

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act.

The House passed H.R. 2360, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5249–S5373

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1042–1058, S.J. Res. 19, S. Res. 144, and S. Con. Res. 34.

Pages S5300–01

Measures Reported:

S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. (S. Rept. No. 109–69)

S. 1043, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

S. 1044, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military construction.

S. 1045, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for defense activities of the Department of Energy.

S. 1053, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, and for other purposes.

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Measures Passed:

Transportation Equity Act: By 89 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 125), Senate passed H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Reid (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 619 (to Amendment No. 605), to increase penalties

for individuals who operate motor vehicles while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol under aggravated circumstances.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 605, to provide a complete substitute.

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Rejected:

By 14 yeas to 86 nays (Vote No. 123), Allen/Ensign Amendment No. 611 (to Amendment No. 605), to modify the eligibility requirements for States to receive a grant under section 405 of title 49, United States Code.

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By 16 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 124), Sessions Modified Amendment No. 646 (to Amendment No. 605), to reduce funding for certain programs.

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Withdrawn:

Inhofe (for Snowe) Amendment No. 706 (to Amendment No. 605), to specify which portions of Interstate Routes 95, 195, 295, and 395 in the State of Maine are subject to certain vehicle weight limitations.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Inhofe Amendment No. 761 (to Amendment No. 605), previously agreed to on Monday, May 16, 2005, was modified, to make a technical correction, by unanimous consent.

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Civil Society in Cuba: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 140, expressing support for the historic meeting in Havana of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, as well as to all those courageous individuals who continue to advance liberty and democracy for Cuban people, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 144, recognizing Tim Nelson and Hugh Sims for their bravery and their contributions in

helping the Federal Bureau of Investigation detain Zacarias Moussaoui. **Pages S5368–69**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Burma; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–10) **Page S5300**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2007.

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

Linda Jewell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

Charles S. Ciccolella, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Pages S5371–72**

Messages From the House: **Page S5298**

Measures Referred: **Page S5298**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S5298**

Executive Communications: **Pages S5298–S5300**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S5297–98**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S5368**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S5368**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—125) **Pages S5365, S5267, S5281**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5369.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center, after receiving testimony from Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

CREDIT CARDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current legal and regulatory requirements and industry practices for credit card issuers with respect to consumer disclosures and marketing efforts, after receiving testimony from Senators Akaka and Feinstein; Edward M. Gramlich, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Antony Jenkins, Citi Cards, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Edmund Mierzewski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Linda Sherry, Consumer Action, all of Washington, D.C.; Louis J. Freeh, MBNA Corporation, and Carter Franke, Chase Bank U.S.A., both of Wilmington, Delaware; Robert D. Manning, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York; and Marge Connelly, Capital One Financial Corporation, Richmond, Virginia.

PORT SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine measures that have been taken since September 11, 2001, to secure our nation's ports, focusing on the implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act and vulnerabilities that remain in the maritime transportation sector, after receiving testimony from Representative Ruppertsberger; Robert M. Jacksta, Executive Director, Border Security and Facilitation, U.S. Customs and Border Security, Rear Admiral Larry Hereth, U.S. Coast Guard, and Richard L.

Skinner, Acting Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Margaret T. Wrightson, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jean Godwin, American Association of Port Authorities, Alexandria, Virginia; and Christopher Koch, World Shipping Council, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee began markup of proposed comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to Indian Energy, Department of Energy Management, and Personnel and Training, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

NUCLEAR SECURITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine nuclear security issues, receiving testimony from officials of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Commission for Africa, recommendations for a coherent strategy for African development and reform, after receiving testimony from former Senator Nancy Kassebaum-Baker, and Tidjane Thiam, Aviva, London, United Kingdom, both on behalf of the Commission for Africa; and Nancy Birdsall, Center for Global Development, Washington, D.C.

OIL FOR FOOD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held a hearing to examine the United Nations' Oil-for-Food Program, the illegal surcharges paid on Iraqi oil sales, and the nature and extent of the 2003 Khor al-Amaya incident, receiving testimony from George Galloway, Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green and Bow, Great Britain; and Mark L.

Greenblatt, Counsel, Dan M. Berkovitz, Counsel to the Minority, and Steven A. Groves, Counsel, all of the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging held a hearing to examine the Administration's recommendations for the Older Americans Act Reauthorization, focusing on the National Family Caregiver Support Program, primary long-term care issues, and the aging population and workforce, receiving testimony from Josefina Carbonell, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Aging; and Emily DeRocco, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security held a joint hearing to examine strengthening our national security, regarding the need for comprehensive immigration reform, receiving testimony from Asa Hutchinson, Venable, LLP, Washington, D.C., former Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security; Margaret D. Stock, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, on behalf of the American Immigration Lawyers Association; and Mark K. Reed, Border Management Strategies, LLC, Tucson, Arizona.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 2385–2417; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 154–155, and H. Res. 280–282; 284–285 were introduced.

