

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3010, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Act for FY 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7331–S7395

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1310–311. **Page S7377**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–89)

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Measures Passed:

Junk Fax Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 714, to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227) relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7380–83**

Alexander (for Boxer/Smith) Amendment No. 1011, to require post-date-of-enactment authorization for an established business relationship to a telephone facsimile machine. **Page S7382**

Freedom of Information Act Exemption: Senate passed S. 1181, to ensure an open and deliberate process in Congress by providing that any future legislation to establish a new exemption to section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) be stated explicitly within the text of the bill. **Pages S7383–85**

Interior Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, Environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and pursuant to the order of June 23, 2005, agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment,

taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7331–74**

Pending:

Burns (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 1010, to prohibit the use of funds to take certain land into trust without the consent of the Governor of the State in which the land is located. **Page S7374**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2005. **Page S7394**

Appointments:

Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–136, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission: Ken Jordan of California, vice Mike O'Callaghan of Nevada. **Page S7394**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A. Noel Anketell Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Laura A. Cordero, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

Emil A. Skodon, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Joseph A. Mussomeli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

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 Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

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.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S7378–79

Additional Statements: Page S7377

Amendments Submitted: Pages S7379–80

Privilege of the Floor: Page S7380

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:18 p.m. until 1 p.m., on Monday, June 27, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7394.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine Iraqi security forces from Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, Multinational Security Transition Command—Iraq; and Lieutenant General Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5, The Joint Staff.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3056, 3059–3069; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 191–192; and H. Res. 339–340, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5176–77

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3057 making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–152);

H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–153); and H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 109–154).

Pages H5175–76

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boustany to act as speaker pro tempore.

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Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Act for FY 2006: The House passed H.R. 3010 making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (by a yea-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 320). The bill was also considered yesterday, June 23.

Pages H5105–65

Agreed to limit the time on a vote, on a motion to recommit, to five minutes, notwithstanding that it is the first vote in a series.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, (by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 216 noes, Roll No. 319).

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Agreed to:

Kolbe amendment to prohibit funds made available in the Act from being used to enforce Determination ED–OIG/A05–D0008 of the Department of Education.

Pages H5121–22

Miller, George (CA) amendment to prevent the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation from expending funds to administer its agreement with United Airlines to terminate the company's pension plans (by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 309);

Pages H5114–17, H5132

Filner amendment to prohibit funds from being used to place social security account numbers on identification cards issued to beneficiaries under the Medicare Program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (by a recorded vote of 314 ayes to 94 noes, Roll No. 311);

Pages H5125–26, H5133–34

King (IA) amendment to prohibit funds made available from being used to reimburse, or provide reimbursement, for Viagra, Levitra, or Cialis (by a recorded vote of 285 ayes to 121 noes, Roll No. 312);

Pages H5126–28, H5134–35

En bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments: Regula amendment regarding Veterans Programs of the Department of Labor, LIHEAP, and section 503 of the bill; Markey amendment regarding Interoperable Information Technology; Waxman amendment regarding certain appointments to Federal advisory committees; Neugebauer amendment that states that none of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the National Institute of Mental Health for the following grants: (1) Grant number MH060105 (Perceived Regard and Relationship Resilience in Newlyweds). (2) Grant number MH047313 (Perceptual Bases of Visual Concepts in Pigeons).

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Hayworth amendment, as modified, to prohibit the use of funds by the Social Security Administration to administer Social Security benefit payments under a totalization agreement with Mexico;

Pages H5143–44

Van Hollen amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to administer or pay any special allowances under the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to certain loans (by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 316).

Pages H5141–43, H5153–54

Rejected:

Nadler amendment that sought to increase funding for School Improvement Programs by \$35,600,000. The increase would be offset by reducing funds for administrative costs.

Pages H5106–08

Tancredo amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel who reimburse hospitals for providing health care to illegal aliens.

Pages H5123–25

Price (GA) amendment that sought to increase funding for the Teacher Incentive Fund by \$70,000,000. To offset the increase, the funds for AmeriCorps were reduced by the same amount (by

a recorded vote of 102 ayes to 298 noes, Roll No. 308);

Pages H5108–09, H5131–32

Brown (OH) amendment that sought to prohibit any of the funds made available from being used to fund the operations of the Medicaid Commission (established on May 19, 2005, and chartered under section 222 of the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act) (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 310);

Pages H5117–18, H5132–33

Hefley amendment that sought to reduce overall appropriations in the bill by 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 84 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 313);

Pages H5128–29, H5135

Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds for exercising direction, supervision, or control over the content or distribution of public telecommunications programs and services in violation of the Communications Act of 1934 (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 314);

Pages H5129–31, H5135–36

Hayworth amendment that sought to prohibit the funds made available in the bill to be used by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to exert jurisdiction over any organization or enterprise pursuant to the standard adopted by the NLRB in the San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino and Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees International Union and Communication Workers of America case (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 315);

Pages H5139–41, H5152

Paul amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds in the bill to create or implement any universal mental health screening program (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 304 noes, Roll No. 317);

Pages H5145–47, H5154

DeLauro amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds in the bill to enforce or carry out item 6B of the settlement agreement between the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor and Walmart Stores, Inc. (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 318);

Pages H5147–48, H5155

Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to distribute the personal information of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries to private companies for marketing purposes (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 319).

