

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5521—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2007.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5517–S5608

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3457–3476, S. Res. 503–504, and S. Con. Res. 97. **Pages S5598–99**

Measures Passed:

Relative to the Government of Libya: Senate agreed to S. Res. 504, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should not accept the credentials of any representative of the Government of Libya without the expressed understanding that the Government of Libya will continue to work in good faith to resolve outstanding cases of United States victims of terrorism sponsored or supported by Libya, including the settlement of cases arising from the Pan Am Flight 103 and LaBelle Discotheque bombings. **Page S5607**

Ethics in Government Act Amendment: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4311, to amend section 105(b)(3) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App), and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5607–08**

Sessions (for Collins) Amendment No. 4193, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5608**

Marriage Protection Amendment: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage. **Pages S5517–34**

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

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 163), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5534**

Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent. **Pages S5534–54**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill following the remarks of the Majority Leader on Thursday, June 8, 2006; that there be one hour equally divided between the Majority and Democratic Leaders, or their designees, for debate, with ten minutes of the Democratic time reserved for Senator Durbin, and ten minutes reserved for Senator Dorgan; provided further, that the last 20 minutes be reserved for the Democratic Leader, to be followed by the Majority Leader, and that the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; provided further, that regardless of the outcome of the vote, Senators Roberts and Clinton be recognized to speak, as if in morning business, for up to 25 minutes equally divided. **Page S5591**

Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity. **Pages S5554–91**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill following the debate on H.R. 8 (listed above); that the time until 12:45 p.m. be equally divided between the Majority and Democratic Leaders, or their designees; that the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147 at 12:45 p.m.; provided further, that if cloture is not

invoked on both of the motions to proceed, the Senate then proceed to executive session and begin en bloc consideration of the nominations of Noel Lawrence Hillman, and Peter G. Sheridan, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Thomas L. Ludington, and Sean F. Cox, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; that there be 10 minutes of debate for Senators Lautenberg, Menendez, and Stabenow, respectively; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, but no earlier than 2 p.m., Senate begin consecutive votes on confirmation of the nominations, as listed; provided further, that following those votes, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative; that there be up to 85 minutes of debate reserved for the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, and Senators Dorgan and Conrad; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, that all time after the convening of the Senate on Thursday, June 8, 2006, be counted against the 30 hours provided under Rule XXII, and that H.R. 8 not be displaced if the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147 is agreed to; and that regardless of the outcome on the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, if cloture has been invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, then the Senate resume debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, Senate begin consideration of the bill under the provisions of Rule XXII upon the disposition of H.R. 8.

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Stickler—Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 9, 2006.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Gregory Kent Frizzell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

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Messages From the House:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—163)	Page S5534

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 8, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5608.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine agricultural conservation programs in Title II of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–171), after receiving testimony from Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and John A. Johnson, Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, Farm Service Agency, both of the Department of Agriculture; James Earl Kennamer, National Wild Turkey Federation, Edgefield, South Carolina; Olin Sims, Sims Cattle Company, McFadden, Wyoming, on behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts; James O. Andrew, Andrew Farms, Jefferson, Iowa, on behalf of the Iowa Soybean Association; and Randall Spronk, Edgerton, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council.

2006 HURRICANE SEASON

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the 2006 hurricane season, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Louis W. Uccellini, Director, National Weather Service, National Centers for Environmental Prediction, both of the Department of Commerce.

NASA BUDGET AND PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine outside perspectives relating to NASA budget and programs, including the present budget and its impact on the ability of NASA to carry out their planned scientific program, and workforce issues, risk management approaches, and full-cost accounting mechanisms that impact the budget, after receiving testimony from Roy B. Torbert, University of New Hampshire Space Science Center, Durham; Peter W. Voorhees, Northwestern University Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Evanston, Illinois; James A. Pawelczyk, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; and Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr., USMC (Ret.), JackandPanther, LLC, Houston, Texas.

OIL DEPENDENCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic risk of the oil dependence of the United States, and S. 2435, to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, after receiving

testimony from Alan C. Greenspan, Greenspan Associates, LLC, Washington, D.C.

