

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1817, Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

House Committees ordered reported 33 sundry measures, including the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006: Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1059–1075, and S. Res. 145–148. **Pages S5436–37**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing Anniversary of Mount Saint Helens Eruption: Senate agreed to S. Res. 146, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the eruption of Mount St. Helens. **Page S5450**

National Internet Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 147, designating June 2005 as “National Internet Safety Month”. **Pages S5450–51**

Senate Leadership Portrait Display Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 148, to authorize the display of the Senate Leadership Portrait Collection in the Senate Lobby. **Page S5451**

Nomination Considered: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S5373–S5433**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2005. **Page S5452**

Appointments:

Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators to the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary As-

sembly during the 109th Congress: Senators Sessions, Enzi, Bunning, and Coleman. **Page S5450**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations (PN 326) (PN 327) (Ex. Rept. 109–1)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2005. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5452.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REGULATION NMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Regulation National Market System (NMS) designed to strengthen our national market system for equity securities, focusing on recent market developments, after receiving testimony from John A. Thain, New York Stock Exchange, Robert Greifeld, NASDAQ Stock Market, and Edward J. Nicoll, Instinct Group, Inc., all of New York, New York; Gerald D. Putnam, Archipelago Holdings, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and Meyer S. Frucher, Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine human space flight, focusing on the status and role of the Space Shuttle in human space flight, plans for the Shuttle's retirement, progress in minimizing the gap between the retirement of the Space Shuttle and the introduction of the Crew Exploration Vehicle, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Allen Li, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Joan Johnson-Freese, Chair, Department of National Security Decision Making, Naval War College, United States Navy; Michael J. McCulley, United Space Alliance, Houston, Texas; and Scott J. Horowitz, ATK Thiokol, Inc., Brigham City, Utah.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee continued markup of proposed comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to coal, vehicles and fuels, hydrogen, and research and development, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

ECO-TERRORISM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine eco-terrorism, acts of politically motivated violence to force changes in attitudes about certain issues, specifically examining the Earth Liberation Front ("ELF") and the Animal Liberation Front ("ALF"), after receiving testimony from John E. Lewis, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Carson W. Carroll, Deputy Assistant Director, Field Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, both of the Department of Justice; Bradley M. Campbell, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton; David Martosko, Center for Consumer Freedom, Washington, D.C.; David J. Skorton, The University of Iowa, Iowa City; and Monty A. McIntyre, Seltzer, Caplan, McMahan, Vitek, San Diego, California, on behalf of Garden Communities.

FLORIDA HURRICANES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s response to the 2004 Florida hurricanes, and its impact on taxpayers, and a related measure, S. 1059, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to specify procedures for the conduct of preliminary damage assessments, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to vigorously investigate and prosecute instances of fraud, including fraud in the handling and approval of claims for Federal emergency assistance, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); Richard L. Skinner, Acting Inspector General, and Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1021, to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and

The nomination of Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

INDIAN TRUST LANDS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine issues relating to the taking of land into trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for federally-recognized Indian tribes, focusing on land used for gaming purposes, after receiving testimony from George T. Skibine, Acting

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy and Economic Development, Office of Indian Affairs; David K. Sprague and John Shagonaby, both of the Gun Lake Tribe, Dorr, Michigan; James T. Martin, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; Mike Jandernoa, 23 Is Enough, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and David Crosby, Santa Ynez, California.

PROTECTING THE JUDICIARY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to protecting the

judiciary at home and in the courthouse, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin and Obama; Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Judge Jane R. Roth, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Chief Magistrate Judge Samuel Alba, United States District Court for the District of Utah; and Benigno G. Reyna, Director, and Kim R. Widup, United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois, both of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 2418–2472; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 156–158, and H. Res. 286 were introduced. **Pages H3554–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3556–57**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Revised Suballocations of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–85);

H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–86); and

H. Res. 287, providing for consideration of H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–87). **Page H3554**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3439**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Johnny Hunt, Pastor, First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Georgia. **Page H3439**

Discharge Petition: Representative Hooley moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 267, providing for the consideration of H.R. 376, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate fair prices for Medicare prescription drugs on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries (Discharge Petition No. 1).

Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006: The House passed H.R. 1817, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the

Department of Homeland Security, by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 189.

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Rejected the Thompson of Mississippi motion to recommit the bill back to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 188.

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–84 is considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment, in lieu of the amendments reported by the Committees on Homeland Security, Energy & Commerce, and the Judiciary. **Pages H3465–H3540**

Agreed to:

Cox amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that authorizes funds to be appropriated for FY 2006 to reimburse States and localities for the costs associated with having State and local law enforcement trained and certified by DHS' Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enforce Federal immigration laws; **Pages H3475–79**

Kennedy of Rhode Island amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that will ensure that in replacing the color-coded terror alert system as required by the bill, that DHS draws on expertise in how to best communicate risk to the public; **Pages H3479–80**

Cox amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that requires DHS to coordinate its activities regarding protection of critical infrastructure with "other relevant Federal agencies"; **Pages H3480–81**

Ehlers amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that changes the "30 minute rule" that requires passengers on commercial flights into and out

of Washington Reagan National Airport to remain seated for 30 minutes by reducing that time to 15 minutes; **Pages H3482–83**

DeFazio amendment (no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that makes improvements to the Federal Flight Deck Officers Program; **Pages H3483–84**

