

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2349, Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act.
House Committees ordered reported 25 sundry measures, including the
Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2483–S2546

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2468–2480 and S. Res. 412–414. **Pages S2533–34**

Measures Passed:

Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act: By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 82), Senate continued consideration of S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2490–S2511**

Adopted:

Dodd (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 2930, to clarify that availability of legislation does not include nonbusiness days. **Page S2490**

Dodd (for Levin) Amendment No. 2960, to require electronic filing and establish a public database for lobbyists for foreign governments. **Page S2491**

Lott (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 2961, to require lobbyists to distinguish whether clients are public or private entities. **Pages S2492, S2499**

Dodd (for Feingold) Amendment No. 2963, to remove lobbyists altogether from Member trips. **Page S2491**

Lott (for Sununu/McCain) Amendment No. 2970, to revise the time period for Internet availability in the provisions relating to earmarks and availability of conference reports from 24 hours to 48 hours. **Page S2492**

Dodd (for Byrd) Modified Amendment No. 3181, to clarify the termination date of the Commission. **Pages S2491, S2499**

Dodd (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3182, to clarify the subpoena powers of the Commission. **Page S2491**

Lott (for Collins) Amendment No. 2979, to clarify disclosure requirements. **Page S2499**

Lott Amendment No. 3184, of a technical nature. **Page S2499**

Lott Amendment No. 3185, to clarify that lobbying contacts for Congressional staff do not include seeking lobbying disclosure compliance information from the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the Secretary of the Senate. **Page S2499**

Lott Amendment No. 3186, of a technical nature. **Page S2499**

Lott (for Collins) Amendment No. 3187, of a technical nature. **Page S2499**

Lott (for Collins) Amendment No. 3188, of a technical nature. **Page S2499**

Rejected:

Feingold Amendment No. 2962, to clarify the application of the gift rule to lobbyists. (By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 80), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2493, S2498**

Lott (for Ensign/McCain) Amendment No. 2980, to include Federal entities in the definition of earmarks. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2491, S2507–09**

Withdrawn:

Lott (for Ensign/McCain) Amendment No. 2981, to clarify the treatment of out of scope matters in conference reports. **Pages S2506–07**

Lott (for Ensign/McCain) Amendment No. 2983, to permit a Senator to raise a single point of order that several provisions violate Section 102. **Pages S2492, S2509**

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

Chair sustained a point of order against the following amendments, as being in violation of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and the amendments thus fell:

Lott (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2936, to provide a 1-year prohibition against lobbying for senior career staff of executive branch agencies.

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Lott (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2937, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to extend coverage to all executive branch employees. **Page S2493**

Dodd (for Baucus) Amendment No. 2954, to prohibit Members from using 501(c)(3) organizations for personal or political gain. **Page S2493**

Dodd (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 2965, to ban employment negotiations to become lobbyists by Members of Congress and required recusal for senior congressional staff while in office. **Page S2490**

Lott (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2982, to provide criminal penalties for lobbying by exempt organizations. **Page S2493**

Lott (for Coburn/Obama) Amendment No. 3175, to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds. **Page S2492**

Dodd (for Obama) Amendment No. 2995, to expand the prohibition on lobbying in the year after leaving service to the Senate to include a prohibition on paid coordination activities. **Page S2491**

Military Recruiters: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 385, expressing the gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the Armed Forces who serve as military recruiters, commending their selfless service in recruiting young men and women to serve in the United States military, particularly in support of the global war on terrorism, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2540**

Commending the Virginia Wesleyan College Marlins Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 413, commending the Virginia Wesleyan College Marlins men’s basketball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III National Basketball Championship. **Pages S2540–41**

Celebrating Country Music: Senate agreed to S. Res. 414, celebrating the musical and cultural heritage of country music and recognizing the “Country: A Celebration of America’s Music” festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. **Page S2541**

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 410, designating April 2006 as “Financial Literacy Month”, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2541–42**

Sessions (for Akaka) Amendment No. 3190, to amend the preamble. **Page S2541**

Prior to the above-listed action, Senate vitiated the March 28, 2006 adoption of S. Res. 410. **Page S2541**