Pages H5150–51, H5155–56

Withdrawn:

Kind amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement a regulation forcing Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) to reapply for CAH status if they rebuild or relocate their facility more than 250 yards away from their current location.

Pages H5122–23

Engel amendment sought to grant states one more year to spend unspent Ryan White AIDS program funds. **Pages H5151–52**

Point of Order sustained against:

Section 511 beginning on page 104, line 6 through line 18. **Page H5114**

Honda amendment sought to prohibit funds made available in the Act from being used to require a local educational agency to provide student information to military recruiters without parental consent. **Pages H5119–21**

H. Res. 337, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, June 23.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 27 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H5166**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 29. **Page H5166**

Presidential Message: Messages delivered Thursday, June 23. The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President transmitting legislation and supporting documents to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 109–36).

The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President transmitting a notice regarding the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 109–37).

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H5103 and H5165.

Senate Referrals: S. 714 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and S. 1181 was held at the desk. **Page H5175**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote, and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5131–32, H5132, H5132–33, H5133–34, H5134–35, H5135, H5135–36, H5153, H5153–54, H5154, H5155, H5155–56, H5164, and H5164–65.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 27 through July 2, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2361, Interior Appropriations.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act, with a vote on final passage of the bill to occur at 9:45 a.m. Also, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2361, Interior Appropriations.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to complete action on H.R. 2361, Interior Appropriations, and begin consideration of H.R. 2360, Homeland Security Appropriations, and will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any other appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: June 28, to hold hearings to examine the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 and related crop insurance issues, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: June 28, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Commission on the Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States (Overseas Basing Commission) Report on the U.S. overseas military basing posture, 4 p.m., SD–138.

June 28, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of State and foreign operations, 4:30 p.m., SD–116.

June 30, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of State and foreign operations, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: June 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Peter Pace, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

June 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the status of the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps in fighting the global war on terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: June 29, to hold hearings to examine Spectrum-DTV, 10 a.m., SR-253.

June 29, Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine national weather service-severe weather, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

June 30, Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine how information technology can reduce medical errors, lower healthcare costs, and improve the quality of patient care, including the importance of developing interoperable electronic medical records and highlight new technologies that will impact how health services are provided in the future, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 28, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 206, to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, S. 556, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, S. 588, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Arizona Trail as a national scenic trail or a national historic trail, and S. 955, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: June 28, business meeting to mark up S. 1307, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, and S.J. Res. 18, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, 9 a.m., SH-216.

June 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine threatening the health care safety net regarding Medicaid waste, fraud and abuse, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 29, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine threatening the health care safety net regarding Medicaid waste, fraud and abuse, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 30, Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine savings and investment issues, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: June 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Ross Beyrle, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Robert H. Tuttle, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Ronald Spogli, of California, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

June 29, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine U.S. economic development strategy and the south Caucasus, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

June 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine challenges of the Middle East road map, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: June 29, business meeting to consider S. 681, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Cord Blood Stem Cell Bank Network to prepare, store, and distribute human umbilical cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and to support peer-reviewed research using such cells, and any nominations cleared for action, 9:50 a.m., SD-430.

June 30, Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to American history, 3 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: June 28, Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the security clearance process of the Department of Defense (DOD), focusing on the transfer of investigative responsibilities from DOD to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), including the impact this shift will have on the ability to investigate and adjudicate security clearances in a thorough and expeditious manner, including strategies employed by DOD and OPM to remove the Personnel Security Clearance Program from the high-risk list, 10 a.m., SD-562.

June 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine vulnerabilities in the United States passport system, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: June 28, to hold an oversight hearing to examine regulation of Indian gaming, 10 a.m., SD-106.

