

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 483, providing for the conditional adjournment of the House and conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10223–S10348

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3946–3962, S. Res. 588, and S. Con. Res. 119–120. **Page S10288**

Measures Reported:

S. 1848, to promote remediation of inactive and abandoned mines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–351)

S. 3630, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize a program relating to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin. (S. Rept. No. 109–352)

H.R. 3929, to amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 109–353) **Page S10287**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Tribute: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2250, to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S10343–44**

Byron Nelson Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2491, to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S10344–45**

Military Commissions Act: Senate began consideration of S. 3930, to authorize trial by military com-

mission for violations of the law of war, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Frist Amendment No. 5085, in the nature of a substitute. (By unanimous consent, the amendment will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Pages S10242–43**

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 254), Levin Amendment No. 5086, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10246–63**

Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 5087, to strike the provision regarding habeas review. **Pages S10263–74**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2006; providing for the consideration of certain additional amendments, and following disposition of these amendments, and the use, or yielding back of time, the bill be read a third, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S10346**

Secure Fence Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion with respect to Frist Amendment No. 5036, to H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States, be withdrawn; provided further, that on Thursday, September 28, 2006, following the disposition of S. 3930, Military Commissions Act (listed above), Senate resume consideration of the bill, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon. **Page S10346**

Child Custody Protection Act—House Message: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 403, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of

parents in abortion decisions, with the following amendments: **Pages S10345–46**

Bennett (for Frist) Amendment No. 5090 (to the House Amendment), of a technical nature.

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Bennett (for Frist) Amendment No. 5091 (to Amendment No. 5090), of a technical nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 29, 2006.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—254) **Page S10263**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10346.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RIOT CONTROL AGENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States policy and practice with respect to the use of riot control agents by the U.S. Armed Forces, after receiving testimony from Joseph A. Benkert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy; and Brigadier General Otis G. Mannon, USAF, Deputy Director for Special Operations, J-3, The Joint Staff.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, and Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3718, to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, by establishing a swimming pool safety grant program administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to encourage States to improve their pool and spa safety laws and to educate the public about pool and spa safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3675, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving unfair or deceptive acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act;

S. 2751, to strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities;

S. 529, to designate a United States Anti-Doping Agency, with an amendment;

The nominations of David H. Pryor, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Chris Boskin, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Cynthia A. Glassman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Sharon Lynn Hays, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Calvin L. Scovel, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, Collister Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, and certain promotion and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

LANDS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 3000, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska, S. 3599, to establish the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the State of New Mexico, S. 3794, to provide for the implementation of the Owyhee Initiative Agreement, S. 3854, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, H.R. 3603, to promote the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System lands and other public lands in central Idaho, to designate the Boulder-White Cloud Management Area to ensure the continued management of certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands for recreational and grazing use and conservation and resource protection, to add certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in central Idaho to the National Wilderness Preservation System, and H.R. 5025, to protect for future generations the recreational opportunities, forests, timber, clean water, wilderness and scenic values, and diverse habitat of Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon, after receiving testimony from Senator Crapo; Representatives Simpson, Blumenauer, and Walden; Chad Calvert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Adrian P. Hunt, New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, Albuquerque; Fred Huff, Las Cruces Four Wheel Drive Club, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Rick Johnson, Idaho Conservation League, Grant Simonds, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, Brett William Madron, Idaho Trail Machine Association, and Russ Heughins, Idaho Wildlife Federation, all of Boise; Cliff Hansen, Custer County, Carole King, and Amanda Mathews, all of Stanley, Idaho; Fred Kelly Grant, Owyhee Initiative Working Group, Nampa, Idaho; Mike Webster, Idaho Cattle Association, Roberts; Brian Maguire, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, and Jay Ward, Oregon Natural Resources Council, both of Portland, Oregon; and Jill Van Winkle, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Hood River, Oregon, on behalf of the Oregon Mountain Bike Alliance.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Robert K. Steel, of Connecticut, to be an Under Secretary of the Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Frank Baxter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, and Charles L. Glazer, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, who was introduced by Senator Allen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DIABETES CARE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new technologies to improve care for people with diabetes and reduce the burden on the health care system, focusing on the development of an artificial pancreas, including biomedical research and other issues that are important to diabetes patients and their families, after receiving testimony from Griffin P. Rodgers, Acting Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Chris Dudley, The Dudley Foundation, Portland, Oregon; Arnold W. Donald, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, New York, New York; and Caroline K. Sweeney, Gray, Maine.

