# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5631—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007.

# Senate

# **Chamber** Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S6099-S6188

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3537–3545 and S. Res. 517–518. Page S6154

#### Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with an amendment.

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#### Measures Passed:

Commending Carolina Hurricanes: Senate agreed to S. Res. 517, commending the Carolina Hurricanes for winning the 2006 National Hockey League Stanley Cup. PageS S6187-88

Honoring James Cameron: Senate agreed to S. Res. 518, honoring the life and accomplishments of James Cameron. Page S6188

National Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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 S6105-47 Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 177), McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4272, to affirm the Iraqi

Government position of no amnesty for terrorists who have attacked U.S. forces. Pages S6110-17

By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 178), Nelson (FL)/Menendez Amendment No. 4265, to express the sense of Congress that the Government of Iraq should not grant amnesty to persons known to have attacked, killed, or wounded members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Page S6117

Warner (for Ensign/Reid) Amendment No. 4308, to provide for expansion of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. Pages S6117-18

Levin (for Kennedy/Sessions) Amendment No. 4299, to require a report on the feasibility of establishing a scholarship or fellowship program to educate future nuclear engineers at the postsecondary and postgraduate levels. **Pages S6117, S6118** 

Warner (for Dole/Jeffords) Amendment No. 4349, to require a National Academy of Sciences study on human exposure to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. **Pages S6117, S6118** 

Warner (for Bond/Leahy) Amendment No. 4271, to enhance the authorities and responsibilities of the National Guard Bureau. **Pages S6117, S6118–19** 

Warner (for Graham/Kerry) Amendment No. 4226, to clarify the applicability of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during a time of war.

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Warner Amendment No. 4350, to modify authorities relating to the composition and appointment of members of the United States Marine Band and the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. Pages S6117, S6119

Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 4351, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel. **Pages S6117, S6119** 

Warner (for Ensign) Amendment No. 4352, to authorize the temporary use of the National Guard to provide support for border security along the southern land border of the United States.

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Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 4353, to ensure government performance of critical acquisition functions. Pages S6117, S6120

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Warner (for Ensign) Amendment No. 4354, to require a report on technologies designed to neutralize or defeat the threat to military rotary wing aircraft posed by portable air defense systems and rocket propelled grenades. **Pages S6117, S6120** 

Levin (for Clinton) Amendment No. 4213, to provide for a review of the legal status of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

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Warner (for Santorum) Amendment No. 4210, expressing the sense of the Senate on notice to Congress of the recognition of members of the Armed Forces for extraordinary acts of heroism, bravery, and achievement. Pages S6117, S6120

Levin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 4300, relating to multi-spectral imaging capabilities.

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Warner (for Allard) Amendment No. 4209, to commend the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States in Iraq for their on-going service to the United States. **Pages S6117, S6121** 

Levin (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 4215, to provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service.

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Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4355, to modify the increase in the fiscal year 2006 general transfer authority. Pages S6117, S6122

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4356, to authorize additional emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006. Pages S6117, S6122

Warner (for Thune) Modified Amendment No. 4217, to require a report on the future aerial training airspace requirements of the Department of Defense. Pages S6117, S6122

Levin (for Menendez/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4357, to establish a goal of the Department of Defense relating to the use of renewable energy to meet electricity needs. **Pages S6117, S6122** 

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4358, to modify the limitation on availability of funds for Department of Defense participation in multinational military centers of excellence. Pages S6117, S6122

Levin (for Bingaman/Menendez) Amendment No. 4359, to require a report on actions to reduce the consumption of petroleum-based fuel by the Department of Defense. **Pages S6117, S6122** 

Warner Amendment No. 4360, to require a report assessing the desirability and feasibility of conducting joint officer promotion selection boards.

Rejected:

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By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 176), Dorgan Amendment No. 4292, 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 S6108-10

Withdrawn:

Frist Amendment No. 4323 (to Amendment No. 4322), to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions. Page S6105

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 4241, to name the Act after John Warner, a Senator from Virginia.

