

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 403, Child Custody Protection Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8137–8210*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3720–3730. **Page S8195**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–292)

H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8195**

#### Measures Passed:

**Child Custody Protection Act:** By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 216), Senate passed S. 403, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8151–88**

#### Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 215), Boxer/Ensign Amendment No. 4694, to punish parents who have committed incest. **Pages S8186–87**

#### Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 214), Lautenberg Amendment No. 4689, to authorize grants to carry out programs to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies. **Pages S8153–64**

**Nuclear Nonproliferation in North Korea:** Senate passed S. 3728, to promote nuclear nonproliferation in North Korea. **Pages S8206–08**

**Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments:** Senate passed S. 2832, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. **Pages S8208–09**

**Condemning Murders of Journalists:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from the further consideration of S. Res. 526, condemning the murder of United States journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow, and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8209**

**Gulf of Mexico Energy Security—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3711, to enhance the energy independence and security of the United States by providing for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources in the Gulf of Mexico, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2006, with the time until 10 a.m., equally divided between the Majority and Democratic Leaders, or their designees, and that at 10 a.m., Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S8209**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 213), Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Pages S8137–51, S8210**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Dianne I. Moss, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2007.

Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Ronald A. Tschetter, of Minnesota, to be Director of the Peace Corps. **Page S8210**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—216)	Pages S8151, S8163–64, S8187
<b>Adjournment:</b> Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:27 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8209.)	

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the F–22A multiyear procurement proposal in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States; James I. Finley, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; David B. Newman, Principal Analyst in Defense, Congressional Budget Office; Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service; J. Richard Nelson, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; and Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, Washington, D.C.

### HEDGE FUNDS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the regulation of hedge funds, focusing on systematic market risks posed by hedge fund activity, and the investor protection issues that stem from the increasing exposure of retail investors to hedge fund investment opportunities, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Reuben Jeffery III, Chairman, United States Commodity Futures Trad-

ing Commission; and Randal K. Quarles, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance.

### JOINT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Joint Planning and Development Office, which was created to plan for and coordinate, with Federal and non-Federal stakeholders, a transformation from the current air traffic control (ATC) system to the next generation air transportation system, after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and David A. Dobbs, Assistant Inspector General for Aviation and Special Program Audits, both of the Department of Transportation; Lisa J. Porter, Associate Administrator for Aeronautics Research, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### TAX JURISDICTION

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade concluded a hearing to examine State jurisdiction to tax certain business activity, focusing on legislation that could provide uniformity, simplification, and fairness concerning the taxation of remote sales over the Internet, after receiving testimony from Senator Enzi; Iowa State Representative Christopher Rants, Des Moines; Daniel W. Noble, Wyoming Department of Revenue, and Gary Imig, Sierra Trading Post, Inc., both of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Dan R. Bucks, Montana Department of Revenue, Helena; George S. Isaacson, Brann and Isaacson, Lewiston, Maine, on behalf of the Direct Marketing Association; Robert Benham, Balliet's, L.L.C., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Retail Federation; and Douglas L. Lindholm, Council on State Taxation, and Michael F. Mundaca, Ernst and Young, both of Washington, D.C.

### HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which provides health care coverage for uninsured children, after receiving testimony from Senator Kennedy; Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Evelyne P. Baumrucker, Analyst in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, and Chris L. Peterson, Specialist in Social Legislation, both of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

**DOD SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense Supply Chain Management Plan, focusing on the extent to which the supply chain management improvement plan is integrated with other Department of Defense logistics strategies, concepts, and plans, and if the Department has identified valid performance metrics and data to use in monitoring initiatives and measuring

progress, after receiving testimony from Alan F. Estevez, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Supply Chain Integration; and William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities Management, Government Accountability Office.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 5874–5888; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 453; and H. Res. 942, 945–948 were introduced. **Pages H5853–54**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5854–55**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 362, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–332, Pt. 2);

H.R. 5013, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the confiscation of firearms during certain national emergencies (H. Rept. 109–596);

Conference report on S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act (H. Rept. 109–597);

H. Res. 946, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act (H. Rept. 109–598); and

H. Res. 947, providing for consideration of H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India (H. Rept. 109–599). **Page H5853**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dent to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5685**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H5685**

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

*Improving Outcomes for Children Affected by Meth Act of 2006:* S. 3525, amended, to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program; **Pages H5689–94**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the safe and stable families program, and for other purposes.” **Page H5694**

*Amending section 1113 of the Social Security Act to temporarily increase funding for the program of temporary assistance for United States citizens returned from foreign countries:* H.R. 5865, to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to temporarily increase funding for the program of temporary assistance for United States citizens returned from foreign countries; **Pages H5694–96**