U.S. REFUGEE POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship concluded an oversight hearing to examine United States refugee admissions and policy, after receiving testimony from Ellen Sauerbrey, Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration; Jonathan R. Scharfen, Deputy Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and Michael J. Horowitz, Hudson Institute, and Father Kenneth Gavin, Refugee Council USA and Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert T. Howard, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 6196–6224; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 483–486; and H. Res. 1043–1044, 1048–1051 were introduced. **Pages H7673–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7675–76**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 985, directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in the possession of the Secretary of State relating to the report submitted to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives on July 28, 2006, pursuant to the Iran and Syria Nonproliferation Act (H. Rept. 109–689);

H. Res. 1045, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–690);

H. Res. 1046, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 109–691); and

H. Res. 1047, providing for consideration of H.R. 4772, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges under the United States Constitution have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law (H. Rept. 109–692). **Page H7673**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Anthony George, Pastor, Aloma Baptist Church, Winter Park, Florida. **Page H7499**

Conditional Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 483, providing for the conditional adjournment of the House and conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 487. **Page H7520**

Discharge Petition: Representative Lowey moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 1007, providing for consideration of H.R. 5147, to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the income-related increase in part B premiums that was enacted as part of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173) (Discharge Petition No. 17).

Military Commissions Act of 2006: The House passed H.R. 6166, amended, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize trial by military

commission for violations of the law of war, by a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 491. **Pages H7522–61**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 109–688, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H7522**

Rejected the Skelton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 490, after ordering the previous question. **Pages H7558–60**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H7561**

H. Res. 1042, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 489, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 488. **Pages H7508–20, H7520–22**

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

Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2006: H.R. 5637, amended, to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea and nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 492; **Pages H7561–65, H7592**

Credit Rating Agency Reform Act of 2006: S. 3850, to improve ratings quality for the protection of investors and in the public interest by fostering accountability, transparency, and competition in the credit rating agency industry—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H7565–71**

Mark-to-Market Extension Act of 2006: H.R. 6115, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to restructure mortgages and rental assistance for certain assisted multifamily housing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea and nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 493; **Pages H7571–73, H7592–93**

Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006: S. 2856, amended, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea and nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 494; **Pages H7573–88, H7593**

HOPE VI Reauthorization Act of 2006: H.R. 5347, amended, to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of public housing projects;

Pages H7588–91

FHA Multifamily Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2006: H.R. 5503, to amend the National Housing Act to increase the mortgage amount limits applicable to FHA mortgage insurance for multifamily housing located in high-cost areas;

Pages H7594–96

Hedge Fund Study Act: H.R. 6079, amended, to require the President's Working Group on Financial Markets to conduct a study on the hedge fund industry;

Pages H7596–98

Financial Netting Improvements Act of 2006: H.R. 5585, amended, to improve the netting process for financial contracts;

Pages H7598–H7601

Community Development Investment Enhancements Act of 2006: H.R. 6062, to enhance community development investments by financial institutions;

Pages H7601–04

Financial Services Regulatory Relief Amendments Act of 2006: H.R. 6072, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to provide further regulatory relief for depository institutions and clarify certain provisions of law applicable to such institutions;

Pages H7604–05

Third Higher Education Extension Act of 2006: H.R. 6138, amended, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965;

Pages H7605–09

Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006: H.R. 4766, amended, to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American language survival schools;

Pages H7609–13

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide for the revitalization of Native American languages through Native American language immersion programs; and for other purposes."

Page H7613

Extending the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under title IV, section 105, of Public Law 109–148: H.R. 6106, to extend the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under title IV, section 105, of Public Law 109–148;

Pages H7613–15

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the establishment of September as Campus Fire Safety Month: H. Res. 295, to express the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the establishment of September as Campus Fire Safety Month;

Pages H7615–16

Supporting efforts to promote greater public awareness of effective runaway youth prevention programs and the need for safe and productive alternatives, resources, and supports for homeless youth and youth in other high-risk situations: H. Res. 1009, to support efforts to promote greater public awareness of effective runaway youth prevention programs and the need for safe and productive alternatives, resources, and supports for homeless youth and youth in other high-risk situations;

Pages H7616–20

Supporting the goals and ideals of "Lights On Afterschool!," a national celebration of after-school programs: H. Con. Res. 478, to support the goals and ideals of "Lights On Afterschool!," a national celebration of after-school programs;

Pages H7620–21

Railroad Retirement Disability Earnings Act: H.R. 5483, to increase the disability earning limitation under the Railroad Retirement Act and to index the amount of allowable earnings consistent with increases in the substantial gainful activity dollar amount under the Social Security Act;

Pages H7621–22

Dam Safety Act of 2006: H.R. 4981, amended, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act;

Pages H7622–24

Designating the Federal courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Federal Courthouse": H.R. 5546, amended, to designate the Federal courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Federal Courthouse";

Pages H7624–25

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. United States Courthouse"."

