

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2677–S2698

Measures Introduced: One bill and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2487 and S. Res. 416–419. **Page S2689**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing Hurricane Rita Victims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 416, recognizing the victims of Hurricane Rita 6 months after the disaster, commending the resiliency of the people of Southwest Louisiana and Southeast Texas, and committing to stand by them in their relief and rebuilding efforts. **Page S2696**

Honoring the National Association of State Veterans' Homes: Senate agreed to S. Res. 417, honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health-care system of the Nation. **Page S2696**

Week of the Young Child: Senate agreed to S. Res. 418, designating the week beginning April 2, 2006, as "Week of the Young Child". **Pages S2697–98**

Securing America's Borders Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2681–86**

Pending:

Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2681**

Kyl/Cornyn Amendment No. 3206 (to Amendment No. 3192), to make certain aliens ineligible for conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status. **Page S2681**

Cornyn Amendment No. 3207 (to Amendment No. 3206), to establish an enactment date. **Page S2681**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3210 (to Amendment No. 3192), to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders. **Page S2681**

Alexander Amendment No. 3193 (to Amendment No. 3192), to prescribe the binding oath or affirmation of renunciation and allegiance required to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States, to encourage and support the efforts of prospective citizens of the United States to become citizens. **Page S2681**

Isakson Amendment No. 3215 (to Amendment No. 3192), to demonstrate respect for legal immigration by prohibiting the implementation of a new alien guest worker program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to the President and the Congress that the borders of the United States are reasonably sealed and secured. **Pages S2685–86**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, April 3, 2006, Senator Mikulski be recognized to offer an amendment in the first-degree. **Page S2698**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2006; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member, of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees. **Page S2698**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with France (Treaty Doc. 109–4);

Tax Convention with Bangladesh (Treaty Doc. 109–5);

Protocol Amending Tax Convention on Inheritances with France (Treaty Doc. 109–7); and

Protocol Amending the Convention with Sweden on Taxes on Income (Treaty Doc. 109–8). **Page S2696**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics. **Page S2698**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:17 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 3, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2698.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

Nominations

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Uttam Dhillon, of California, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, and Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PRESIDENTIAL CENSURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. Res. 398, relating to the censure of George W. Bush, after receiving testimony from John W. Dean, former White House Counsel to President Richard Nixon; John Schmidt, Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw, Chicago, Illinois, former Associate Attorney General; Robert F. Turner, University of Virginia Center for National Security Law, Charlottesville; and Bruce Fein, Fein and Fein, and Lee A. Casey, Baker and Hostetler, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Committee Meetings

SILICOSIS STORY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "The Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of April 3 through April 8, 2006 Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 2454, Securing America's Borders Act. Also, at 4 p.m., Senator Mikulski will be recognized to offer a first-degree amendment. Votes are expected beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including the debt-limit.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 4, business meeting to mark up H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

April 5, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and Capitol Guide Service, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-192.

April 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

April 6, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 4, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine missile defense programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 4, Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings to examine health benefits and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 4, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 5, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

April 5, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3 p.m., SR-222.

April 6, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 4, to hold hearings to examine a current assessment of money laundering and terrorist financing threats and countermeasures, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 4, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine reform of FHA's Title I Manufactured Housing Loan Programs, 3 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 4, to hold hearings to examine the Transportation Security Administration, 10 a.m., SD-562.

April 5, Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to hold hearings to examine the current and future role of science in the Asia Pacific Partnership, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

April 6, Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture, focusing on current proposals to regulate offshore aquaculture operations, discuss research in this field being conducted off the coasts of New England and Hawaii, and the impacts that expanded aquaculture operations would have on fishermen, seafood processors, and consumers, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 4, to hold hearings to examine how Congress might go about creating a program to control U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

April 4, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine how Congress might go about creating a program

to control U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

April 5, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the 2005 wildfire season and the Federal land management agencies' preparations for the 2006 wildfire season, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 6, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1510, to designate as wilderness certain lands within the Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 1719 and H.R. 1492, bills to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, S. 2034 and H.R. 394, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and assess the suitability and feasibility of including the farm in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2252, to designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, and S. 2403, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to include in the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park land and interests in land of the GT Park Subdivision, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 5, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: April 4, to hold hearings to examine the cost of tax preparation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care coverage for small businesses, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

April 6, Subcommittee on Long-Term Growth and Debt Reduction, to hold hearings to examine if America is saving enough to be competitive in the global marketplace relating to saving for the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 4, Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism, to receive a closed briefing regarding counterterrorism priorities, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

April 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

April 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Indian separation plan and the administration's related legislative proposal, relating to U.S.-India atomic energy cooperation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 5, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Islamist extremism in Europe, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

April 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark C. Minton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 5, Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to hold hearings to examine all hazards medical response, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 5, to hold hearings to examine S. 2459, to improve cargo security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 5, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine various avenues of Federal funding for museums including authorized programs, grantmaking agencies and earmarks, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

