

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3903–3906, and S. Con. Res. 116. **Page S9659**

Measures Reported:

S. 3679, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–335)

S. 1321, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–336) **Page S9659**

U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 5684, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S9654–57**

Pursuant to the order of September 14, 2006, Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, September 18, 2006.

Fisher Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; that there be 90 minutes under the control of Senator Levin, 30 minutes under the control of Senator Leahy, 90 minutes under the control of Senator Specter, or his designee, 60 minutes under the control of Senator Reid, and 60 minutes under the control of Senator Frist and Senator McConnell; provided further, that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S9662**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Protocol Amending 1962 Extradition Convention with Israel (Treaty Doc. 109–3); and

U.N. Convention Against Corruption (Treaty Doc. 109–6), with 2 reservations and 3 declarations.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William B. Wark, of Maine, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

William E. Wright, of Florida, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Donald C. Johnson, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Mark Myers, of Alaska, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey. **Page S9663**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2013.

Barbara Boxer, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Norman B. Coleman, of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Cecil E. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

David Palmer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2011.

Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2009. **Page S9663**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 12:34 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9663.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 6089–6091 were introduced. **Page H6659**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6659**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5830, to amend section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979 relating to air transportation to and from Love Field, Texas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–600, Pt. 2);

H.R. 5808, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to public transportation agencies and over-the-road bus operators to improve security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–662);

H.R. 5414, to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts" (H. Rept. 109–663); and

H.R. 6054, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–664, Part 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hastings of Washington to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6657**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed the Honorable Doc Hastings of Washington to act as Speaker Pro Tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 19, 2006. **Page H6657**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

CONTACT LENS SALES

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Contact Lens Sales: Is Market Regulation the Prescription?" Testimony was heard from Maureen Ohlhausen, Director, Office of Policy Planning, FTC; Wayne Klein, Assistant Attorney General, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

IRAQ: DEMOCRACY OR CIVIL WAR?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations continued hearings entitled "Iraq: Democracy or Civil War?" with further emphasis on What Will It Take To Achieve National Reconciliation? and emphasis also on What Are the Consequences of Leaving Iraq? Testimony was heard from former Ambassador to Croatia Peter Galbraith; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 18 through September 23, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 5684, U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5684, U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, with a vote on final passage of the bill. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, to

be an Assistant Attorney General, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 21, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: September 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, for reappointment to be general and to be Commander, U.S. European Command, Vice Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, for appointment to be admiral and to be Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Ronald J. James, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 19, to hold hearings to examine combating child pornography by eliminating pornographers' access to the financial payment system, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 20, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings to examine assessing non-traditional mortgage products, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, John M.R. Kneuer, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, and a nomination list in the Coast Guard, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

September 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain issues relating to online child pornography, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 20, Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development, to hold hearings to examine the future of ICANN relating to Internet governance, 10 a.m., SR-253.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mary E. Peters, of Arizona, to be Secretary of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 21, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mary Amelia Bomar, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-628.

September 21, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1106, to authorize the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of

Colorado, S. 1811, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized, S. 2070, to provide certain requirements for hydroelectric projects on the Mohawk River in the State of New York, S. 3522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2006 through 2012, S. 3832, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish criteria to transfer title to reclamation facilities, S. 3851, to provide for the extension of preliminary permit periods by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Alaska, S. 3798, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to exclude and defer from the pooled reimbursable costs of the Central Valley Project the reimbursable capital costs of the unused capacity of the Folsom South Canal, Auburn-Folsom South Unit, Central Valley Project, H.R. 2563, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho, and H.R. 3897, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 20, to hold hearings to examine approaches embodied in the Asia Pacific Partnership, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 20, to hold hearings to examine objectives, deficiencies, and options for reform relating to business tax system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

September 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 19, to hold hearings to examine responding to Iran's nuclear ambitions, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 20, business meeting to consider S. 2322, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, S. 1531, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls, S. 3771, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, S. 1325, to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity and eating disorder prevention, H.R. 5074, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the Treasury, and the nominations of Randolph James Clerihue, of Virginia, to be an

Assistant Secretary of Labor, Jane M. Doggett, of Montana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Andrew von Eschenbach, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, Stephen Goldsmith, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Roger L. Hunt, of Nevada, John E. Kidde, of California, and John Peyton, of Florida, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, Lauren M. Maddox, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education, Eliza McFadden, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, Sandra Pickett, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Arthur K. Reilly, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, nominations in the Public Health Service Corps, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 19, to hold hearings to examine if terrorist cells are forming in U.S. cell blocks relating to prison radicalization, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine assessing Spiral 1.1 of the National Security Personnel System, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 20, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Tribal Self Governance, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 19, business meeting to consider pending judicial nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

September 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine understanding the financial and human impact of criminal activity relating to the cost of crime, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 3 p.m., SD-226.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine preserving effective Federal law enforcement relating to reporters' privilege legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the proposal to restructure the Ninth Circuit, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 21, Subcommittee on Corrections and Rehabilitation, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal assistance for prisoner rehabilitation and reentry into our states, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 20, to hold hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 20, to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., SH-219.