Page H7625

Designating the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 221 and 211 West Ferguson Street in Tyler, Texas, as the "William M. Steger Federal Building and United States Courthouse": H.R. 5606, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 221 and 211 West Ferguson Street in Tyler, Texas, as the "William M. Steger Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

Pages H7625–26

Designating the Investigations Building of the Food and Drug Administration located at 466 Fernandez Juncos Avenue in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Andres Toro Building": H.R. 5026, to designate the Investigations Building of the Food and Drug Administration located at 466 Fernandez Juncos Avenue in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Andres Toro Building";

Pages H7626–27

Designating the Federal building located at 2 South Main Street in Akron, Ohio, as the "John F. Seiberling Federal Building": H.R. 6051, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 2 South Main Street in Akron, Ohio, as the "John F. Seiberling Federal Building"; **Pages H7627–28**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 2 South Main Street in Akron, Ohio, as the "John F. Seiberling Federal Building and United States Courthouse".". **Page H7628**

Designating a parcel of land located on the site of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Clyde S. Cahill Memorial Park": H.R. 1556, to designate a parcel of land located on the site of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Clyde S. Cahill Memorial Park"; **Pages H7628–30**

Designating the Federal building located at 320 North Main Street in McAllen, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza Federal Building": H.R. 2322, to designate the Federal building located at 320 North Main Street in McAllen, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza Federal Building"; **Pages H7630–32**

Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act: S. 362, amended, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities; **Pages H7632–35**

Stevens-Inouye International Fisheries Monitoring and Compliance Legacy Act of 2006: H.R. 5946, amended, to amend Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize activities to promote improved monitoring and compliance for high seas fisheries, or fisheries governed by international fishery management agreements; **Pages H7635–42**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize activities to promote improved monitoring and compliance for high seas fisheries, or fisheries governed by international fishery management agreements, and for other purposes.". **Page H7642**

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to improve California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and water supply: H.R. 6014, amended, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-

reau of Reclamation, to improve California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and water supply;

Page H7643

New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act: H.R. 1711, amended, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans; **Pages H7643–44**

Long Island Sound Stewardship Act of 2006: H.R. 5160, amended, to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative; **Pages H7644–48**

Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2005: H.R. 2069, amended, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Grand and Uintah Counties; **Pages H7648–51**

Pueblo of Isleta Settlement and Natural Resources Restoration Act of 2006: H.R. 5842, to compromise and settle all claims in the case of Pueblo of Isleta v. United States, to restore, improve, and develop the valuable on-reservation land and natural resources of the Pueblo; **Pages H7651–53**

Requiring the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district: H.R. 4789, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district; **Pages H7653–54**

Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act of 2005: H.R. 3626, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized; **Page H7654**

Lower Republican River Basin Study Act: H.R. 4750, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas; **Pages H7654–55**

Las Cienegas Enhancement Act: H.R. 5016, amended, to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona; **Pages H7655–56**

Columbia Space Shuttle Memorial Study Act: H.R. 5692, amended, to direct the Secretary of the

Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia on parcels of land in the State of Texas; **Pages H7656–57**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System.”.

Page H7657

Rio Grande Natural Area Act: S. 56, to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H7657–59

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006: S. 2430, amended, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study;

Pages H7659–61

Ouachita National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2006: H.R. 5690, to adjust the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest in the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas;

Pages H7661–62

Ratifying a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly: H.R. 4876, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly;

Pages H7662–63

Allowing for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District: H.R. 5516, to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District;

Page H7663

Modifying a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior: H.R. 3606, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior;

Pages H7663–64

Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community Act of 2005: H.R. 2134, amended, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, DC;

Pages H7664–67

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of American Latino Heritage to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of American Latino Heritage in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.”.

Page H7666

Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act: H.R. 5340, amended, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin;

Pages H7667–69

Rio Arriba County Land Conveyance Act: S. 213, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico—clearing the measure for the President; and

Pages H7669–70

Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Protection Study Act: H.R. 2110, amended, to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado.

Pages H7670–71

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H7520, H7521, H7521–22, H7558–60, H7560, H7592, H7592–93, and H7593. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on Thursday, September 28th.

Committee Meetings

G.I. BILL FOR SELECTED RESERVE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a joint hearing on the Montgomery G.I. Bill for Members of the Selected Reserve. Testimony was heard from Senator Lincoln; Michael Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Keith Wilson, Education Service Director, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IRREGULAR WARFARE ROADMAP

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Irregular Warfare Roadmap. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Mario Mancuso, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; VADM Eric Olson, USN, Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Forces Command; and BG O.G. Mannon, USAF, Deputy Director, Special Operations, Joint Staff.

EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on Perspectives on Early Childhood Home Visitation Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5782, Pipeline Safety and Improvement Act of 2006; and H.R. 5472, National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2006.