April 6, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the Small Business Administration, focusing on SBA programs and their financial impact on the budget and economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 5, to hold hearings to examine the problem of methamphetamine in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 3, to hold hearings to examine immigration, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 6, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine proposals for a legislative solution relating to orphan works, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 6, to hold hearings to examine the VA's 5-year capital construction plan, 2 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 4, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 5, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 6, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 6, to hold hearings to examine employment and community service for low-income seniors, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 5, to mark up H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 4, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Secretary of State, Foreign Assistance Programs, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Defense Health Program, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 4, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Office of Science, Technology and Policy, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 5, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., and on the Federal Judiciary, 3 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE Energy Supply and Conservation, Fossil Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on BRAC 2005 Implementation, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 5, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., and on State International Organizations, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on NIH, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Oversight of DOE's Waste Treatment Plant at Hanford, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secure Border Initiative/Immigrations Custom Enforcement/Customs Border, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Oversight hearing, Chesapeake Bay, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Veterans' Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on DEA/ATF, 10 a.m., and on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, April 4, hearing on improving interagency coordination for the Global War on Terror and beyond, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request—Future Combat Systems,

Modularity, and Force Protection Initiatives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 5, full Committee, hearing to review major defense acquisition reform initiatives, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the U.S. Shipbuilding Industrial Base, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on service contracting's impact on military readiness, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on future plans for the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex infrastructure, 3:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on implementing the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) recommendations to combat weapons of mass destruction (WMD), 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on policy, compensation, and benefits overview, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on Integration of Energy-Efficient Propulsion Systems for Future U.S. Navy Vessels, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Navy Transformation, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request—Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on information technology issues and defense transformation, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 7, full Committee, hearing on building the capacity of foreign military forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 6, hearing entitled "Building America's Competitiveness: Examining What Is Needed To Compete in a Global Economy," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 4 and 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearings entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: What Parents, Kids, and Congress Need To Know About Child Predators," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn on April 4 and 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn on April 6.

April 6, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Project Bioshield Reauthorization Issues," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 5, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Transforming the Federal Housing Administration for the 21st Century," 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Counterterrorism Financing Foreign Training and Assistance: Progress Since 9/11," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, April 4, hearing entitled "A Symphony in F Minus: The Impact of Visa Processing Delays on the Arts, Education, and American Innovation," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Travel vs. Terrorism: Federal Workforce Issues in Managing Airport Security," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Nuclear Security: Has the NRC Strengthened Facility Standards Since 9/11?", 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "Conjunctive Water Management: A Solution to the West's Growing Water Demand?", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "The Improper Payments Information Act—Are Agencies Meeting the Requirements of the Law?", 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "The Sarbanes-Oxley Act Four Years Later: What Have We Learned?", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, to consider pending business, 1 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

April 6, full Committee, hearing entitled "Looking a Gift Horse in the Mouth: A Post-Katrina Review of International Disaster Assistance," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 7, hearing entitled "One Flight a Week? Is General Aviation Really Back at Regan National?", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 4, hearing on H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

April 6, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information-Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Protection of Privacy in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise," 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 6, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, executive, briefing on the implementation plan for the President's National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza, 1:30 p.m., Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, April 5, hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on An End to Impunity: Investigating the 1993 Killing of Mexican Archbishop Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4423, Ethiopia Consolidation Act of 2005; and H. Res. 608, Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Checking Terrorism at the Border, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Iraqi Documents: A Glimpse Into the Regime of Saddam Hussein, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 4, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on Constitution, joint oversight hearing on "Personal Information Acquired by the Government From Information Resellers: Is There Need for Improvement?" 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Patent Quality Enhancement in the Information-Based Economy, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 4777, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 6, full Committee, oversight hearing on the United States Department of Justice, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 5, hearing on H.R. 4893, to amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 5, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5025, Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act; H.R. 5016, Las Cienegas Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3534, Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

April 6, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 138, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA-06P; H.R. 479, To replace a Coastal Barrier Resources System map relating to Coastal Barrier Resources System Grayton Beach Unit FL-95P in Walton County, Florida; H.R. 1656, To correct maps depicting Unit T-10 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 4165, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 6, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on Visitation Trends in the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, April 4, to consider the following measures: H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005; and the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, Fiscal year 2007, 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, April 6, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Assessing the Goals, Schedule and Costs of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 5, hearing entitled "IRS Latest Enforcement: Is the Bulls-Eye on Small Businesses?", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing entitled "Can Small Healthcare Groups Feasibly Adopt Electronic Medical Records Technology?", 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 4, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Reliability of Highway Trust Fund Revenue Estimates, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on H.R. 4650, National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 6, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Marines of World War II Act of 2005; H.R. 601, Native American Veterans Cemetery Act of 2005; H.R. 2188, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the placement in a national cemetery of memorial markers for the purpose of commemorating servicemembers or other persons whose remains are interred in an American Battle Monuments Commission cemetery; H.R. 2963, Dr. James Allen Disabled Veterans Equity Act; H.R. 4843, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5037, Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act; and H.R. 5038, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and expand the application of the Department of Veterans Affairs benefit for Government markers for marked graves of veterans buried in private cemeteries and to provide Government markers or memorial headstones for deceased dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable for burial, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 5, hearing on implementation of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 5, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the use of technology to improve public benefit programs, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on health information technology (IT), 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 6, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the 2006 tax return filing season, the Internal Revenue Service budget for fiscal year 2007, and other issues in tax administration, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 6, hearing entitled "Use of Strategic Communications by al-Qaeda," 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 2454, Securing America's Borders Act. Also, at 4 p.m., Senator Mikulski will be recognized to offer a first-degree amendment. Votes are expected beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, April 3

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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