June 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 15, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States, S. 374, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River, S. 113, to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust, S. 881, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, S. 449, to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971, H.R. 797 and S. 475, bills to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians, S. 623, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah, S. 598, to reauthorize provisions in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 relating to Native Hawaiian low-income housing and Federal loan guarantees for Native Hawaiian housing, proposed legislation to condemn certain subsurface rights

to land held in trust by the State of Arizona, and convey subsurface rights held by Bureau of Land Management, for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, proposed legislation to authorize funding for the National Indian Gaming Commission, S. 1239, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to permit the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe, a tribal organization, or an urban Indian organization to pay the monthly part D premium of eligible Medicare beneficiaries, S. 1231, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, proposed legislation to require former Federal employees who are employed by tribes to adhere to conflict of interest rules, and proposed legislation to amend the Tribally Controlled Community College and Universities Assistance Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: June 30, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

June 30, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine securing the cooperation of participating countries relating to the need for comprehensive immigration reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: June 29, to hold a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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

Special Committee on Aging: June 28, to hold hearings to examine the structure of the Medicaid program and its use of mandatory and optional populations and benefits, focusing on how Congress can meet its budgetary obligations to find savings in Medicaid and strengthen the Program for the long-term, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

June 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the importance of prevention in curing Medicare, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, June 28, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Veterans Affairs, 9 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, June 28, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the religious climate at the U.S. Air Force Academy, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Projection Forces, joint hearing on Small Business Technologies, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, June 28, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing entitled "How the Private Sector is Helping States and Communities Improve High School Education," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 29, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, June 28, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 2355, Health Care Choice Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, June 30, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 3043, Zero Downpayment Pilot Program Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, June 28, hearing entitled "Under Fire: Does the District of Columbia's Gun Ban Help or Hurt the Fight Against Crime?" 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "The Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturing: Spotlight on Department of Labor and Department of Transportation," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

June 29, full Committee, hearing entitled "To Lead or To Follow: The Next Generation Internet and the Transition to IPv6," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Interrupting Narco-terrorist Threats on the High Seas: Do We Have Enough Wind in Our Sails?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "The Next Generation of Nuclear Power," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Yucca Mountain Project: Digging for the Truth," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 30, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Next Flu Pandemic: Evaluating U.S. Readiness," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, June 28, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "Pathways to the Bomb: Security of Fissile Materials Abroad," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "Improving Pre-Screening of Aviation Passengers against Terrorist and Other Watch Lists," 10 a.m., room to be announced.

June 29, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Transforming the Department of Homeland Security Through Mission-based Budgeting," 3 p.m., room to be announced.

Committee on International Relations, June 29, briefing and hearing on The Global Water Crisis: Evaluating U.S. Strategies to Enhance Access to Safe Water and Sanitation, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Iraq's Transition to Democracy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 611, Haiti Economic and Infrastructure Reconstruction Act; H.R. 953, Social Investment and Economic Development Fund for the Americas Act of 2005; H.R. 1213, Caribbean Basin Trade Enhancement Act of 2005; and H. Con. Res. 175, Acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of

Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

June 30, to mark up the following: H.R. 611, Haiti Economic and Infrastructure Reconstruction Act; H.R. 2017, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2005; the East Asia Security Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 140, Recognizing and affirming the efforts of the Great Lakes Governors and Premiers in developing a common standard for decisions relating to withdrawal of water from the Great Lakes and urging that management authority over the Great Lakes should remain vested with the Governors and Premiers; H. Con. Res. 168, Condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations of human rights; H. Con. Res. 175, Acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean; a resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning Uzbekistan; H. Con. Res. 191, Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War; H. Res. 328, Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union; and H. Res. 333, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 30, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on The G8 Summit and Africa's Development, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 30, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Nonproliferation and the G-8, 2:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, June 28, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Health Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Legal Services Corporation: A Review of Leasing Choices and Landlord Relations, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, hearing on H.R. 2933, Alien Gang Removal Act of 2005, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 30, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "Immigration Removal Procedures Implemented in the Aftermath of the September 11th Attacks," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, June 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "The Vast North American Resource Potential of Oil Shale, Oil Sands, and Heavy Oils—Part 2," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, June 27, to consider the following appropriations bills: H.R. 3057, Making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; and H.R. 3058, Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, June 28, hearing on The Future of NASA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 28, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standard, hearing on Small Business Innovation and Research: What is the Optimal role of Venture Capital?" 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 29, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on Nanotechnology: Where Does the U.S. Stand? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, June 28, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs, hearing entitled "How the Clean Air Act Affects Auto Repair," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

June 29, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "Different Applications for Genetically Modified Crops," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, June 29, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, June 29, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on the Transition Assistance and Disabled Transition Assistance Programs (TAP/DTAP), 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

June 30, full Committee, oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' necessity to reprogram \$1 billion to the medical services account in Fiscal Years 2005 and its implication for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, June 28, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Funding Rules for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plans in H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

June 29, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing to Examine Tax Fraud Committed by Prison Inmates, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, June 30, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

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