Page S6105 Kennedy Amendment No. 4322, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. Page S6105

Enzi Amendment No. 4376, to promote job creation and small business preservation in the adjustment of the Federal minimum wage. **Page S6140** 

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 cloture vote will occur on Thursday, June 22, 2006.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 21, 2006; that there be 90 minutes for debate on Enzi Amendment No. 4376 (listed above) equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, or their designees; that upon conclusion of that debate, Senate proceed to vote on Kennedy Amendment No. 4322 (listed above), to be followed by a vote on Enzi Amendment No. 4376 (listed above); that no amendment be in order to either amendment; that if either amendment does not receive 60 votes in the affirmative, then that amendment would be withdrawn; further, that following those votes, Senator Levin be recognized to offer an amendment relating to Iraq; that there be 5 hours equally divided for debate thereon; that no amendment be in order thereto; that upon conclusion of that debate, the Levin amendment be laid aside, and Senator Kerry then be recognized to offer an amendment relating to Iraq. Page S6188

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol III to 1949 Geneva Convention and an Amendment and Protocol to 1980 Conventional Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. No. 109–10).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S6187** 

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.(Total—178)Page S6109-10 S6117, S6117

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 21, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6188.)

# **Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

# RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Rural Development Programs of the Department of Agriculture, focusing on broadband technology, and energy sources, especially ethanol, after receiving testimony from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; Jane Halliburton, Story County Iowa, Nevada, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Counties and the National Association of Development Organizations; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Mary McBride, CoBank, Denver, Colorado.

## **APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration of H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from James H. Lambright, Acting Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; James D. McClaskey, Midrex Technologies, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; David Ickert, Air Tractor, Inc., Olney, Texas, on behalf of Small Business Exporters Association; and Robert E. Scott, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Harry G. Hayman, III, Commerce Bank, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on behalf of Bankers' Association for Finance and Trade.

## FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded a hearing to examine reform issues relating to the Federal Housing Administration, focusing on the need for continued improvement in managing risks and estimating program costs, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Regina M. Lowrie, Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services, Horsham, Pennsylvania, on behalf of Mortgage Bankers Association; A.W. Pickel, III, LeaderOne Financial Corporation, Lenexa, Kansas, on behalf of National Association of Mortgage Brokers; Ira Goldstein, The Reinvestment Fund, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Basil N. Petrou, Federal Financial Analytics, Inc., and Tom Stevens, National Association of Realtors, both of Washington, D.C.

# **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 3521, to establish a new budget process to create a comprehensive plan to rein in spending, reduce the deficit, and regain control of the Federal budget process, with an amendment.

#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S REVISED DRAFT MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the National Park Service's Revised Draft Management Policies, including potential impact of the policies on park operations, park resources, wilderness areas, recreation, and interaction with gateway communities, after receiving testimony from Stephen P. Martin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Thomas C. Kiernan, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington, D.C. **D662** 

#### NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Paul A. Denett, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

# UNITED NATIONS RENOVATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine United Nations headquarters renovation, focusing on transparency, accountability, financial and ethical integrity at the international body, after receiving testimony from John R. Bolton, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Claudia Rosett, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, New York, New York; and Anne Bayefsky, Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C.

#### INSURERS' ANTITRUST EXEMPTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine implications on repealing the insurers' antitrust exemption relating to the McCarran-Ferguson Act, and S. 1525, to ensure that commercial insurers cannot engage in price fixing, bid rigging, or market allocations to the detriment of competition and consumers, receiving testimony from Elinor R. Hoffmann, Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, New York; Michael McRaith, Illinois Director of Insurance, Chicago, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Marc Racicot, American Insurance Institute, former Montana Governor, Bob Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, and Donald C. Klawiter, American Bar Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Thompson, Insurance Services Office, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

# INTELLIGENCE

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

# House of Representatives

# **Chamber** Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5640–5646, 5648–5654; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 879–881 were introduced.

