

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1230–1248, and S. Res. 171. **Page S6481**

Measures Reported:

S. 1230, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the extension of the Highway Trust Fund and the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund expenditure authority and related taxes and to provide for excise tax reform and simplification. (S. Rept. No. 109–82) **Page S6481**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Robert M. La Follette: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 161, honoring the life of Robert M. La Follette, Sr., on the sesquicentennial of his birth, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6588**

Energy Policy Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Domenici Amendment No. 775, in the nature of a substitute. (Amendment, as agreed to, will be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Page S6447**

Rejected:

Boxer Amendment No. 781 (to Amendment No. 779), to ensure that ethanol is treated like all other motor vehicle fuels and that taxpayers and local governments do not have to pay for environmental damage caused by ethanol (By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 137), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Domenici Amendment No. 779 (to Amendment No. 775), to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence. **Pages S6447–60**

Schumer Amendment No. 782 (to Amendment No. 779), to strike the reliable fuels subtitle of the amendment. **Pages S6463–67**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 15, 2005. **Pages S6588–89**

Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 109th Congress: Senators Smith, Chambliss, Burr, and Vitter. **Page S6588**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 73 yeas, 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 136), Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas Craig Wheeler, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Margaret Mary Sweeney, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—137)	Pages S6438, S6462–63
Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:44 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6588.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the benefits and future developments in agriculture and food biotechnology, focusing on crossbreeding, hybridization, and bioengineering, legal and regulatory background, and the interagency Agricultural Biotechnology Working Group, after receiving testimony from Chuck Lambert, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Clifford Gabriel, Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Robert E. Brackett, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jim Greenwood, Biotechnology Industry Organization, Washington, D.C.; Ron Heck, American Soybean Association, Perry, Iowa; and Kenneth M. Quinn, World Food Prize Foundation, Des Moines, Iowa.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed a hearing to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, receiving testimony from Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and Bernard Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office.

Hearing will continue on Thursday, July 14.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the role of financial markets in social security reform, focusing on the Federal Thrift Savings Plan, personal retirement savings accounts, and retirement plan administrative costs, after receiving testimony from Gary A. Amelio, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; Francis Enderle, Barclays Global Investors, San Francisco, California; Francis X. Cavanaugh, Public Finance Consulting, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Michael Tanner, CATO Institute, and David C. John, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jason Furman, New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee met and approved recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the United States-Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the Six-Party Talks in Beijing, and matters related to the resolution of the North Korean nuclear crisis, after receiving testimony from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Joseph R. DeTrani, Special Envoy, Six-Party Talks, both of the Department of State.

TARGETING ORGANIZED PIRACY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia held a hearing to examine the Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) initiative, established to stop trade in pirated and counterfeit goods, focusing on activities undertaken by STOP! to date, its effectiveness in coordinating Federal government efforts to combat intellectual property theft at home and abroad, and the Federal government's ability to recruit, train and retain the workforce necessary to implement STOP!, including the Administration's long-term strategic plan for STOP! and ways the initiative assists small business protect its intellectual property rights, receiving testimony from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office; Victoria Espinel, Acting Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intellectual Property; Daniel Baldwin, Acting Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Laura H. Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Brad Huther, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Franklin J. Vargo, National Association of Manufacturers, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jeffrey O. Evans, The Will-Burt Company, Orrville, Ohio.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL BUDGETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Manage-

ment, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine accountability and results in Federal budgeting, focusing on the specific metrics and tools used by the Office of Management and Budget to determine the effectiveness of Federal programs, the advantages and disadvantages of using these metrics, and how information provided by these metrics is being used to increase effectiveness and accountability in Federal budgeting, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Eileen Norcross, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Beryl A. Radin, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland.

PATENT LAW REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine injunctions and damages relating to patent law reform, focusing on prior user rights, the first-inventor-to-file system, and a life sciences perspective on patents, after receiving testimony from Carl E. Gulbrandsen, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, Madison; Jonathan Band, on behalf of Visa U.S.A. and The Financial Services Roundtable, and Jeffrey P. Kushan, Sidley Austin Brown and Wood, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark A. Lemley, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Chuck Fish, Time Warner, Inc., New York, New York; and J. Jeffrey Hawley, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the Intellectual Property Owners Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2874-2901; 1 private bill, H.R. 2901; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; H. Con. Res. 177-178; and H.Res. 316-318 were introduced. **Pages H4485-86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4486-87**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 420, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, amended (H. Rept. 109-123);

H.R. 800, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers,

distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages or injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others, amended (H. Rept. 109-124);

H.R. 38, to designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 109-125);

H.R. 539, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, amended (H. Rept. 109-126);

H. Res. 315, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–127);

H.R. 975, to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies (H. Rept. 109–128, Pt. 1);

H.R. 599, to provide a source of funds to carry out restoration activities on Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, amended (H. Rept. 109–129, Pt. 1);

H.R. 554, to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity, amended (H. Rept. 109–130); and

H.J. Res. 10, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (H. Rept. 109–131);

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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 9:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Science, State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006: The House began consideration of H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, June 15.

Pages H4410–14, H4415–72

Agreed to limit further amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on such amendments.

