Services, City of New York; and public witnesses.

R&D AND SYSTEMS ACQUISITION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on R&D and Systems Acquisition. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Dangerous Climate Change." Testimony was heard from James

Hansen, Director, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, NASA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

Joint Economic Committee: On April 5, 2007, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 30 through May 5, 2007

Senate Chamber

On Monday, at 4:15 p.m. Senate will begin consideration of S. 1082, Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 1, to hold hearings to examine conservation policy recommendations for the farm bill, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: May 1, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for United States Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for global health, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

May 2, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for defense intelligence, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

May 2, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on federally-funded entities, 3 p.m., SD-192.

May 3, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate and the Library of Congress, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Equal Employment Opportunity, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 3, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: May 1, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense transportation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

May 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, with the possibility of a closed session in S-407 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

May 3, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold closed hearings to examine Navy force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by an open session in SR-222, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 30, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine Halliburton and United States business ties to Iran, 2 p.m., SR-253.

May 1, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine improving air service to small and rural communities, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 1, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBR's) and truck driver fatigue reduction, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 2, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine United States trade relations with China, 9:15 a.m., SR-253.

May 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 3, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 27, to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 3, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 390, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, S. 647, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, S. 1139, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes, H.R. 356, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States, S. 205, to grant rights-

of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska, and H.R. 865, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: May 1, Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine advanced technology vehicles, focusing on the road ahead, 10 a.m., SD-215.

May 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Medicare prescription drug benefit, focusing on monitoring early experiences, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 1, to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on measuring progress and supporting effective interventions, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 30, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Federal government's role in empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

May 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Internet as a portal to violent Islamist extremism, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 3, to hold hearings to examine S. 310, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States' relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, 9:30 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 1, to hold hearings to examine process patents, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 2, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the security of international travel documents, focusing on interrupting terrorist travel, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, S. 495, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 239, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1202, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, and the nominations of

Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Richard Sullivan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 1, to hold hearings to examine the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (Public Law 95-511), 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

May 3, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: May 2, to hold hearings to examine the Nursing Home Reform Act (Public Law 100-203), focusing on what has been accomplished and what challenges still remain, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 1, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the crop insurance industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 1, Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on review of rural broadband programs operated by the USDA's Rural Utilities Service, 1 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

May 2, full Committee, hearing on review of the USDA's release of program beneficiaries' Social Security numbers and the Department's information systems, generally, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 30, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Missile Defense Agency, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 30, Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on Defense Intelligence Agency, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 1, Subcommittee on Defense, on Health Personnel Overview, 10 a.m., and on Preventative Medicine and Cancers Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 1, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Public Witnesses, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

May 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Health Program Overview, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 3, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Mobility Aircraft, 10 a.m., and on Joint Strike Fighter and Tactical Aircraft, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, May 2, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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Committee on Education and Labor, April 30, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, hearing on "Paying For a College Education: Barriers and Solutions for Students and Families," 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Retirement Security: Strengthening Pension Protections, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Achieving—At Long Last—Appliance Efficiency Standards," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1014, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act, 12 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1902, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2007, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of a Safe and Equitable Biosimilar Policy in the United States," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Facilitating the Transition to a Smart Electric Grid," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "2006 Prudhoe Bay Shutdown: Will Recent Regulatory Changes and BP Management Reforms Prevent Future Failures?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 1, to consider the following bills: H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007; and H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, 4 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 1, hearing on the Future of Political, Economic and Security Relations with China, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, joint hearing on Do the United States and Europe Need A Missile Defense System? 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, joint hearing on Arab Opinion on American Policies, Values, and People, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 1, hearing entitled "The Direction and Viability of the Federal Protective Service," 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, May 2, meeting of the Ad Hoc Election Panel to discuss matters pertaining to the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida, 10 a.m., 1309 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 1, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to consider issuing subpoenas to James Comey; followed by a hearing on the Second Anniversary of the Enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005: Are Consumers Really Being Protected Under the Act: 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 1525, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on An Examination of Point Systems as a Method for Selecting Immigrants, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 3, Antitrust Task Force, to consider the findings and recommendations of the Antitrust Modernization Commission, as established by the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, 1:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue hearings on the Continuing Investigation into the U.S. Attorneys Controversy, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 660, Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on the U.S. Economy, U.S. Workers, and Immigration Reform, 3 p.m., 2137 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, joint oversight hearing on The Future of Fossil Fuels: Geological and Terrestrial Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 1, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Gone with Wind: Impacts of Wind Turbines on Birds and Bats, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 3, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) as a precursor to the Conference of the Parties, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, May 1, hearing on FDA's Critical Mission and Challenges for the Future, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Committee on Rules, May 1, to consider the following: H.R. 1429, Improving Head Start Act of 2007; H.R. 1867, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1868, Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, May 2, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Space Science Programs: Review of Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request and Issues, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Reorienting the U.S. Global Change Research Program Toward a User-Driven Research Endeavor, H.R. 906, Global Change Research Data Management Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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May 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on financial assistance programs for low-income Medicare beneficiaries, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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