#### Additional Cosponsors:

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 5574, to amend the Public Health Service

Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–508);

H.R. 5573, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act (H. Rept. 109–509);

S. 655, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–510);

H. Con. Res. 426, recognizing the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Food and Drugs Act for the important service it provides to the Nation (H. Rept. 109–511);

H.R. 5076, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–512);

H. Con. Res. 235, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual (H. Rept. 109–513);

H.R. 5187, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–514);

H.R. 5647, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, (H. Rept. 109–515); and

H. Res. 878, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9) to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 109–516). Page H4327

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simmons to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4221

Recess: The House recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m. Page H4222

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

Honoring the life and accomplishments of James Cameron: H. Res. 867, amended, to honor the life and accomplishments of James Cameron;

#### Pages H4226-28

Commending the Patriot Guard Riders for shielding mourning military families from protesters and preserving the memory of fallen service members at funerals: H. Res. 731, amended, to commend the Patriot Guard Riders for shielding mourning military families from protesters and preserving the memory of fallen service members at funerals, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay" and 2 voting "present", Roll No. 293; Pages H4228-31, H4244-45

Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement Act of 2005: H.R. 4356, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds; Pages H4231-33

Honoring and praising the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on the 100th anniversary of being granted its Congressional Charter: H. Con. Res. 367, to honor and praise the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on the 100th anniversary of being granted its Congressional Charter; and Pages H4233-34

Amending the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999 to remove the limitation for nonimmigrant classification for nurses in health professional shortage areas: H.R. 1285, amended, to amend the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999 to remove the limitation for nonimmigrant classification for nurses in health professional shortage areas. Pages H4237-39

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To extend for 3 years changes to requirements for admission of non-immigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas made by the Nursing Relief for Disadvantage Areas Act of 1999.". Pages H4237-39

Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Requiring representatives of governments designated as State Sponsors of Terrorism to disclose to the Attorney General lobbying contacts with legislative branch officials: H.R. 5228, to require representatives of governments designated as State Sponsors of Terrorism to disclose to the Attorney General lobbying contacts with legislative branch officials, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 294. Pages H4234-37, H4245-46

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007: The House passed H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, by a yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 305, after ordering the previous question.

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Agreed to: Murtha amendment to insert "(reduced by \$5,000,000) (increased by \$5,000,000)" on page 27, line 17, after the first dollar amount; Page H4258

Pages H4239-44, H4246-H4313

Granger amendment to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act to approve or license the sale of the F/A-22 advanced tactical fighter to foreign governments; Pages H4264-70

Castle amendment to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act be obligated or expended to provide award fees to any defense contractor for performance that does not meet the requirements of the contract concerned; Pages H4271-73

Markey amendment to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act to be used in contravention of laws or regulations promulgated to implement the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; Pages H4274-75

Inslee amendment to prohibit any of the funds appropriated by this Act from being used to waive or modify regulations promulgated under chapter 43, 71, 75, or 77 of title 5, United States Code; and

#### Pages H4293–95

Norton amendment to prohibit the use of funds from being made available to enter into or carry out a contract for the performance by a contractor of any base operation support service at Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital pursuant to the public-private competition conducted under Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 that was initiated on June 13, 2000, and that has the solicitation number DADA 10-03-R-0001. Page H4306

Rejected:

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act from being made available for the project designated as the "Wind Demonstration Project"; Page H4275

Schiff amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act to be used to engage in electronic surveillance in the United States except as authorized under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act or chapter 119 or chapter 121 of title 18, United States Code. For purposes of this amendment, the terms "electronic surveillance" and "United States" have the meanings given those terms in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 295); Pages H4275-87, H4289-90

King of Iowa amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 19, 2006) that sought to strike section 9012 (relating to a basing rights agreement between the United States and Iraq) (by a recorded vote of 50 ayes to 376 noes, Roll No. 296); Pages H4270-73, H4290

Chocola amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act be available for the development, deployment, or operation of the web-based, end-to-end travel management system of the Department of Defense known as the Defense Travel System (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 297); Pages H4273-74, H4290-91

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act for the project designated as the "Wind Demonstration Project" (by a recorded vote of 77 ayes to 347 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 298); Pages H4291-92

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act for the JASON Education Foundation (by a recorded vote of 69 ayes to 352 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 299);

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Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Center for Rotorcraft Innovation;

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Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Illinois Technology Transition Center;

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Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Program (ALERRT); Pages H4307-08

Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used to initiate military operations against Iran except in accordance with Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States (by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 300);

#### Pages H4303-04, H4309-10

Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for any contract with the communications and public relations firm known as the Lincoln Group (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 301); Page H4310 Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Northwest Manufacturing Initiative (by a recorded vote of 56 ayes to 369 noes, Roll No. 302); Pages H4304-06, H4310-11

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Lewis Center for Education Research (by a recorded vote of 50 ayes to 373 noes, Roll No. 303); and Pages H4306-07, H4311-12

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Leonard Wood Research Institute (by a recorded vote of 62 ayes to 363 noes, Roll No. 304).