Securing America’s Borders Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform. **Pages S2511–26**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2006, and that the time until 12 noon be equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader, or their designees, for debate only; that at 12 noon, the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary be recognized to offer an amendment; and that the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader, or their designees, for debate only. **Page S2543**

China Currency—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to amend the order of November 16, 2005, with respect to S. 295, to authorize appropriate action in the negotiations with the People’s Republic of China regarding China’s undervalued currency are not successful, providing that the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, shall, no later than the September 29, 2006, or the last day of the second session of the 109th Congress, whichever is earlier, call up the bill; and that all other provisions of the order remaining constant. **Page S2543**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Randall L. Tobias, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **Page S2546**

Nominations Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration, which was sent to the Senate on June 28, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S2546**

Messages From the House: **Pages S2531–32**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—82) **Pages S2498, S2509 S2511**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 30, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2543.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (AIR FORCE)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Secretary, and General T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary, Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary for Health, Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary for Benefits, and William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on the U.S. nonproliferation strategy and the roles and missions of the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy in nonproliferation, after receiving testimony from Peter C.W. Flory, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy; General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; and Jerald S. Paul, Deputy Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year, focusing on the Global Strike Plans and Programs, after receiving testimony from Peter C.W. Flory, As-

sistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy; General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Rear Admiral Charles B. Young, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, Department of the Navy; and Major General Stanley Gorenc, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on the Navy/Marine Corps force structure and future capabilities, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Lewis W. Crenshaw, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Requirements and Assessments; Lieutenant General Emerson N. Gardner, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Programs and Resources; Lieutenant General James N. Mattis, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Combat Development and Integration; and Rear Admiral Mark J. Edwards, USN, Director, Warfare Integration (N8F), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, focusing on ways to improve the Bank's economic impact procedures, after receiving testimony from James H. Lambright, Acting President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Steven R. Appleton, Micron Technology, Inc., Boise, Idaho; and Thomas M. Sneeringer, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BASIC RESEARCH IN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the importance of basic research to United States' competitiveness, focusing on the importance and priority of Federally-funded basic research, after receiving testimony from John Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation; William Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; Steven Knapp, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; Leonard J. Pietrafesa, North Carolina State University, Raleigh,

on behalf of National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration Science Advisory Board; Philip J. Ritter, Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas; and Adam Drobot, Telcordia Technologies, Inc., Piscataway, New Jersey.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 1056, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, S. 1832, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease oil and gas resources underlying Fort Reno, Oklahoma, to establish the Fort Reno Management Fund, S. 2150, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management Land to the City of Eugene, Oregon, S. 2373, to provide for the sale of approximately 132 acres of public land to the City of Green River, Wyoming, at fair market value, and H.R. 3507, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, after receiving testimony from Edward B. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture; and Lawrence E. Benna, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

CLEAN AIR

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the elimination of methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) from gasoline, including regional imbalances in gasoline supply and demand and temporarily increased fuel prices, especially in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions and Texas, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Robert J. Meyers, Associate Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Bill Douglass, Douglass Distributing Company, Sherman, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores and the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America; and A. Blakeman Early, American Lung Association, and Bob Dinneen, Renewable Fuels Association, both of Washington, D.C.

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine U.S.-China economic relations revisited, focusing on U.S.-China trade relations entering a new phase in which greater accountability on China's part and greater enforcement on the Administration's part

are needed, receiving testimony from Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Timothy D. Adams, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Franklin L. Lavin, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Administration; Joseph S. Papovich, Recording Industry Association of America, John Frisbie, U.S.-China Business Council, and C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert D. Hormats, Goldman Sachs International, New York, New York; and Gary Joachim, American Soybean Association, Owatona, Minnesota.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

INDIAN SEPARATION PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine United States-India atomic energy cooperation, focusing on the Indian separation plan and the Administration's related legislative proposal, S. 2429, to authorize the President to waive the application of certain requirements under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 with respect to India, from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and Robert Joseph, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, both of the Department of State.

U.S.-BURMA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States-Burma relations, focusing on the current situation in Burma, Burma-India relations, and how Burma represents a new, non-traditional security threat to the region, after receiving testimony from Senator McConnell; Eric G. John, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Michael J. Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Sean Turnell, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia; and Thin Thin Aung, Women's League of Burma, New Delhi, India.