Pages H3433–35

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H3435–36

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 283, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1817) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–84).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lynn A. Westmoreland to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess:

The House recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006: The House passed H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by the Yeas and Nays: 424–1 (Roll no. 180).

Pages H3340–H3405

Agreed to:

Musgrave amendment that increases funding for state and local programs in the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness;

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Sabo amendment that increases funding for Firefighter Assistance Grants;

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King of Iowa amendment that reduces and then increases funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement salaries and expenses;

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Tom Davis of Virginia amendment (no. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that will terminate the background check provision in the bill once the President selects a single agency to conduct security clearance investigations pursuant to the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act and Congress has been informed that the agency can conduct all necessary investigations in a timely manner or that the agency has authorized entities within the Homeland Security Department to conduct their own investigations;

Pages H3394–95

Jackson-Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds to patrol the U.S. border except as authorized by law;

Pages H3400–01

Menendez amendment (no. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that increases funding

for state and local grant programs, intended to enhance the security of chemical plants (by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 176); and

Pages H3379–81, H3401–02

Obey amendment that provides funds for grants to assist States in conforming with minimum drivers' license standards (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 179).

Pages H3399–H3400, H3403–04

Rejected:

Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to increase the funding for Citizenship and Immigration Services;

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Poe amendment (no. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to carry out two provisions in the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (the request for a recorded vote was later vacated);

Pages H3395–97, H3398

Tancredo amendment (no. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that sought to prohibit the use of funds from being available to assist any State or local government that prohibits or restricts the free flow of information between local law enforcement units and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (point of order raised against the amendment was overruled) (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 177); and

Pages H3393–94, H3402–03

Meeks amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to close any detention facility operated by or on behalf of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that has been operational in 2005 (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 178).

Pages H3397, H3403

Withdrawn:

Souder amendment (no. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide for \$6 million of the funds appropriated for the Office of the Secretary be used for the Office of Counter-narcotics Enforcement;

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Jackson-Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for Citizenship and Immigration Services;

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LoBiondo amendment (no. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Coast Guard's Deepwater program to replace aging vessels and planes;

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LaTourette amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to eliminate funding for trucking industry security grants, intercity bus security grants, and intercity passenger rail transportation, freight rail, and transit security grants; and

Pages H3387–88

Tiahrt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to promulgate regulations without consideration of the effect of such regulations on the competitiveness of American businesses.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Hostettler amendment that would have increased funding for Customs and Border Protection and for Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

Pages H3367–68

Provision under the portion of the bill regarding Aviation Security, beginning at the colon on page 17, line 2 through the word “intent” on line 11, regarding the Government’s share of the costs of airport projects;

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Provision regarding National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund beginning on page 36 line 19, the word “and” through line 22, the word “funds”; and

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Obey amendment that sought to increase funding for Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Pages H3398–99

H. Res. 278, the rule, as amended, providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 185 noes and 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 175.

Pages H3345–46

Agreed to an amendment offered by Representative Sessions by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question on the amendment and the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 174.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of the continuation of the National Emergency with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–27).

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 281, electing Representative Chocoma to the Committee on the Budget.

Pages H3405–06

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today, and 5 Recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3345, H3346, H3402, H3402–03, H3403, H3404, and H3404–05. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HIGH SCHOOL REFORM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “High School Reform: Examining State and Local Efforts.” Testimony was heard from the following Governors: W. Mitt Romney, Massachusetts; and Thomas Vilsack, Iowa.

EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH CARE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing entitled “Examining Pay-for-Performance Measures and Other Trends in Employer-Sponsored Health Care.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS SUBVERSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Subversion of Drug Testing Programs.” Testimony was heard from Robert Cramer, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; Robert Stephenson, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at this hearing, the following individuals: Dennis Catalano, President, Puck Technology; Michael Fichera, Health Choice of New York, Inc.; and Matt Stephens, President, Spectrum Labs, invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 1999, State and Local Housing Flexibility Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Rudy Monteil, Executive Director, Housing Authority, Los Angeles, California; Renee Glover, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Authority, Atlanta, Georgia; Daniel Nackerman, Executive Director, Housing Authority, County of San Bernardino, California; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL FOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 994, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis

and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; H.R. 1283, To provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities; and H.R. 1765, Generating Opportunity by Forgiveing Educational Debt for Service Act of 2005.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled "Question: What Is More Scrambled Than an Egg? Answer: the Federal Food Inspection Program." Testimony was heard from Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Robert E. Brackett, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Merle Pierson, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety, USDA; Jim Jones, Director, Pesticide Programs, EPA; and Richard V. Cano, Acting Director, Seafood Inspection Program, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