Pages H4472–73

Agreed to:

Boswell amendment that increases funding for Community Oriented Policing Services;

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Jackson-Lee amendment that increases funding for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment);

Pages H4460–61

Velázquez amendment that increases funding for administrative expenses to carry out direct and guar-

anteed loan programs in the Small Business Administration (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 246);

Pages H4449–56, H4468

Baird amendment that increases funding for the DEA and for Community Oriented Policing Programs (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 248);

Pages H4458–60, H4469–70

Dreier amendment (no. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13) that increases funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (agreed to limit the time for debate on the bill) (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 250); and

Pages H4463–66, H4470–71

Garrett of New Jersey amendment that increases funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance.

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Rejected:

Obey amendment that sought to increase funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance and for Community Oriented Policing Services (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 244);

Pages H4466–67

Terry amendment that sought to increase funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 245);

Pages H4441–45, H4467–68

Reichert amendment (no. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13) that sought to increase funding for Community Oriented Policing Services (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 297 noes, Roll No. 247); and

Pages H4456–58, H4468–69

Stearns amendment (no. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13) that sought to increase funding for Justice Assistance (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 249).

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Withdrawn:

Issa amendment (no. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for salaries and expenses of the Offices of the United States Attorneys;

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Davis of Illinois amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for Community Oriented Policing Services; and

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Jackson-Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for Exploration Capabilities.

Pages H4448–49

Point of Order sustained against:

Obeys amendment that sought to increase funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Community Oriented Policing Services, and for Economic Development Assistance Programs; and adds a new section to title VI regarding tax reductions.

Pages H4438–41

H. Res. 314, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 243.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Nadler announced his intent to offer a resolution relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

Pages H4414–15

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4414, H4466–67, H4467–68, H4468, H4468–69, H4469–70, H4470, H4470–71. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BORDERS—TRAFFICKING IMPACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Threat Convergence Along the Border: Will Drug Trafficking Techniques Provide Some Answers?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Ralph Utley, Acting Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement; Gregory Passic, Director, Office of Drug Interdiction, Customs and Border Protection; and John P. Torres, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, DEA; Department of Justice.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT PROGRAM; FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS—GETTING FEDERAL HELP NEEDED

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2385, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Revitalizing Communities: Are Faith-Based Organizations Getting the Federal Help They Need?” Testimony was heard from Ryan Streeter, Director, Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

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ELUSIVE ANTIDOTES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Elusive Antidotes: Progress Developing Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Countermeasures.” Testimony was heard from Dale Klein, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary, Public Health Emergency Preparedness; John Vitko, Jr., Director, Biological Countermeasures Portfolio, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

REDUCING PAPERWORK BURDEN

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Reducing the Paperwork Burden on the Public: Are Agencies Doing All They Can?” Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Kimberly T. Nelson, Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer, EPA; Patrick Pizzella, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Labor; Daniel P. Matthews, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CHEMICAL PLANT SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment met in executive session to receive a briefing on Chemical Plant Security. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

UNITED STATES AND SOUTH ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the United States and South Asia. Testimony was heard from Christina B. Rocca, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

UNITED NATIONS REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives McCotter, Poe, Shays, Cannon, Kline and Lantos, but action was deferred on H.R. 2745, United Nations Reform Act of 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2006

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 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). 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.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing on Live from Space: The International Space Station. Testimony was heard from John Phillips, NASA Astronaut, International Space Station; and the following former members of the International Space Station crew: Peggy Whitson and LTC Michael Finsk, USAF, both NASA Astronauts.

MEDICAL LIABILITY PREMIUMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Are Skyrocketing Medical Liability Premiums Driving Doctors Away from Underserved Areas?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued oversight hearings on Financing Water Infrastructure Projects. Testimony was heard from Donald W. Hill, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Dallas, Texas; Jag Khuman, Director, Water Quality Financing Administration, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ACT DUMPING PREVENTION ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the implementation of the State Unemployment Tax Act (SUTA) Dumping Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-295), Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Train-

ing Administration; and Elliot Lewis, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and David Cleg, Deputy Chairman, Communications and Chief Legal Counsel, Employment Security Commission, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 16.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the government of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine current financial condition and potential risks relating to solvency of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine coral reef ballast water, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine strategies for strengthening Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Iraq, Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, Julie Finley, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to France, Robert Johann Dieter, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Rodolphe M. Vallee, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Molly Hering Bordonaro, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Ann Louise Wagner, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Roger Dwayne Pierce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Republic of Cape Verde, Christopher J. Hanley, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Jorge A. Plasencia, of Florida, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting, Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and promotion lists in

the foreign service, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development in the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nomination of Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine if the Federal government is doing enough to secure chemical facilities, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Laura A. Cordero, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and A. Noel Anketell Kramer, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine youth suicide prevention, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine issues relating detainees, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the effects of rising energy prices and their effect on America's senior citizens, 3 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on The Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and

Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 9 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "Medicaid Reform: The National Governor's Association's Bipartisan Roadmap, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Product Counterfeiting: How Fakes Are Undermining U.S. Jobs, Innovation, and Consumer Safety, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Protecting Consumers and Promoting Competition in Real Estate Services," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Eradicating Steroids Use, Part IV: Examining the Use of Steroids by Young Women to Enhance Athletic Performance and Body Image," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Reauthorization of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "Preventing Terrorist Attacks on America's Chemical Plants," 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on The Diversity Visa Program, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Impacts of Federal Land Ownership on Communities and Local Governments, 3:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Coast Guard Law Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider the draft implementing proposal on the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the Republican party conference.)

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2862, Science, Justice, State, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006. Consideration of H.R. 2863, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (open rule, one hour of general debate).

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