

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4887–S5006

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 994–1007. **Page S4936**

Measures Reported:

S. 285, to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–66) **Page S4936**

Transportation Equity Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4896–4906, S4906–4929**

Adopted:

Inhofe (for Talent) Amendment No. 742 (to Amendment No. 605), to require notice regarding the criteria for small business concerns to participate in Federally-funded projects. **Page S4929**

Rejected:

Corzine/Lautenberg Amendment No. 606 (to Amendment No. 605), to establish the effect of a section of the United States Code relating to the letting of contracts on individual contributions to political campaigns, and to require the Secretary of Transportation to consider State laws that limit political contributions to be in accordance with competitive procurement requirements. (By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 119), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4906–15**

By 28 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 120), Lautenberg/Dodd Amendment No. 625 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide funding for motorcycle safety programs in States without universal helmet laws. **Pages S4915–28**

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 121), Harkin Modified Amendment No. 618 (to Amendment No. 605), to improve the safety of nonmotorized transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian safety. **Pages S4920–28**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 605, to provide a complete substitute. **Page S4896**

Dorgan Amendment No. 652 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for the conduct of an investigation to determine whether market manipulation is contributing to higher gasoline prices. **Pages S4918–20**

Nelson (FL) (for Feingold) Amendment No. 610 (to Amendment No. 605), to improve the accuracy and efficacy of identity authentication systems and ensure privacy and security. **Pages S4928–29**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 118), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Inhofe Amendment No. 605 (listed above). The point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was not sustained. **Pages S4896–S4902**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2005, with 60 minutes of debate, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Inhofe Amendment No. 605 (listed above). **Page S5005**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Members have until 10:30 a.m. to file second-degree amendments. **Page S5005**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation. **Page S5006**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark A. Limbaugh, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

William Alan Eaton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management). **Page S5006**

Messages From the House: **Page S4935**

Measures Referred: **Page S4935**

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 Authority for Committees to Meet: Pages S5004–05
 Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—121) Page S4902, S4915, S4928

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 12, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5005.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2003, to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers, after receiving testimony from Andrew C. von Eschenbach, Director, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Sheryl Silver, Johanna's Law Foundation, Bloomfield Hills, Illinois; and Fran Drescher, Los Angeles, California.

LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine new approaches to understand and treat ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), after receiving testimony from Story C. Landis, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Lucie Bruijn, The ALS Association, Calabasas Hills, California; Rob Boresellino, The Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa; Eric Obermann, Huntsville, Alabama; Tommy John, Charlotte, North Carolina; David Cone, New York, New York; and Kate Linder, Los Angeles, California.

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Missile Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, Director of the Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense; and General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, United States Strategic Command.

GPO/CBO/OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Bruce R. James, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and William W. Thompson, III, Executive Director, and Susan S. Robfogel, Chair of the Board of Directors, both of the Office of Compliance.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland continued in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

SPYWARE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to spyware, focusing on spyware's ability to access a user's machine without informed consent for financial gain that threatens the viability of the Internet as a commerce, entertainment, communications and educational tool, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; Trevor Hughes, Network Advertising Initiative, York, Maine; C. David Moll, Webroot Software, Inc., Boulder, Colorado; and Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 895, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents, after receiving testimony from John W. Keys, III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Mayor David Lansford, Clovis, New Mexico, on behalf of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Association; Jim T. Dunlap, Upper La Plata Water Users, Farmington, New Mexico, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association, and the New Mexico Rural Water Association; Harold Frazier, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota; and Duane A. Smith, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the Western States Water Council.