ASBESTOS CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3274, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, after receiving testimony from former Michigan Governor John Engler, National Association of Manufacturers, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Council on Foreign Relations, and Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; Peter J. Ganz, Foster Wheeler Ltd., Clinton, New Jersey; Eric D. Green, Boston University School of Law, and Edmund F. Kelly, Liberty Mutual Group, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Flora M. Green, Seniors Coalition, Fairfax, Virginia; and James A. Grogan, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, Lantham, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5538–5552; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 424 and H. Res. 852–855, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

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. Rept. 109–490, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 850, providing for consideration of H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services (H. Rept. 109–491); and

H. Res. 851, providing for consideration of H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–492).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Westmoreland to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:04 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia. The House reconvened at 12:25 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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Joint Meeting to receive Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia. She was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Boehner, Blunt, Putnam, Kingston, Shimkus, Wicker, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson of Connecticut, Wexler, and Kucinich; and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Kyl, Lott, Durbin, and Boxer.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2007: The House passed H.R. 5521, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2007, by a yea-and-nay vote of 361 yeas to 53 nays, Roll No. 229.

Pages H3434–45, S3465–66

Withdrawn:

Baird amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–487) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to provide \$2.4 million in funding for electronic mapping of the Capitol complex, including the Capitol itself, the House and Senate office buildings, tunnels, parking facilities, and other areas identified by the Capitol Police. The funds are offset by funds appropriated for the printing and binding of Government publications by the Government Printing Office.

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H. Res. 849, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H3433–34

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

Expressing the sense of Congress and support for Greater Opportunities for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (GO–STEM) programs: H. Con. Res. 421, amended, to express the sense of Congress and support for Greater Opportunities for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (GO–STEM) programs;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Entrepreneurship Week and encouraging the implementation of entrepreneurship education programs in elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education through the United States: H. Res. 699, to support the goals and ideals of National Entrepreneurship Week and encouraging the implementation of entrepreneurship education programs in elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education through the United States;

Pages H3458–60

Commending the people of Mongolia, on the 800th anniversary of Mongolian statehood, for building strong, democratic institutions, and expressing the support of the House of Representatives for efforts by the United States to continue to strengthen its partnership with that country: H. Res. 828, to commend the people of Mongolia, on the 800th anniversary of Mongolian statehood, for building strong, democratic institutions, and expressing the support of the House of Representatives for efforts by the United States to continue to strengthen its partnership with that country;

Pages H3460–62

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand: H. Con. Res. 409, amended, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand; and

Pages H3462–64

Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006: S. 2803, to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve the safety of mines and mining, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 234—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H3449–58, S3480

Recess: The House recessed at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 4:17 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 6:

Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005: S. 193, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 230—clearing the measure for the President.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure, which was debated on Tuesday, June 6:

Amending title 49, United States Code, to modify bargaining requirements for proposed changes to the personnel management system of the Federal Aviation Administration: H.R. 5449, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify bargaining requirements for proposed changes to the personnel management system of the Federal Aviation Administration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 271 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 233.

Pages H3479–80

Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act: The House passed H.R. 5254, to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries, by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 232.

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Rejected the Boucher motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 231.

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H. Res. 842, providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 228, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 227. The measure was debated on yesterday, June 6.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3497–98.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3464–65, H3465, H3465–66, H3466–67, H3478, H3478–79,

H3479–80, and H3480. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007.

BOUTIQUE FUEL REDUCTION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on the Boutique Fuel Reduction Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Karen A. Harbert, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; Robert J. Meyers, Associate Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

HURRICANE SEASON FUEL SUPPLY ISSUES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Keeping the Fuel Flowing from the Gulf: Are We Prepared for the Hurricane Season?” Testimony was heard from GEN David L. Johnson, USAF (ret.) Director, National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; ADM Thomas Barrett, USCG (ret.) Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

GSA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Financial Management Challenges at the General Services Administration.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: Kathleen Turco, Chief Financial Officer; and Eugene L. Waszily, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Auditing.

BRIEFING—RECENT GRANT AWARDS TO STATES AND URBAN AREAS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology meet in executive session to receive a briefing on the recently announced grant awards to States and urban areas under the State Homeland Security Grant Program, the Urban Area Security Initiative, and the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. The Subcommittee was briefed by Tracy Henke, Assistant Secretary, Grants and Training, Department of Homeland Security.

SYRIA ACCOUNTABILITY/LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act Two Years Later: Next Steps for U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Representative Engel; Theodore Kattouf, former Ambassador to Syria; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4019, amended, To amend title 4 of the United States Code to clarify the treatment of self-employment for purposes of the limitation on State taxation of retirement income; H.R. 1595, Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; and H.R. 2840, amended, Federal Agency Protection of Privacy Act of 2005. The Committee also began markup of H.R. 2389, Pledge Protection Act of 2005.

COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITY, PROMOTION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 5252, Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order 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 amendments, 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barton of Texas and Representatives Upton, Sensenbrenner, Tom Davis of Virginia, Gutknecht, Peterson of Pennsylvania, Dingell, Markey, Rush, Stupak, Doyle, Solis, Gonzalez, Baldwin, Conyers, Hinchey, and Bean.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCE, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe and Lowey.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5356, Early Career Research Act; H.R. 5358, Science and Mathematics Education for Competitiveness Act; and H.R. 5136, National Integrated Drought Information System Act of 2006.

