

# Daily Digest

## Highlights

The House passed H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8715–S8765*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1464–1476, S. Res. 205–206, and S. Con. Res. 45–46.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 1389, to reauthorize and improve the USA PATRIOT Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring Constantino Brumidi:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 205, honoring the life and legacy of Constantino Brumidi and recognizing his contributions to the United States on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

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**Department of Defense Authorization:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S8717–40, S8764–65**

#### Adopted:

Warner (for Allen) Amendment No. 1343, to increase the limit on the value of assistance that may be provided to eligible entities to carry out procurement technical assistance programs operating on less than a Statewide basis.

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Warner (for Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 1430, to clarify certain authorities relating to adoptions by members of the Armed Forces.

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Warner (for Sessions/Reed) Amendment No. 1431, to require a Comptroller General study on the

features of successful personnel management systems of highly technical and scientific workforces.

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Warner (for Enzi/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1432, to extend the effective date of the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003.

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#### Pending:

Frist Modified Amendment No. 1342, to support certain youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1311, to protect the economic and energy security of the United States.

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Inhofe/Collins Amendment No. 1312, to express the sense of Congress that the President should take immediate steps to establish a plan to implement the recommendations of the 2004 Report to Congress of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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Inhofe/Kyl Amendment No. 1313, to require an annual report on the use of United States funds with respect to the activities and management of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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Lautenberg Amendment No. 1351, to stop corporations from financing terrorism.

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Ensign Amendment No. 1374, to require a report on the use of riot control agents.

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Ensign Amendment No. 1375, to require a report on the costs incurred by the Department of Defense in implementing or supporting resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

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Collins Amendment No. 1377 (to Amendment No. 1351), to ensure that certain persons do not evade or avoid the prohibition imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

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Durbin Amendment No. 1379, to require certain dietary supplement manufacturers to report certain serious adverse events. **Page S8717**

Hutchison/Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 1357, to express the sense of the Senate with regard to manned space flight. **Page S8717**

Thune Amendment No. 1389, to postpone the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment. **Page S8738**

Kennedy Amendment No. 1415, to transfer funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Energy for the National Nuclear Security Administration for weapons activities and available for the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator to the Army National Guard, Washington, District of Columbia, chapter. **Pages S8718–28, S8731–32**

Allard/McConnell Amendment No. 1418, to require life cycle cost estimates for the destruction of lethal chemical munitions under the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program. **Page S8728**

Allard/Salazar Amendment No. 1419, to authorize a program to provide health, medical, and life insurance benefits to workers at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, Colorado, who would otherwise fail to qualify for such benefits because of an early physical completion date. **Pages S8728–31**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1426, to express the sense of the Senate on the declassification and release to the public of certain portions of the Report of the Joint Inquiry into the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001, and to urge the President to release information regarding sources of foreign support for the hijackers involved in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. **Pages S8732–34**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1429, to establish a special committee of the Senate to investigate the awarding and carrying out of contracts to conduct activities in Afghanistan and Iraq and to fight the war on terrorism. **Pages S8734–35**

Salazar Amendment No. 1421, to rename the death gratuity payable for deaths of members of the Armed Forces as fallen hero compensation. **Pages S8735–36**

Salazar Amendment No. 1422, to provide that certain local educational agencies shall be eligible to receive a fiscal year 2005 payment under section 8002 or 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Page S8736**

Salazar/Reed Amendment No. 1423, to provide for Department of Defense support of certain Paralympic sporting events. **Pages S8736–38**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, July 26, 2005, when the Senate resumes consideration of the Defense Authorization bill, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 22, there be 20 minutes of debate divided between

Senators Collins and Lautenberg; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate proceed to a vote in relation to Collins Amendment No. 1377 (to Amendment No. 1351), to be modified to become a first-degree amendment, followed by a vote in relation to Lautenberg Amendment No. 1351, to stop corporations from financing terrorism; provided further, that no second-degree amendments be in order to the above listed amendments prior to the vote. **Page S8739**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Tuesday, July 26, 2005. **Page S8740**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the 2 stacked votes on Tuesday, July 26, 2005, Senate proceed to a vote in relation to Frist Modified Amendment No. 1342 (listed above); provided further, that no second-degree amendments be in order to the amendment prior to the vote, and notwithstanding the provision of Rule 22. **Pages S8764–65**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, July 25, 2005, Senators have until 2 p.m. in order to file first-degree amendments to the bill. **Page S8764**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 1:30 p.m., on Monday, July 25, 2005. **Page S8764**

**Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 397, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others. **Pages S8740–41**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 Tuesday, July 26, 2005. **Pages S8740–41**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S8741**

**Americans With Disabilities Act Commemoration—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2005, Senate begin consideration of a resolution commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act; that there be no amendments in order to the preamble or resolution; that there be 30 minutes of debate at 1 p.m.,

and 30 minutes of debate at 5 p.m., equally divided between the Majority Leader, or his designee, and Senator Harkin, or his designee; and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the resolution at approximately 5:30 p.m. **Page S8764**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Brian David Miller, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration.