## Pages H4308-09, H4312

Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to require that not less than \$10,000,000 of the funds shall be used for prosthetic research; **Pages H4258–64** 

Engel amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to make it the sense of the Congress that the Department of Navy is to be commended for having the highest percentage of Alternative Fuel Vehicles acquired by any federal agency during fiscal year 2005; Page H4273

Stearns amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit any of the funds made available in this Act from being used to interpret voluntary religious discussions as "official" as specified in the revised interim guidelines concerning free exercise of religion in the Air Force; and Page H4293

Filner amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit any of the funds made available in the Act from being used to place a social security account number on any indentification card issued to a member of the Armed Forces, a retired member of the Armed Forces, or a dependent of such a member or retired member. Page H4293

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. Page H4313

H. Res. 877, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 292, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

#### Pages H4243-44

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect

to the large accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–115); and Pages H4315–16

Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress that he declared a national emergency with respect to the policies and actions of certain individuals in Belarus—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–116). Page H4316

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4328–29.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4244, H4244–45, H4245, H4289–90, H4290, H4291, H4291–92, H4292, H4309–10, H4310, H4310–11, H4311–12, H4312, H4312–13. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

# **Committee Meetings**

#### SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2007

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported, as amended, the Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2007.

## DOD FORCE REALIGNMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on significant force realignments of the Department of Defense, including beddown, support, and other costs and requirements related to those realignments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ryan Henry, Principal Under Secretary, Policy; Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; and RADM William D. Sullivan, USN, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5534, To establish a grant program whereby moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program are used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels; H.R. 5632, amended, To amend Chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to establish a national tire fuel efficiency consumer information program; H.R. 5611, amended, Fuel Consumption Education Act; a measure to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States; and H.R. 2730, United States-Israel Energy Cooperation Act.

## PRIVACY IN THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Privacy in the Commercial World II." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS INCENTIVES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled "Poverty, Public Housing and the CRA: Have Housing and Community Investment Incentives Helped Public Housing Families Achieve the American Dream?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### NAVAJO-HOPI SETTLEMENT AMENDMENTS OF 2005

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on S. 1003, Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Amendments of 2005. Testimony was heard from William Pat Ragsdale, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

# VOTING RIGHTS REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 9, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that he amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Daniel E. Lungren of California, King of Iowa, Gohmert, Herger, Rohrabacher, Norwood, Bilbray, Garrett of New Jersey, Westmoreland, Campbell and Convers.

#### COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION FY 2007

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on FY 2007 Coast Guard Authorizing legislation. Testimony was heard from RADM William D. Baumgartner, USCG, Judge Advocate General, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—VA DATA SECURITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a joint oversight hearing on Veterans Benefits Administration data security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs: Ronald Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits; Michael Walcoff, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy, Field Operations; and Thomas Lloyd, Deputy Chief Information Officer; and Michael Staley, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine economics, service, and capacity in the freight railroad industry, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, and Jon Wellinghoff, of Nevada, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report entitled "Wildland Fire Suppression—Lack of Clear Guidance Raises Concerns About Cost Sharing Between Federal and Nonfederal Entities" (GAO–06–570), 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine safer technology in the context of chemical site security, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (the "Corruption Convention"), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on October 31, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 109–06), 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, with the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine international methamphetamine trafficking, 2:30 p.m., SD-419. *Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 480, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe— Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, and S. 437, to expedite review of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians of Michigan to secure a timely and just determination of whether that group is entitled to recognition as a Federal Indian tribe, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine if Congress can protect copyright and promote innovation relating to the analog hold, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine policy and perspectives and views from the field regarding the Voting Rights Act, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, 4 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine ensuring seniors don't outlive their savings relating to managing retirement assets, 10 a.m., SD-106.