September 21, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 21, to hold hearings to examine savings for seniors and Medicare relating to increasing generic drug use, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 20, hearing to review Federal Farm Policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 21, to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 424, Expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber; H.R. 4559, To provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land to the towns of Laona and Wabeno, Wisconsin, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain isolated parcels of National Forest System land in Florence and Langlade counties, Wisconsin; H.R. 5103, To provide for the conveyance of the former Konnarock Lutheran Girls School in Smyth County, Virginia, which is currently owned by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, to facilitate the restoration and reuse of the property; and H.R. 5313, Open Space and Farmland Preservation Act, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 21, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review Federal Farm Policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 21, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Combat Vehicle Active Protection Systems, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 21, hearing entitled "No Child Left Behind: How Can We Increase Parental Awareness of Supplemental Education Services?" 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 19, hearing entitled "Improving NIH Management and Operation: A Legislative Hearing on the NIH Reform Act of 2006," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Deleting Commercial Child Pornography Sites From the Internet: The U.S. Financial Industry's Efforts To Combat This Problem," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, joint hearing entitled "ICANN Internet Governance: Is It Working?" 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 19, hearing entitled "Sarbanes-Oxley at Four: Protecting Investors and Strengthening the Markets," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Improving Transparency in State Regulation of Insurer Investments," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, September 19, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Combating Terrorism: Lessons Learned From London," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "The Next Generation Nuclear Plant and Hydrogen Production: A Critical Status Report," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Executive and Judicial Compensation in the Federal Government (Quadrennial Commission)," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Historic Preservation and Community Development: Why Cities and Towns Should Look to the Past as the Key to Their Future," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 21, full Committee, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "Climate Change Technology Research: Do We Need a 'Manhattan Project' for the Environment?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 22, hearing entitled "CSI Washington: Does the District Need Its Own Crime Lab?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 20, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "The Homeland Security Implications of Radicalization," 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "Police as First Preventers: Local Strategies in the War on Terror," 2 p.m., room to be announced.

Committee on International Relations, September 20 and 21, hearings on Afghanistan: Five Years after 9/11, Parts I and II, 10:30 a.m., on September 20 and 2 p.m., on September 21, 2172 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on the Deteriorating Peace in Sudan, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on Serbia: Current Issues and Future Direction, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on America and Asia in a Changing World, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 19, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 5637, Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 5974, To amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 and the Legal Services Corporation Act to provide appropriate removal procedures for the Inspector General of the Legal Services Corporation, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H. Res. 916, Impeaching Manuel L. Real, judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, for high crimes and misdemeanors, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere of the Committee on International Relations, joint hearing on the Need for European Assistance to Co-

lombia for the Fight against Illicit Drugs, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the Resource, Origin, Commodity Knowledge Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 21, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 4315, to amend the Acts popularly known as the Duck Stamp Act and the Wetland Loan Act to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetlands and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of such waterfowl, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 21, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 19, to consider the following: H.R. 6054, Military Commissions Act of 2006; and H.R. 4844, Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, September 20, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Department of Energy's Plan for Climate Change Technology Programs, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on International Polar Year: The Scientific Agenda and Federal Role, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 21, Full Committee, hearing on Research on Environmental and Safety Impacts of Nanotechnology: What Are the Federal Agencies Doing? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 20, to mark up the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2007; H.R. 1105, Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2005; H.R. 4981, amended, Dam Safety Act of 2006; H.R. 5026, To designate the Investigations Building of the Food and Drug Administration located at 466 Fernandez Juncos Avenue in San Juan, Puerto, as the "Andres Toro Building;" H.R. 1556, To designate a parcel of land located on the site of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Clyde S. Cahill Memorial Park;" H.R. 5606, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 221 and 211 West Ferguson Street in Tyler, Texas, as the "William M. Steger Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 2322, To designate the Federal building located at 320 North Main Street in McAllen, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza Federal Building;" H.R. 5546, amended, To designate the U.S. courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., Federal Courthouse;" and H.R. 6051, amended, To designate the Federal building located at 2 South Main Street in Akron, Ohio, as the "John F. Seiberling Federal Building," 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Aviation Administration Safety Programs," 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 20 and 21, oversight hearings to review the previous fiscal year and look ahead to the upcoming year, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 20, to mark up H.R. 6825, Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 20, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on DOD HUMINT Way Ahead, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 21, Full Committee, executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 21, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on State and Local Fusion Centers, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 22, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on NGA's Acquisition Strategy, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, September 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. Also, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 5684, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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