David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Suzanne C. DeFrancis, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Alex Azar II, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Charles E. Johnson, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Mark A. Limbaugh, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

William Alan Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2010.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S8765**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Roel C. Campos, of Texas, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2010.

Annette L. Nazareth, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2007.

Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 27, 2006. **Page S8765**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S8745**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S8745**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S8745**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Page S8763**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 2:10 p.m. until 1 p.m., on Monday, July 25, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8764.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Karen P. Hughes, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, and Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 3402–3412; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 216–217; and H. Res. 376–377 were introduced. **Pages H6380–81**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6381**

**Reports Filed:** H.R. 513, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–181). **Page H6380**

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005:** The House passed H.R. 3070, to reauthorize the human space flight, aeronautics, and science programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, by a recorded vote of 383 ayes to 15 noes, Roll no. 416.

**Pages H6332–68**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill is considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

**Pages H6347–57**

Agreed to:

Boehlert Manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–179) changes a number of provisions in the bill, and makes a number of technical and clarifying changes;

**Pages H6357–59**

Velázquez amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–179) that requires the NASA Administrator to submit a quarterly report on the NASA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization;

**Pages H6360–61**

Jackson-Lee amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–179) that requires the NASA Administrator to transmit a plan describing steps NASA will take to protect employees who do raise or have raised a potentially catastrophic risk to health or safety;

**Pages H6365–66**

Rejected:

Velázquez amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–179) that sought to establish a four-year pilot grant program allowing NASA to expand advanced research opportunities through minority-serving institutions (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 415);

**Pages H6363–65, H6366–67**

Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–179), that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that sought to restore funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Hispanic Serving Institutions under NASA education programs;

**Pages H6361–63**

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.

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H. Res. 370, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Monday, July 25 for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 27.

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**Sense of Congress regarding the Soviet Union's occupation and annexation of Baltic countries from 1940 to 1991:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 128, expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation should issue a clear and unambiguous statement of admission and condemnation of the illegal occupation and annexation by the Soviet Union from 1940 to 1991 of the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

**Pages H6369–71**

Agreed to the McCotter amendment to the preamble of the measure.

**Pages H6370–71**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6366–67, H6367. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 690, College Access and Opportunity Act.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 801)

H.R. 1001, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Heatherwilde Boulevard in Pflugerville, Texas, as the "Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building". Signed on July 21, 2005. (Public Law 109–36)

H.R. 3377, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Signed on July 22, 2005. (Public Law 109–37)

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 25 through July 30, 2005

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate begin consideration of a resolution commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act, with 30 minutes for debate; following which, at approximately 1:30 p.m., Senate resume consideration of S. 1042, Department of Defense Authorization, and at 5 p.m., Senate continue consideration of the resolution (listed above), with an additional 30 minutes for

debate, followed by a vote on the resolution to occur at approximately 5:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1042, Department of Defense Authorization, and vote on, or in relation to, certain amendments including Collins Amendment No. 1377 (to Amendment No. 1351), Lautenberg Amendment No. 1351, and Frist Modified Amendment No. 1342. Also, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. Additionally, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 397, Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act, and will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to complete consideration of S. 1042, Department of Defense Authorization and will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any appropriation bills, when available.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* July 26, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings to examine how farm bill programs can better support species conservation, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

July 27, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Conservation Reserve Program, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* July 26, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher Cox, of California, Roel C. Campos, of Texas, and Annette L. Nazareth, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John C. Dugan, of Maryland, to be Comptroller of the Currency, John M. Reich, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, and Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be a Member and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

July 28, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up S. 190, to address the regulation of secondary mortgage market enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* July 27, Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine all-hazards alert systems, focusing on the need for a national all-hazards alert and public warning system, 10 a.m., SR-253.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1372, to provide for the accuracy of television ratings services, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

July 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1408, to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft, 10 a.m., SR-253.

July 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues related to MGM v. Grokster and the appropriate balance between copyright protection and communications technology innovation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* July 27, Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine recent progress in hydrogen and fuel cell research sponsored by the Department of Energy and by private industry, including challenges to the development of these technologies, 3 p.m., SD-366.

July 28, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 584 and H.R. 432, bills to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park, S. 652, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, S. 958, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail, S. 1154, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, S. 1166, to extend the authorization of the Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission, and S. 1346, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of maritime sites in the State of Michigan, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* July 26, Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management, to hold an oversight hearing to examine electronics waste, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to assess the status of efforts to reduce greenhouse gases relating to the Kyoto Protocol, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* July 26, business meeting to consider The National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee Act of 2005, 10 a.m., SD-215.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the role of value-based purchasing relating to improving quality in Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* July 26, to hold hearings to examine implications for the United States regarding energy trends in China and India, 10 a.m., SD-419.