*Amending the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance emergency communications at the Department of Homeland Security:* H.R. 5852, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance emergency communications at the Department of Homeland Security, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 397; **Pages H5696–H5705, H5742–43**

*Children’s Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Act of 2006:* H.R. 4472, with Senate amendments,

to protect children from sexual exploitation and violent crime, to prevent child abuse and child pornography, to promote Internet safety, and to honor the memory of Adam Walsh and other child crime victims—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H5705–31**

*FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2006:* H.R. 4804, amended, to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 398;

**Pages H5731–34, H5743**

*Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2006:* H.R. 5121, amended, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 400;

**Pages H5734–42, H5813–14**

*Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2006:* H.R. 5068, amended, to reauthorize the operations of the Export-Import Bank, and to reform certain operations of the Bank;

**Pages H5744–54**

*Promoting Transparency in Financial Reporting Act of 2006:* H.R. 5024, amended, to require annual oral testimony before the Financial Services Committee of the Chairperson or a designee of the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, relating to their efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting;

**Pages H5754–55**

*Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006:* H.R. 5013, amended, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the confiscation of firearms during certain national emergencies, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 322 yeas to 99 nays, Roll No. 401;

**Pages H5755–61, H5814–15**

*Amending the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007:* H.R. 5187, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007;

**Pages H5761–62**

*Expressing the sense of Congress in support of a national bike month and in appreciation of cyclists and others for promoting bicycle safety and the benefits of cycling:* H. Con. Res. 145, to express the sense of Congress in support of a national bike month and in appreciation of cyclists and others for promoting bicycle safety and the benefits of cycling;

**Pages H5762–63**

*Expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual:* H. Con. Res. 235, to express the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual;

**Pages H5763–65**

*Railroad Retirement Technical Improvement Act of 2006:* H.R. 5074, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the Treasury;

**Pages H5765–66**

*Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic 1946 season of Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member Bob Feller and his return from military service to the United States:* H. Con. Res. 449, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the historic 1946 season of Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member Bob Feller and his return from military service to the United States, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 402; and

**Pages H5766–69, H5815**

*Recognizing and honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans:* H. Con. Res. 384, to recognize and honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 403.

**Pages H5769–73, H5815–16**

*Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees:* The House agreed to the George Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, which was debated on Thursday, July 20th, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 281 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 399.

**Pages H5743–44, H5809–13**

*Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees:* Subsequently, the House began consideration of the George Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Wednesday, July 26th.

Pages H5809–13

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5831.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1950 was referred to the Committee on International Relations and S. 403, S. 3728, and S. 2832 were held at the desk. Page H5852

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5742–43, H5743, H5743–44, H5813–14, H5814, H5815, H5815–16. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HORSE PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 503, To amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sweeney and Goodlatte; and public witnesses.

### MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on How To Build a Payment System That Provides Quality, Efficient Care for Medicare Beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, CBO; A. Bruce Steinwald, Director, Health Care, GAO; Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and a public witness.

Hearings continue July 27.

### REAL ESTATE MARKET

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Changing Real Estate Market.” Testimony was heard from J. Bruce McDonald, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Director, Office of Policy Planning, FTC; David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

### TERRORISM THREATS AND THE INSURANCE MARKET

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee

on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled “Terrorism Threats and the Insurance Market.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### RE-EMPLOYING FEDERAL RETIREES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “Retirees Returning to the Rescue: Re-employing Annuitants in Times of National Need.” Testimony was heard from Nancy Kichak, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, OPM; Patricia Bradshaw, Deputy Under Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Barbara Panther, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ronald Sanders, Chief Human Capitol Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and public witnesses.

### DOD EXCESS PROPERTY SECURITY RISKS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “DOD Excess Property: Inventory Control Breakdowns Present a Security Risk.” Testimony was heard from Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Alan F. Estevez, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Supply Chain Integration); MG Bennie E. Williams, USA, Director, Logistics Operations, Defense Logistic Agency; and Paul Peters, Director, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service.

### STOPPING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Is the Federal Government Doing All It Can To Stem the Tide of Illegal Immigration.” Testimony was heard from Martin H. Gerry, Deputy Commissioner, Social Security for Disability and Income Support Programs, SSA; Al Robinson, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Administration, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Janis Sposato, Associate Director, National Security and Records Verification Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service; and Matthew Allen, Deputy Assistant Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and K. Steven Burgess, Director, Examinations Small Business/Self Employed Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

## CENTRAL ASIAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ISSUES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Assessing Energy and Security Issues in Central Asia. Testimony was heard from Steven R. Mann, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Lana Ekimoff, Director, Office of Russian and Eurasian Affairs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT ANNIVERSARY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing entitled “The 60th Anniversary of the Administrative Procedure Act: Where Do We Go From Here?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MANAGEMENT POLICIES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing entitled “The Recently Released Final Draft of the National Park Service Management Policies.” Testimony was heard from Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

## CONFERENCE REPORT—VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1988 to improve the Act, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman McKeon (CA).