INTERNET CONTRACTING BARRIERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Contracting the Internet: Does ICANN create a barrier to small business?" Testimony was heard from former Representative Richard A. White of the State of Washington; and public witnesses.

HOUSE TRAVEL RULES— RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHANGES

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Held a hearing regarding possible changes to House rules governing gifts of travel (including any transportation, lodging and meals during such travel) from private sources. Testimony was heard from John

Engler, former Governor of Michigan and President and CEO, National Association of Manufacturers; Bradley Gordon, Director, Legislation, American Israel Political Action Committee; Chellie Pingree, President and CEO, Common Cause; Rev. W. Douglas Tanner, President, Faith and Politics Institute; and Michael Franc, Vice President, Heritage Foundation

OVERSIGHT—IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFETEA: LU

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Implementation of SAFETEA: LU. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Richard Capka, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Sandra Bushue, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Jacqueline Glassman, Acting Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; John H. Hill, Acting Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

OVERSIGHT—REVIEW VA'S MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing to review the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Prosthetic Research program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and Joel Kupersmith, M.D., Chief Research and Development Officer; and representatives of veterans organizations.

BRIEFING—TARGET ANALYSIS AS A NEW CAREER TRACK

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Target Analysis as a New Career Track; Direct Analytical Support to Operations. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, and agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for USAID, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing on Overhead Imagery Systems, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold an opening briefing regarding the loss of personal information about Department of Defense personnel as a result of the theft of a computer from a Department of Veterans Affairs analyst, 4 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Kathleen L. Casey, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Donald L. Kohn, of Virginia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine challenges of fish farming in Federal waters relating to offshore aquaculture, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, and Jon Wellinghoff, of Nevada, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2006, and the Improving Outcomes for Children Affected by Meth Act of 2006, 11 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the role of non-governmental organizations in the development of democracy, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the status of Asian adoptions in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine national emergency management issues, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Andrew J. Guilford, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Frank D. Whitney, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Charles P. Rosenberg, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, both of the Department of Justice, S. 2453, to establish proce-

dures 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 attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, S. 2831, to guarantee the free flow of information to the public through a free and active press while protecting the right of the public to effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice, and S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Corrections and Rehabilitation, to hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending benefits related legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Assessing the Iranian Threat, Its Geopolitics, and U.S. Policy Options, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to continue hearings on the Line Item Veto, Constitutional Issues, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following: S. 655, A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Community Health Center Reauthorization Act of 2006; the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Payment Program Reauthorization Act of 2006; and H.R. 4157, Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to consider the following measures: H.R. 5443, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2006; H.R. 5393, Natural Disaster Housing Reform Act of 2006; H.R. 5527, Mark-to-Market Extension Act of 2006; and H.R. 4804, FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 1167, To amend the Truth in Regulating Act to make permanent the pilot project for the report on rules; H.R. 4416, To reauthorize permanently the use

of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children; H.R. 4809, Regulation in Plain Language Act of 2006; H.R. 5216, Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act of 2006; the Reservist Pay Security Act of 2006; S. 959, Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act; H.R. 5169, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1310 Highway 64 NW, in Ramsey, Indiana, as the "Wilfred Edward 'Cousin Willie' Sieg, Sr. Post Office;" H.R. 5194, To Designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office Building;" H.R. 5224, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 350 Uinta Drive in Green River, Wyoming as the "Curt Gowdy Post Office Building;" H.R. 5426, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois as the "Congressman Owen Lovejoy Post Office Building;" H.R. 5428, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, as the "Joshua A. Terando Princeton Post Office Building;" H.R. 5434, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 South Walnut Street in Chillicothe, Ohio, as the "Larry Cox Post Office;" H.R. 5504, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 6029 Broadmoor Street in Mission, Kansas, as the "Larry Winn, Jr. Post Office Building;" a measure to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Dimmitt, Texas, as the "Sgt. Jacob Dan Dones Post Office;" H. Res. 498, Supporting the goals and ideals of School Bus Safety Week; and S. 1445, A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office," followed by a hearing entitled "Once More into the Data

Breach: The Security of Personal Information at Federal Agencies," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing on the Election Assistance Commission," 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

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Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; following which, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon. Senate will begin consideration of certain nominations, with votes on the confirmation thereon, if cloture is not invoked on the motions to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8 and S. 147.

House Chamber

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