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*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Africa of the Committee on International Relations Committee, joint hearing on trafficking in persons, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on space and U.S. national power, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Internet Data Brokers and Pretexting: Who Has Access to Your Private Records?" 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, entitled "Universal Service: What Are We Subsidizing and Why? Part 1: The High-Cost Fund," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Commercial Insurance Modernization", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Bank Secrecy Act's Impact on Money Services Businesses," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, and the Committee on Small Business, joint hearing entitled "Northern Lights and Procurement Plights: The Effect of the ANC Program on Federal Procurement and Alaska Native Corporations," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "Deep Water Royalty Relief: Mismanagement and Cover-ups," 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "DHS Terrorism Preparedness Grants: Risk-Based or Guess-Work?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations,* to mark up H. Res. 846, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary

of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to strategies and plans either designed to cause regime change in or for the use of military force against Iran, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing on Democracy in Latin America: Successes, Challenges and the Future, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, to continue hearings to Review U.S. Assistance Programs to Egypt, Part II, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 819, Requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to submit to the House of Representatives all documents in the possession of the President and the Attorney General relating to requests made by the National Security Agency and other Federal agencies to telephone service providers requesting access to telephone communications records of persons in the United States and communications originating and terminating within the United States without a warrant; H. Res. 845, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, documents relating to the termination of the Department of Justice's Office of Professional Responsibility's investigation of the involvement of Department of Justice personnel in the creation and administration of the National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance program, including documents relating to Office of Professional Responsibility's request for and denial of security clearances; H.R. 2389, Pledge Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005; and H.R. 5520, Veterans Identity Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Crime Victims' Rights Provisions of the Justice for All Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 512, to require the prompt review by the Secretary of the Interior of the longstanding petitions for Federal recognition of certain Indian tribes; H.R. 854, To provide for certain lands to be held in trust for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe; H.R. 2069, Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2134, Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, D.C.; H.R. 2925, To amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance; H.R. 3085, To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated

with that trail; H.R. 3817, Valle Vidal Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 4165, To clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P; H.R. 4275, To amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; H.R. 4294, Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act; H.R. 4301, Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2005; H.R. 4376, Springfield Armory National Historic Site, Massachusetts Act of 2005; H.R. 4612, Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historic Park Designation Act; H.R. 4761, Domestic Energy Production through Offshore Exploration and Equitable Treatment of State Holdings Act of 2006; H.R. 4947, Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 5057, To authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion; H.R. 5061, Paint Bank and Wytheville National Fish Hatcheries Conveyance Act; H.R. 5079, North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006; H.R. 5094, Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act; H.R. 5232, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Study Act; H.R. 5312, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2006; H.R. 5340, Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act; H.R. 5411, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history; H.R. 5622, Coral Reef Conservation Legacy Act of 2006; S. 260 Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act; and S. 1496, Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Addressing Forest Insects and Disease: A Growing National Problem, "GAO Report on Invasive Forest Pests." 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 4890, Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Air Traffic Control Modernization: The Present and Future, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Health, oversight hearing on Safeguarding Veterans' Medical Information within the Veterans Health Administration, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 4:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol. Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 21

#### Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 2766, National Defense Authorization, that there be 90 minutes of debate on Enzi Amendment No. 4376, and upon the conclusion of that debate, Senate proceed to vote on Kennedy Amendment No. 4322, to be followed by a vote on Enzi Amendment No. 4376; following those votes, Senator Levin be recognized to offer an amendment relating to Iraq with 5 hours for debate, and upon conclusion of that debate, Senator Kerry be recognized to offer an amendment relating to Iraq.

#### Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 21

#### House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of suspensions as follows: (1) H.R. 5060-To amend the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 to require data with respect to Federal financial assistance to be available for public access in a searchable and user friendly form; (2) H.R. 5603-To temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965; (3) H.R. 5293-Senior Independence Act of 2006; (4) H. Con. Res. 426-Recognizing the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Food and Drugs Act for the important service it provides to the Nation; (5) H.R. 5573-Health Centers Renewal Act of 2006; (6) H.R. 5574-Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2006; and (7) H. Res. 323-Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research. Consideration of H.R. 9-Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 (Subject to a Rule).

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