LANDS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 100, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado, S. 235 and H.R. 816, bills to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 404, to make a technical correction relating to the land conveyance authorized by Public Law 108-67, S. 741, to provide for the disposal of certain Forest Service administrative sites in the State of Oregon, S. 761, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an inter-

national authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base, after receiving testimony from Joel Holtrip, Deputy Chief for National Forest System, and Greg Smith, Director of Lands, both of the U.S. Forest System, Department of Agriculture; and Thomas P. Lonnie, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

U.S.-EUROPEAN UNION REGULATORY COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the United States-European Union regulatory cooperation on emerging technologies, focusing on nanotechnology, European collection societies, and information technology accessibility for the disabled, after receiving testimony from Harris N. Miller, Information Technology Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; Frederick C. Klaessig, Degussa Corporation, Piscataway, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council; Frances W. West, IBM Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Stephen F. Harper, Intel Corporation, Washington, D.C., both on behalf of the European-American Business Council; Thomas B. Patton, Philips Electronics North America Corporation, John D. Hassell, Hewlett-Packard Company, and Joseph E. Duffy, SAP Public Services, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

BIOLOGICAL THREATS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness concluded a hearing to examine 21st century biological threats, focusing on dual-purpose preparedness against natural and deliberate microbial threats, after receiving testimony from John Deutch, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, former Director of Central Intelligence, and former Deputy Secretary of Defense; J. Craig Venter, J. Craig Venter Institute, Rockville, Maryland; Guenael R. Rodier, World Health Organization, United Nations, New York, New York; and Harvey V. Fineberg, The National Academies, and Shelly Hearne, Trust for America's Health, both of Washington, D.C.

INDIAN TRIBE RECOGNITION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine Federal recognition of Indian tribes, focusing on local municipalities and communities and tax and zoning issues, and casino gaming, receiving testimony from Senators Dodd and Lieberman; Representatives Shays, Simmons, and Nancy Johnson; Mary L. Kendall, Deputy Inspector General, and Lee Fleming, Director of Federal Acknowledgment, Office of Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell, Hartford; Richard L. Velky, Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, Derby, Connecticut; Stephen R. Adkins, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Charles City, Virginia; John Barnett, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Longview, Washington; Kathleen J. Bragdon, College of William and Mary Department of An-

thropology, Williamsburg, Virginia; and Ken Cooper, Town Action to Save Kent, South Kent, Connecticut.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began mark-up of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 69 public bills, H.R. 2248-2316; 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 149-150, and H. Res. 271-274 were introduced. **Pages H3196-98**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3198-99**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3115**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Daniel P. Gallagher, Pastor, Edon Church of Christ in Edon, Ohio. **Page H3115**

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

Correcting the enrollment of H.R. 1268: S. Con. Res. 31, correcting the enrollment of H.R. 1268.

Pages H3119-20

Gang Deterrence and Community Protection Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 1279, to amend title 18, United States Code, to reduce violent gang crime and protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, by a yea-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 168.

Pages H3120-33, H3134-61

Rejected the Tierney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 167. **Pages H3150-61**

Agreed that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H3143-46**

Agreed:

Sensenbrenner manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109-76), as modified, that makes a number of substantive and technical changes to the bill; **Pages H3146-47**

Cuellar amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109-76) that establishes a National Gang Intelligence Center at the FBI; **Pages H3147-48**

Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109-76) that establishes funding for regional databases that track gang activity in high intensity gang areas; **Page H3148**

Watson amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109-76) that requires the Attorney General to seek input from local elected officials before designating an area as a "High-Intensity Interstate Gang Activity Area"; **Pages H3148-49**

Watson amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109-76) that adds 100 new inspectors and 100 new agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to be assigned to the new High-Intensity Interstate Gang Activity Areas; **Page H3149**

Wynn amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109-76) that authorizes the Attorney General to conduct a media campaign about the changes in penalties; **Pages H3149-50**

Norwood amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that requires DHS to provide to the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice information on three categories of illegal aliens; **Pages H3152–53**

Goodlatte amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that adds five years to any sentence for violent crimes or drug trafficking offenses when the violator is an illegal alien (by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 159 noes, Roll No. 165); and

Pages H3150–52, H3158

Norwood amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that requires a study to be conducted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security on the link of illegal aliens and gang membership (by a recorded vote of 395 ayes to 31 noes, Roll No. 166). **Pages H3153–54, H3158–59**

Withdrawn:

Waters amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike all sections of the bill that sets mandatory minimum sentences. **Page H3154**

H. Res. 268, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 164.

Pages H3120–33

Emergency Recess: The Speaker announced an emergency recess at 12:05 p.m. The House reconvened at 1:35 p.m., and the chair announced that the roll call vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 268 would remain open for an additional 15 minutes. **Page H3133**

Statement regarding the Emergency Recess: The Majority Leader addressed the House regarding the emergency recess. **Pages H3133–34**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3133, H3158, H3158–59, H3160–61, H3161. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on the Treasury Department. Testimony was heard from Randal Quarles, Acting Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D., Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

SCHOOL READINESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2123, School Readiness Act of 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

SECURITY CONSUMER DATA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Security Consumers’ Data: Options Following Security Breaches.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the Committee's investigation into the marketing, distribution, and sale of masking agents and/or other substances designed to subvert drug test results.

STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 1999, State and Local Housing Flexibility Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Alphonso R. Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

BASEL II: BANKING SYSTEM CHANGES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a joint hearing entitled "Basel II: Capital Changes in the U.S. Banking System and the Results of the Impact Study." Testimony was heard from Susan Schmidt Bies, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Richard M. Riccobono, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Julie Williams, Acting Director, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Thomas J. Curry, Director, FDIC; and public witnesses.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled "Information Policy in the 21st Century—A Review of the Freedom of Information Act. Testimony was heard from Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; Carl Nichols, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Federal Programs Branch, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

PLAN COLOMBIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing entitled "Plan Colombia: Major Successes and New Challenges." Testimony was heard from Speaker Hastert; John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; the following officials of the Department of State: Roger F. Noriega, Assistant Secretary, Bureau

of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Jonathan D. Farrar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Ralph D. Utley, Acting Counternarcotics Officer and Interdiction Coordinator, Department of Homeland Security.

U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled "The State of U.S.-Turkish Relations." Testimony was heard from Mark Parris, former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PUBLIC PERFORMANCE RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Oversight of Public Performance Rights Organizations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 38, Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; H.R. 517, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 539, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005; and H.R. 1905, To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land. Testimony was heard from Representative Baird; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; the following officials of Puerto Rico: Jose L. Rivera Guerra, member, House of Representatives; and Jose Garriga Pico, member, Senate; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL USE OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS AS TRADE BARRIERS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on Europe, China and the Use of Technical Standards as Trade Barriers: How should the U.S. Respond? Testimony was heard from Hratch Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENDORSEMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Hazardous Materials Endorsement Background Checks. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of

Transportation: Annette M. Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration; and Todd J. Zinser; Deputy Inspector General; Tom Blank, Chief Support Systems Officer for the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; D. B. Smit, Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GETTING ACELA BACK ON TRACK

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Getting Acela Back on Track. Testimony was heard from Robert D. Jamison, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; the following officials of AMTRAK: Fred E. Weiderhold, Jr., Inspector General; and William Crosbie, Director, Operations; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Physical Infrastructure Issues Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

SERVICEMEMBERS' HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2046, Servicemembers' Health Insurance Protection Act of 2005.

PATRIOT ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the PATRIOT Act. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of State and foreign operations, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine S. 967, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that prepackaged news stories contain announcements that inform viewers that the information within was provided by the United States Government, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the committee's rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rachel Brand, of Iowa, Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, and Regina B. Schofield, of Virginia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 4 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the planning, providing, and paying for veterans' long-term care, 10 a.m., SR-418.

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

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the threat of HIV affecting people over fifty, 3 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Saint Lawrence Seaway, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 2 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Examining Voluntary Compliance Programs that Improve Occupational Safety and Health," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Specialty Hospitals: Assessing Their Role in the Delivery of Quality Health Care," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Helping Consumers Obtain the Credit They Deserve," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Securing Our Borders: What Have We Learned From Government Initiatives and Citizen Patrols?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing entitled "Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 2005–2006: Embassy and Border Security," 11 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation, hearing entitled "Reviewing the State Department's Annual Report on Terrorism," 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, hearing on H.R. 98, Illegal Immigration Enforce-

ment and Social Security Protection Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 323, To redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library;" H.R. 774, Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2005; and H.R. 1084, To authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on the Future of Computer Science Research in the U.S., 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Coast Guard Amendments of 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS), 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider pending Committee business; followed by a hearing on Alternatives to Strengthen Social Security, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any routine morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Inhofe Amendment No. 605, following 60 minutes of debate. Also, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 1544, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005 (structured rule).

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