NATION'S CAPITAL TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

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 status of strategic planning and readiness in the National Capital Region, focusing on efforts to improve and refine coordination efforts and the NCR strategic plan and implementation, after receiving testimony from Thomas Lockwood, Director, National Capital Region Coordination, Department of

Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Edward D. Reiskin, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, District of Columbia; Robert P. Crouch, Jr., Assistant to the Governor of Virginia for Commonwealth Preparedness, Richmond; and Dennis R. Schrader, Director, Maryland Governor's Office of Homeland Security, Annapolis.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2078, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to clarify the authority of the National Indian Gaming Commission to regulate class III gaming, to limit the lands eligible for gaming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2245, to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project; and

S. 1773, to resolve certain Native American claims in New Mexico, with an amendment.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian M. Cogan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Michael Ryan Barrett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senators DeWine and Voinovich, and Thomas M. Golden, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Santorum, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

REGULATION OF VIDEO GAMES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine state regulation of violent video games and the first amendment, after receiving testimony from Minnesota Representative Jeff Johnson, Minnesota House of Representatives, St. Paul; Elizabeth K. Carll, American Psychological Association, Long Island, New York; Dmitri Williams, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Speech Communication; David S. Bickham, Children's Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School Center on Media and Child Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Patricia E. Vance, Entertainment Software Rating Board, New York, New York; Paul M. Smith, Jenner and Block LLP, Washington, D.C.; Kevin W. Saunders, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing; and Steve Strickland, Fayette, Alabama.

INTELLIGENCE

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

INVESTMENT FRAUD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how seniors can stop investment fraud, focusing on the Investor Education Program of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Susan Ferris Wyderko, Director, Office of Investor Education and Assistance, Acting Director, Division of Investment Management, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Patricia D. Struck, North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin; Elisse B. Walter, National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), Washington, D.C.; Barry Minkow, Fraud Discovery Institute, San Diego, California; and Ruth Mitchell, Columbiana, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5036–5049; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 366–370; and H. Res. 743–745 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3127, to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–392, Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 742, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 609) to amend and extend the Higher Education Access Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 109–401). **Page H1319**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Issa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1199**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. John W. Coker, Jr., Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina. **Page H1199**

Agreed by unanimous consent that, during consideration of H.R. 609 in the Committee of the Whole and pursuant to H. Res. 741, the following amendments may be offered out of the specified order: Nos. 9, 12, 14, and 15. **Page H1211**

College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 609, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965. Further proceedings will continue tomorrow, March 30th. **Pages H1204–81, H1289–92**

Pursuant to the rule, that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated March 22, 2006 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. **Pages H1222–59**

Agreed to:

McKeon amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that makes many technical changes that will reword certain phrases or make changes to ensure that the bill conforms to language currently included in the Higher Education Act. In addition, the Manager's Amendment updates all the reauthorization years to begin in fiscal year 2007 (and authorizes for the 5 succeeding years); **Pages H1259–64**

Fossella amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which directs the Department of Education to make a matching grant program to eligible universities for the professional installation of fire alarm detection systems and other fire prevention technologies. This applies to student housing, dormitories, and other buildings controlled by such entities; **Pages H1264–65**

Porter amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which expands loan relief in areas of national need to include qualified public service employees; **Pages H1265–66**

Wilson of New Mexico amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that provides authority for Mathematics and Science Education Coordinating Councils to support regional workshops de-

signed to permit educators, administrators responsible for professional development and curriculum development, and faculty of teacher preparation programs to share successful research-based strategies for improving student achievement in mathematics and science instruction in elementary and secondary schools; **Pages H1266–67**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which directs the Secretary of Education, representatives of Federal Agencies, businesses, and industry leaders to focus on establishing administrative and educational sustainability programs, share innovative ideas, and explore funding opportunities and partnerships; **Pages H1267–68**

Boustany amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that requires a study by GAO to evaluate and determine reasons for the decline in the number of medical school graduates entering residency programs lasting more than 5 years; **Pages H1273–74**

Boustany amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which amends Sec. 421 (Loan Forgiveness for Service in Areas of National Need) to include medical specialists with a residency program of more than 5 years and in medical specialties that have shortages; **Pages H1274–75**