## UNITED STATES AND INDIA NUCLEAR COOPERATION PROMOTION ACT OF 2006

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Com-

mittee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde, Representatives Fortenberry, Upton, Lantos, Berman, Lee, Markey, Woolsey, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

## SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on Scientific and Technical Assessment and Advice for the U.S. Congress. Testimony was heard from Representative Holt; and public witnesses.

## IRS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT COMPLIANCE

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on the Failure To Comply With the Regulatory Flexibility Act: IRS Endangering Small Businesses Yet Again. Testimony was heard from Donald L. Korb, Chief Counsel, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

## RAIL SAFETY HUMAN FACTORS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Human Factors Issues in Rail Safety. Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert Chipkevich, Director, Office of Rail, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigations, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

## CUSTOMS BUDGET AUTHORIZATIONS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Customs Budget Authorizations and Other Customs Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department

of Homeland Security: W. Ralph Basham, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and public witnesses.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 814)

H.R. 42, to ensure that the right of an individual to display the flag of the United States on residential property not be abridged. Signed on July 24, 2006. (Public Law 109–243)

S.J. Res. 40, authorizing the printing and binding of a supplement to, and revised edition of, Senate Procedure. Signed on July 25, 2006. (Public Law 109–244)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Nancy Montanez-Johner, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Margo M. McKay, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and Bruce I. Knight, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the size and sources of the tax gap, 2 p.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Philip S. Goldberg, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a progress report on protecting and enforcing intellectual property rights here and abroad, focusing on the Administration's Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) and the extent to which it has been effective in educating businesses about the issues related to conducting business in the global economy, the progress made since the appointment of the IP Coordinator last July, and explore if the STOP! initiative has identified effective human capital and strategic plans to build on the existing program, and if it has the necessary resources required to complete its mission, 3:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the current and future status of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act which prescribes procedures for requesting judicial authorization for electronic surveillance and physical search of persons engaged in espionage or international terrorism against the United States on behalf of a foreign power, 9 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold a closed meeting regarding intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH–219.

#### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on plutonium disposition and the U.S. Mixed Oxide Fuel Facility, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on Examining Views on English as the Official Language, 12:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to mark up the following bills: H. R. 4583, Wool Suit Fabric Labeling Fairness and International Standards Conforming Act; H.R. 1078, Social Security Number Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 5863, To authorize temporary emergency extensions to certain exemptions to the requirements with respect to polychlorinated biphenyls under the Toxic Substances Control Act; and H.R. 503, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5503, FHA Multifamily Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5851, Hawaiian Ownership Opportunity Act; and H.R. 5637, Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Prescription Drug Abuse: What is Being Done to Address this New Drug Epidemic," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Implementing FOIA—Does the Administration's Executive Order Improve Processing?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Emergency Care Crisis: A Nation Unprepared for Public Health Disasters," 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Immigration: Responding to a Regional Crisis, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to continue markup of H.R. 1704, Second Chance Act of 2005; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2679, Public Expression of Religion

Act of 2005; H.R. 5092, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act of 2006; H.R. 5005, Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act; H.R. 1384, Firearm Commerce Modernization Act; and H.R. 1415, NICS Improvement Act of 2005; and to consider the following: Establishing a Special Investigative Task Force of the Committee for the consideration of H. Res. 916, Impeaching Manuel L. Real, judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, for high crimes and misdemeanors; and to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to mark up H.R. 4893, To amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 5766, Government Efficiency Act of 2006; and H.R. 4157, Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on proposed amendments to and reauthorization of the National Dam Safety Program Act, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on Impacts of Border Security and Immigration on Ways and Means Programs, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Intelligence Community Acquisition Reform, 12:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.



## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Wednesday, July 26

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 26

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3711, to enhance the energy independence and security of the United States by providing for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources in the Gulf of Mexico, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 10 a.m.

(At 11 a.m., Senate will meet with the House of Representatives in the House Chamber to receive an address from His Excellency Nuri al-Maliki, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq.)

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After convening at 10 a.m. and recessing immediately thereafter, the House will reconvene at approximately 10:40 a.m. in Joint Meeting with the Senate for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Dr. Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of Iraq. Later, consideration of suspensions as follows: (1) H.R. 2730—United States-Israel Energy Cooperation Act; (2) H.R. 5611—Fuel Consumption Education Act; and (3) H. Res. 844—Congratulating the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative on ten years of significant achievement in the search for an HIV/AIDS vaccine. Consideration of H.R. 5682—United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act of 2006 (Subject to a Rule).

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