INTERNET SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: Follow-up Issues to the Masha Allen Adoption." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CATASTROPHIC TERRORISM RISK

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled "Protecting Americans From Catastrophic Terrorism Risk." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REBALANCING THE CARBON CYCLE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "Rebalancing the Carbon Cycle." Testimony was heard from John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Roger C. Dahlman, Co-Chair, Interagency Carbon Cycle Working Group, Climate Change Science Program; and Stephen D. Eule, Director, U.S. Climate Change Technology Program; and public witnesses.

OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT; BANKS IN REAL ESTATE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 867, OPEN Government Act of 2005.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled "Banks in Real Estate: A Review of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's December 2005 Rulings." Testimony was heard from Julie L. Williams, Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE HOUSE

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on the IT Assessment: A Ten-Year Vision for Information Technology in the House. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House of Representatives: Jim Cornell, Inspector General; Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; Karen L. Haas, Clerk; Pope Borrow, Legislative Counsel and James M. Eagen, Chief Administrative Officer; and public witnesses.

U.S.-REPUBLIC OF KOREA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the United States-Republic of Korea Relations: An Alliance at Risk? Testimony was heard from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Richard P. Lawless, Deputy Under Secretary, International Security Affairs-Asia Pacific, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4997, Physicians for Underserved Areas Act; and H.R. 5219, Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2006.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time through the legislative day of September 29, 2006. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of September 28, 2006, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) a bill to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law or war, and for other purposes; (2) a bill to update the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; (3) a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5441) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes. Finally, the rule provides that House Resolutions 654 and 767 are laid upon the table.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4772, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges under the United States Constitution have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

ADVANCING PORT SECURITY AND COMMERCE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Advancing Security and Commerce at Our Nation's Ports: The Goals Are Not Mutually Exclusive." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: ADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Inspection and Compliance, U.S. Coast Guard; and Steve Sadler, Director, Maritime and Surface Credentialing, Transportation Security Administration; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FINANCING OPTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Next Generation Air Transportation System Financing Options. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Civil Aviation Issues, GAO; Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, CBO; R. John Hansman, Chairman, FAA's Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—VA PENSION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing on the administration of the VA Pension Program. Testimony was heard from Jack McCoy, Associate Deputy Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

HEALTH OPPORTUNITY PATIENT EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2006

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6134, Health Opportunity Patient Empowerment Act of 2006.

DNI'S PERSPECTIVE ON STATE OF INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the DNI's Perspective on State of Intelligence Reform. Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Director of National Intelligence.

Joint Meetings

SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): On Tuesday, September 26, 2006, Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and its impact on United States interests in Central Asia, after receiving testimony from Richard Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Steven Blank, U.S. Army War College; and Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Sean R. Roberts, Georgetown University, both of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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S. 2590, to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds. Signed on September 26, 2006. (Public Law 109–282).

H.R. 5684, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. Signed on September 26, 2006. (Public Law 109–283).

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to military voting and the Federal Voting Assistance Program, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the state of the economy, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine new aircraft in the National Airspace System, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management, to hold hearings to examine S. 3871, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction, to hold hearings to examine America's public debt, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to resume hearings to examine the National Capital Region's strategic security plan, focusing on the ability of the responsible Federal, state and local government agencies of the National Capital Region to respond to a terrorist attack or natural disaster, including the coordination efforts within the region, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, and William James Haynes II, of Virginia, each to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nora Barry Fischer, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Gregory Kent Frizzell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Marcia Morales Howard, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Lisa Godbey Wood, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, 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 ef-

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

House

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

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining Whether Combining Guards and Other Employees in Bargaining Units Would Weaken National Security," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Physician Payments: 2007 and Beyond," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Hewlett-Packard's Pretexting Scandal," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Improving Financial Literacy: Working Together To Develop Private Sector Coordination and Solutions," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Acquisition Under Duress: Reconstruction Contracting in Iraq," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "Front-Line Defense: Security Training for Mass Transit and Rail Employees," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on Electronic Voting Machines: Verification, Security, and Paper Trails, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in United States Programming in Africa, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation and the Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, joint hearing on Hezbollah's Global Reach, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Moving Forward in Haiti: How the U.S. and the International Community Can Help, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1344, Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Study Act; H.R. 4529, Kalaupapa Memorial Act of 2005; H.R. 5195, Journey Through Hollowed Ground National Heritage Area Designation Act of 2006; H.R. 5466, Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Designation Act; H.R. 5665, American Falls Reservoir

District Number 2 Conveyance Act; and H.R. 5817, Bainbridge Island Japanese American Monument Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on Implementing the Vision for Space Exploration: Development of the Crew Exploration Vehicle, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on New Hands on the Amtrak Throttle, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, oversight hearing on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): Emerging trends in force and veteran health, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 3930, Military Commissions Act, with votes expected on certain amendments, to be followed by a vote on final passage of the bill. Also, Senate expects to resume consideration of H.R. 6061, Secure Fence Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

House Chamber

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