Castle amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that authorizes funding to recruit, select, train, and support a national corps of outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit to teach in low-income communities (an example of a national teacher corps eligible for this funding is Teach for America); **Pages H1275–77**

Cuellar amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which ensures that student financial aid programs are in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1965; **Pages H1277–78**

Cuellar amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which ensures that students in certification programs are eligible to receive Pell grants; **Page H1278**

Hart amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that establishes and operates pregnant and parenting student services offices to assist students in locating and utilizing child care, family housing, flexible academic scheduling such as telecommuting programs and parenting classes and programs, and postpartum counseling and support groups; **Pages H1278–79**

Musgrave amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which includes all home schooled children as eligible applicants for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program; **Pages H1279–80**

Sessions amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that allows students with intellectual disabilities (mental retardation) access to Federal work-study funds for enrollment in comprehensive post-

secondary education programs that improve students' academic and personal skills, independence, and employability. Currently, approximately 94 higher education institutions nationwide offer programs for students with intellectual disabilities. However, these students are not able to access Federal work-study funds due to disqualifying factors such as the absence of a high school diploma or enrollment in non-degree education programs. Federal work-study funds to these students would be dispersed from current work-study resources and implemented at the discretion of higher education institutions; and

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McMorris amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that adds uses of funds to Title II (Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants) to increase the number of teachers qualified to teach Advanced Placement (AP) courses; Adds uses of funds to the current law Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program to authorize adjunct teacher opportunities and critical foreign language activities (by a recorded vote of 293 yeas to 134 noes, Roll No. 71).

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Rejected:

Burton of Indiana amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which sought to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require colleges and universities, if receiving funds under Title VI International Education Programs of that Act, to disclose contributions and gifts under the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, a publicly available and searchable database (by a recorded vote of 106 yeas to 306 noes, Roll No. 72).

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H. Res. 741, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 70, after agreeing to the previous question without objection.

Pages H1204–10

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

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that legal action in Afghanistan against citizens who have already converted or plan to convert to other religions is deplorable and unjust: H. Res. 736, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that legal action in Afghanistan against citizens who have already converted or plan to convert to other religions is deplorable and unjust, by a yea-and-nay vote of 427 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 73.

Pages H1281–83, H1291

Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Rangel motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to

section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 74, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:07 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

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Committee Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Issa.

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Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress—appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Mr. William L. Kinney of South Carolina, to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress on the part of the House for a term of 6 years, effective April 1, 2006.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1210.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1210, H1289–90, H1291 and H1291–92. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Bruce I. Knight, Chief, and Steven A. Probst, Director, Budget Planning and Analysis Division, both with Natural Resources Conservation Service; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Foreign Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS,
EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

**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 IRS and on DC, Courts and Criminal Justice. Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the District of Columbia Courts and Criminal Justice: Avis E. Buchanan, Public Defender Service; Rufus G. King III, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Paul A. Quander, Jr., Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency; and Eric T. Washington, Chief Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Chair of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DOE, Science Research. Testimony was heard from Raymond L. Orbach, Director, Science, Department of Energy.

**FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT
FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Millennium Challenge Corporation. Testimony was heard from Ambassador John J. Danilovich, Chief Operating Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FEMA. Testimony was heard from R. David Paulison, Acting Director, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security.

**INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Smithsonian, on National Endowment for the Humanities, and on National Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Smithsonian: Sheila P. Burke, Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer; David L. Evans, Under Secretary, Science; and M. John Berry, Director, National Zoological Park; Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities; and Dana Gioia, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts.

**MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Army Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter T. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on VA/DHP Information Technology. Testimony was heard from Robert N. McFarland, Assistant Secretary, Information Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Carl Hendricks, Chief Information Officer, Military Health System, Department of Defense.

**SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE,
JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Marshals/Prisons. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: John F. Clark, Director, U.S. Marshals Services; and Harley G. Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on issues relating to defense acquisition reform. Testimony was heard from Terry R. Little, Acquisition Advisor to the Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Defense Health Program—Department of Defense Initiatives to Control Costs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; GEN Richard Cody, USA, Vice Chief

of Staff, Department of the Army; ADM Robert F. Willard, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; GEN John D.W. Corley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; GEN Robert Magnus, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Defense Science and Technology: Investments To Shape the Evolving Terrorist Threat. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Terry J. Jagers, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, Department of the Air Force; Thomas Killion, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Research and Technology/Chief Scientist, Department of the Army; RADM William E. Landay III, USN, Chief of Naval Research, U.S. Navy; John Young, Director, Defense Research and Engineering; and Anthony J. Tether, Director, Defense Advance Research and Projects Agency.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported a resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4127, amended, Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA); and H. Con. Res. 357, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

DIGITAL CONTENT AND ENABLING TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Digital Content and Enabling Technology: Satisfying the 21st Century Consumer." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUBLIC REPORTING OF HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTION RATES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Public Reporting of Hospital-Acquired Infection Rates: Empowering Consumers, Saving Lives." Testimony was heard from Denise Cardo, M.D., Chief, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL REPORTING TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Fostering Accuracy and Transparency in Financial Reporting." Testimony was heard from Scott Taub, Acting Chief Accountant, SEC; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability and the Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled "Department of Homeland Security Information Technology Challenges and the Future of eMerge." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Eugene Schied, Acting Chief Financial Officer; and Scott Charbo, Chief Information Officer; and the following officials of the GAO: McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance; and Randy Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems.

REORGANIZE DIRECTORATE FOR INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information-Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment approved for full Committee action a measure To reorganize the Directorate for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection of the Department of Homeland Security, to facilitate homeland security information-sharing.

VIETNAM HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing on The Human Rights Dialogue With Vietnam: Is Vietnam Making Significant Progress? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Barry F. Lowenkron, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; John V. Hanford III, Ambassador-at-Large, Office of International Religious Freedom; and Eric John, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and public witnesses.

OFFSHORE BANKING

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Offshore Banking, Corruption, and the War on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 3049, Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 3509, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 2005.

OVERSIGHT—SMALL COPYRIGHT CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Remedies for Small Copyright Claims. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4200, amended, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act; H.J. Res. 78, Approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower; H.R. 122, amended, Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 413, amended, Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 518, amended, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 2563, amended, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages with the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho; H.R. 3418, amended, Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2005; H.R. 3462, amended, To provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah; H.R. 3682, To redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 3967, Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act of 2005; H.R. 4013, To amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah; H.R. 4080, Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project Contract Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 4084, To amend the Forest Service use and occupancy permit program to restore the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to utilize the special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the establishment and operation of marinas in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain; H.R. 4204, American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2005; H.R. 4686, amended, Multi-State and International Fisheries Conservation and Management Act of 2006; S. 584, Betty Dick Residence Protection Act; S. 1165, James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2005; S. 1869, Coastal Barrier Resources Re-

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TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3350, Tribal Development Corporation Feasibility Study Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act, providing for further consideration of the bill. The rule provides that no further general debate is in order. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying this resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report accompanying this resolution 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 the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

WORKFORCE GLOBALIZATION FINAL DRAFT REPORT

Committee on Science: Began markup of H. Res. 717, Directing the Secretary of Commerce to transmit to the House of Representatives a copy of a workforce globalization final draft report produced by the Technology Administration.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FUTURE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on the Future of Air Traffic Control: The R&D Agenda. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jeffrey Shane, Under Secretary, Policy; Bob Pearce, Acting Director, Joint Planning and

Development Office, FAA; and David Dobbs, Assistant Inspector General, Aviation and Special Projects; Lisa Porter, Associate Administrator, NASA; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Civil Aviation Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and the National Airspace System. Testimony was heard from Nicholas Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; Michael Kostelnik, Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Office of Air and Marine, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gerald F. Pease, Jr., Executive Director, Policy Board on Federal Aviation; and Dyke D. Weatherington, Deputy, Unmanned Aerial Systems Planning Task Force, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics Defense Systems-Air Warfare; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TRANSIT/BUS SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Transit & Over-The-Road Bus Security. Testimony was heard from Sandra K. Bushue, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Tracy A. Henke, Assistant Secretary, Office of Grants and Training, Department of Homeland Security; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMPROVE QUALITY CARE FOR OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on improving and enhancing access to quality care for our nation's veterans through VISN-wide care coordination demonstrations (Project HERO). Testimony was heard from Representative Osborne; BG Michael J. Kussman, M.D., (ret.), Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Energy's Supply and Conservation account, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability account, Office of Nuclear Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Office of Environmental Management, Office of Fossil Energy Research and Development, and Office of Science, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for programs under its jurisdiction, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the potential effects of a flat Federal income tax in the District of Columbia, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine reserve component personnel policies in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Business meeting to consider Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2006, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine S. 1801, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and provide for consolidation of HUD's homeless programs, and related proposals, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold an oversight hearing to examine National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System, 11 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine competition and convergence, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1577, to facilitate the transfer of Spearfish Hydroelectric Plant Number 1 to the city of Spearfish, South Dakota, S. 1962 and H.R. 4000, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise certain repayment contracts with the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, the Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and the Webster Irrigation District No. 4, all a part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, S. 2028, to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project, S. 2035, to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Idaho, S. 2054, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of Vermont, S. 2205, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders

shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and H.R. 3812, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the hidden cost of oil, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine securing the global supply chain relating to neutralizing the nuclear and radiological threat, focusing on programs that form the defense against nuclear terrorism including the Container Security Initiative, the Megaports Initiative, the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, and the role of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, a new office created within DHS to coordinate global nuclear detection architecture, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Federal government's implementation of veterans' preference in the hiring of employees, including an evaluation of the laws designed to protect and promote the employment of veterans, the impact workforce flexibilities had on veterans, and how are veterans' redress mechanisms are working, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Patrick Joseph Schiltz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Gray Hampton Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, and Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, all of the Department of Justice, S. 1768, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 829, to allow media coverage of court proceedings, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attacks while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, and S. Res. 398, relating to the censure of George W. Bush, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, the

AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and the Vietnam Veterans of America, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research, hearing to review the Rural Development Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education, and Economics, 9:30 a.m., and on Avian Influenza, 1:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Navy/MC Budget/Acquisition, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on OMB, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Preparedness, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Native American Issues (public witnesses), 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NASA, 10 a.m., and on FTC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Department of the Navy's Fiscal Year 2007 shipbuilding acquisition strategy and how it supports the Navy's long-range fleet plan, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, joint hearing on Army and Marine Corps reset strategies for ground equipment and rotorcraft, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget request for fiscal year 2007, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following measures: H.R. 4368, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building;" H.R. 4561, top designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the "Francisco 'Pancho' Medrano Post Office

Building;" H.R. 4586, Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission Act of 2005; H.R. 4646, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building;" H.R. 4995, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Columbus Avenue in Tuckahoe, New York, as the "Ronald Bucca Post Office;" H.R. 518, Honoring professional surveyors and recognizing their contributions to society; and a measure to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month; followed by a hearing entitled "The Need To Know: Information-Sharing Lessons for Disaster Response," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, executive, briefing on the Transportation Security Administration airline passenger prescreening watchlist, 2 p.m., H2-176 Ford.

Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, to mark up H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on The Terrorist Threat From Shoulder-Fired Missiles, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Counternarcotics Strategies in Latin America, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the 10th anniversary of the Congressional Review Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 5040, Death Penalty Reform Act of 2006, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing Should Congress Raise the H-1B Cap? 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 29, to continue markup of H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 122, Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 413, Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 518, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 2563, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages with the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho; H.R. 3418, Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2005; H.R. 3462, To provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah; H.R. 3682, To redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 3967, Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act of 2005; H.R. 4013, To amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah; H.R. 4080, Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project Contract Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 4084, To amend

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Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2134, Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community Act of 2005; H.R. 3961, To authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at Grand Canyon National Park; and H.R. 4294, Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, hearing on H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on K-12 Science and Math Education Across the Federal Agencies, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, oversight hearing on the procurement assistance programs of the SBA, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on the General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, and to mark up the following: GSA's Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; H. Con. Res. 360, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 359, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; and H. Con. Res. 349, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Barriers to the Cleanup of Abandoned Mine Sites, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, oversight hearing on policy and operational issues facing Arlington National Cemetery and the American Battle Monuments Commission, 1:30 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Social Security number (SSN) high-risk issues, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to mark up the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2454, Immigration Reform Bill, with a time for debate and an amendment shall be offered.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 609—College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005 (Structured Rule).

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