July 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1129, to provide authorizations of appropriations for certain development banks, and the nominations of Henry Crumpton, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management), Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Macedonia, James Cain, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Denmark, Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and

Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Malawi, Katherine Hubay Peterson, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Botswana, Michael Retzer, of Mississippi, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania, Karen P. Hughes, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, with the rank of Ambassador, Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs), Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), and Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), and certain pending treaties, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* July 26, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the General Services Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

July 27, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the appropriate Federal role regarding chemical facility security, 10 a.m., SD-562.

July 27, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine financial management at the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

July 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine NASA passenger aircraft, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* July 26, to hold oversight hearings to examine legislation to resolve the lawsuit of Cobell v. Norton, 10 a.m., SH-216.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1439, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform and resolution of historical accounting claims, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

July 28, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P.L. 101-601), 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* July 26, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

July 26, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine harmonization and other matters concerning patents, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Timothy Elliott Flanigan, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, 4 p.m., SD-226.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

July 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S.1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, S. 103, to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United

States, proposed Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, S. 1326, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 1086, to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses, S. 956, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide assured punishment for violent crimes against children, and S. 1197, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* July 28, business meeting to consider pending VA legislation, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* July 26, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 27, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* July 27, to hold hearings to examine the victimization of elderly through scams, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* to consider the following: a measure to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act; and a measure to reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* July 26, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies, hearing on West Bank/Gaza, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FDA Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriations, 1:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies, hearing on Iraq Reconstruction, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* July 26, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on mental health, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 27, full Committee, hearing on Chinese military power, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Financial Services, joint hearing on the financing of the Iraqi insurgency, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, July 28, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Data Security: The Discussion Draft of Data Protection Legislation,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, July 27, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on the Future of Terrorism Insurance, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, July 26, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled “Fighting Meth in America’s Heartland: Assessing the Impact on Local Law Enforcement and Child Welfare Agencies,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled “DOE/ESE Security: How Ready is the Protective Force?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 27, full Committee, hearing entitled “BRAC and Beyond: An Examination of the Rationale Behind Federal Security Standards for Leased Space,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled “Progress Toward Realizing a Hydrogen Economy,” 1 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled “Is There a Doctor in the Mouse?": Using Information Technology to Improve Healthcare,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled “DHS in Transition—Are Financial Management Problems Hindering Mission Effectiveness?” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform: Are Regulations Hindering Our Competitiveness?” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 28, full Committee, hearing entitled “Keeping Metro on Track: The Federal Government’s Role in Balancing Investment with Accountability at Washington’s Transit Agency,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, July 25, to continue hearings entitled “The Secretary’s Second-State Review: Re-thinking the Department of Homeland Security’s Organization and Policy Direction,” 4 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled “The London Attacks: Training to Respond in a Mass Transit Environment,” 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

July 27, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled “The 287(g) Program: Ensuring the Integrity of America’s Border Security System through Federal-State Partnerships,” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

July 28, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled “Improving Management of the Aviation Screening Workforce,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled “Implementing the National Biodefense Strategy,” 2 p.m., 1309 Longworth.

*Committee on House Administration*, July 28, hearing on Accessibility of the House Complex for Persons with Special Needs, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, July 27, Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on Ukraine: Developments in the Aftermath of the Orange Revolution, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Terrorist Threats to Energy Security, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, joint hearing on Syria and the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S. Diplomacy in Latin America, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 28, full Committee, hearing on Lebanon Reborn? Defining National Priorities and Prospects for Democratic Renewal in the Wake of March 14, 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on China’s Influence in Africa, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Chinese AK-47s and Iraqi Security Forces: A Procurement Case Study, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, July 26, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the National Trails System Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals, oversight hearing on Sustainable Development Opportunities in Mining Communities, Part II, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 28, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Implementation of the Westside Regional Drainage Plan as a Way to Improve San Joaquin River Water Quality, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, July 25, to consider the following: H.R. 22, Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act; and H.R. 525, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

July 26, to consider H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2005, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

July 27, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on A Comparative Study of International Multi-Year Budgeting, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, July 25, hearing entitled “Freedom of Conscience for Small Pharmacies,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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July 27, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "The Importance of the Biotechnology Industry and Venture Capital Support in Innovation," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, July 26, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on Honoring the Protectors of the Capitol: The Passengers and Crew of Flight 93, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, joint oversight hearing on the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and Federal Oil Spill Prevention and Response Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, July 27, oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans and the Department of Defense actions to: (1) identify and furnish outreach to currently deployed service members, including Reserve and National Guard members, at risk for PTSD; (2) provide early intervention to prevent chronic and severe cases of PTSD from developing; (3) enhance available clinical mental health services; and (4) commit appropriate resources to meet the demand for PTSD and other mental health services, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

July 27, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 419, Hire Veterans

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July 27, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on pending business, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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July 28, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Member Proposals for Tax Reform, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, July 26, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on the results of the Future Imagery Architecture Red Team Review, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

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*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

1 p.m., Monday, July 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will begin consideration of a resolution commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act; with 30 minutes for debate; following which Senate will resume consideration of S. 1042, Department of Defense Authorization. At 5 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of the resolution (listed above), with an additional 30 minutes for debate, followed by a vote on the resolution to occur at approximately 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

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