MIDDLE EAST—FOSTERING DEMOCRACY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Fostering Democracy in the Middle East: Defeating Terrorism with Ballots?" Testimony was heard from Mona Yacoubian, Special Adviser, Muslim World Initiative, United States Institute of Peace; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THEFT IN CHINA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Intellectual Property Theft in China. Testimony was heard from Victoria Espinel, Acting Assistant, U.S. Trade for Intellectual Property; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THEFT IN RUSSIA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Internet, and Intellectual Property also held an oversight hearing on Intellectual Property Theft in Russia. Testimony was heard from Victoria Espinel, Acting Assistant, U.S. Trade Representative for Intellectual Property; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1817, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006

for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees of Homeland Security, Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, which 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, and shall not be subject to amendment or 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 part B of the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Cox, Representatives Shays, Souder, Ehlers, Manzullo, Kennedy of Minnesota, Wamp, Thompson of Mississippi, Loretta Sanchez of California, Markey, Lowey, Norton, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Meek of Florida, Oberstar, Costello, Slaughter, Engel, Waters, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Maloney, Menendez, Stupak, Cummings, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Ford, Inslee, McCarthy of New York, Reyes, Israel, Lynch, Ruppersberger, Barrow, and Higgins.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 50, amended, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act; H.R. 2364, amended, to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in Administration marine research, atmospheric research and satellite programs; H.R. 426, amended, Remote Sensing Applications Act of 2005; and H.R. 1022, George E. Brown, Jr. Near-Earth Object Survey Act.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from Joanne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

WTO's FUTURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Future of the World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Regulation NMS designed to strengthen our national market system for equity securities, focusing on recent market developments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine human spaceflight, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine eco-terrorism specifically examining the Earth Liberation Front ("ELF") and the Animal Liberation Front ("ALF"), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1021, to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and the nomination of Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine FEMA's response to the 2004 Florida hurricanes, and its impact on taxpayers, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to the taking of land into trust, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the following: Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006; the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, and the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 2123, School Readiness Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1862, Drug Free Sports Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Increasing Generic Drug Utilization: Saving Money for Patients," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Enhancing Data Security: The Regulators' Perspective," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 44, Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo; H. Con. Res. 89, Honoring the life of Sister Dorothy Stang; H. Con. Res. 149, Recognizing the 57th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; H. Res. 191, Urging the Government of Romania to recognize its responsibilities to provide equitable, prompt, and fair restitution to all religious communities for property confiscated by the former Communist government in Romania; H. Res. 272, Recognizing the historic steps India and Pakistan have taken toward achieving bilateral peace; H.R. 273, Urging the withdrawal of all Syrian forces from Lebanon, support for free and fair democratic elections in Lebanon, and the development of democratic institutions and safeguards to foster sovereign democratic rule in Lebanon; a resolution Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding anti-Semitism at the United Nations; and a resolution Welcoming His Excellency Hamid Karzai, the President of Afghanistan, on the occasion of his visit to the United States in May 2005, and expressing support for a strong and enduring strategic partnership between the United States and Afghanistan; followed by a hearing on Kosovo: Current and Future Status, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on UN Peacekeeping Reform: Seeking Greater Accountability and Integrity, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 149, Recognizing the 57th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; H. Res. 273, Urging the withdrawal of all Syrian

forces from Lebanon, support for free and fair democratic elections in Lebanon, and the development of democratic institutions and safeguards to foster sovereign democratic rule in Lebanon; a resolution Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding anti-Semitism at the United Nations; and a resolution Welcoming His Excellency Hamid Karzai, the President of Afghanistan, on the occasion of his visit to the United States in May 2005, and expressing support for a strong and enduring strategic partnership between the United States and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 742, Occupational Safety and Health Employer Access to Justice Act of 2005; H.R. 2293, To provide special immigrant status for aliens as translators with the United States Armed Forces; to continue mark up of H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; and to markup the following bills: H.R. 554, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act; H.R. 420, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2005; and H.R. 744, Internet Spyware Prevention (I-SPY) Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures H.R. 38, Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; H.R. 125, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California; H.R. 362, Ojito Wilderness Act; H.R. 394, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as apart of the Minuteman National Historical Park; H.R. 432, Betty Dick Residence Protection Act; H.R. 481, Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2005; H.R. 517, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 539, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005; H.R. 599, Federal Lands Restoration, Enhancement, Public Education, and Information Resources Act of 2005; H.R. 774, Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2005; H.R. 853, To remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District

from the United States; H.R. 873, Northern Marianas Delegate Act; H.R. 975, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act; H.R. 1084, To authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862; H.R. 1428, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 1492, To provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II; H.R. 1797, Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act; H.R. 1905, Small Tracts Reform Act; H.R. 2130, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2005; and the National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth,

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on The National Nanotechnology Initiative: Review and Outlook, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: GSA 3314 (b) Resolutions; H. Con. Res. 145, Expressing the sense of Congress in support of a national bike month and in appreciation of cyclists and others for promoting bicycle safety and the benefits of cycling; H. Res. 243, Recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week; H.R. 624, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants; H.R. 889, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005; and H.R. 1359, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, oversight hearing on the use and development of telemedicine technologies in the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Protections for Foster Children Enrolled in Clinical Trials, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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