Cardin amendment (no. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that adds the Information Assurance Directorate of the National Security Agency to the list of Federal agencies that the DHS Under Secretary for Science and Technology shall coordinate with on cybersecurity research and development activities; **Page H3484**

Slaughter amendment (no. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that improves pre-clearance border crossing programs; **Pages H3484–85**

Wamp amendment (no. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that permits the Department of Energy laboratories to team up with a university or consortium of universities when competing for DHS's Centers for Excellence; **Page H3487**

Cardin amendment (no. 14 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that requires DHS to conduct a study of the feasibility and desirability of expanding the "National Capital Region" area beyond its existing boundaries; **Page H3490**

Slaughter amendment (no. 15 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that requires the Secretary of DHS to report to Congress within six months of the enactment of this bill on its efforts to reduce the imitation of badges, identification, uniforms, or other insignia used by any officer of DHS; improve the design of the various forms of DHS identification to prevent illegal replication; increase public awareness of imitation forms of Homeland Security identification; teach the public to identify authentic Homeland Security identification; assess the effectiveness of their efforts; and recommend any legislation or administrative actions necessary to achieve their objectives; **Page H3490–91**

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment (no. 16 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that requires the Secretary to carry out an Advanced Technology Northern Border Security Pilot Program; **Pages H3491–92**

Jackson-Lee amendment (no. 17 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that instructs GAO to conduct a study examining the impact of an increase in Temporary Protected Status application fees on the nationals of countries for which TPS is available and the differential in cost between the current statutory fee and the cost-based fee proposed by Customs and Immigration Services; **Pages H3492–94**

Manzullo amendment (no. 21 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that strengthens the "Buy American Act"; **Pages H3501–02**

Putnam amendment (no. 22 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) as modified by unanimous consent, that allows FEMA reimbursement for funeral expenses only if the death was determined by a medical examiner to be caused by a natural disaster; **Pages H3502–03**

Souder amendment (no. 23 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that extends the current authorization of appropriations for the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement at DHS to fiscal year 2006; **Pages H3503–05**

Hooley amendment (no. 13 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that prohibits any money in the DHS authorization bill to come from an increase in airline ticket taxes (by a recorded vote of 363 ayes to 65 noes, Roll No. 184); and **Pages H3489–90, H3537–38**

Norwood amendment (no. 18 printed in H. Rept. 109–84), that clarifies the existing authority of State and local enforcement personnel to apprehend, detain, remove, and transport illegal aliens in the routine course of duty (by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 185). **Pages H3494–99, H3538**

Rejected:

Meek amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that sought to increase funding for the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 183); **Pages H3474–75, H3536–37**

Jackson-Lee amendment (no. 20 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that sought to have the Secretary of DHS submit a report to Congress on the number and types of border violence activities that have occurred; the types of activities involved; a description of the categories of victims that exists; and a description of the steps that DHS is taking and any plan that the Department had formulated to prevent these activities (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 186); and **Pages H3499–H3501, H3538–39**

Thompson amendment in the nature of a substitute (no. 24 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that sought to authorize \$6.9 million over H.R. 1817 in homeland security funding, and includes a number of policy proposals to close security gaps and to restructure DHS (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 187). **Pages H3505–36, H3539–40**

Withdrawn:

Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to authorize a limited amount for grants for the National Medical Preparedness Consortium to standardize training, national health care policies, and standards of care for emergency medical professionals to prepare for mass casualties resulting from a terrorist event involving WMD; **Pages H3481–82**

Souder amendment (no. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to make the Customs and Border

Protection's Office of Air and Marine Operations the lead DHS agency to conduct airspace security around the Nation's Capitol and for special events of national significance; and

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Thompson (MS) amendment (no. 12 printed in H. Rept 109–84) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to require the Secretary of DHS to report to Congress on how to coordinate and protect the various infrastructure in the area between Port Elizabeth and Newark International Airport, New Jersey.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 283, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 284 ayes to 124 noes, Roll No. 182, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 181.

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House Democracy Assistance Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the House Democracy Assistance Commission: Representatives Dreier (Chairman), Kolbe, Gillmor, Kirk, Boozman, Wilson (SC), Cole (OK), Miller (MI), and Fortenberry.

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Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Representatives Price (NC) (Ranking Member), Reyes, Capps, Holt, Schiff, Davis (AL), and Schwartz (PA) to the House Democracy Assistance Commission.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3453–54, H3454, H3536–37, H3537–38, H3538, H3538–39, H3539–40, H3542–43, and H3543. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE—VA/ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006; REVISED SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006: Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations; and the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies.

The Committee approved the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

SCHOOL READINESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2123, School Readiness Act of 2005.

DRUG FREE SPORTS ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1862, Drug Free Sports Act. Testimony was heard from Frank Shorter, former Chairman, United States Anti-Doping Agency; Donald P. Garber, Commissioner, Major League Soccer; Robert Foose, Executive Director, Major League Soccer Players Union; Allan H. Selig, Commissioner, Major League Baseball; Donald Fehr, Executive Director, Major League Baseball Players Association; Gary Bettman, Commissioner, National Hockey League; Robert Goodenow, Executive Director, National Hockey League Players Association; David Stern, Commissioner, National Basketball Association; and William Hunter, Executive Director, National Basketball Players Association.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INCREASING GENERIC DRUG UTILIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Increasing Generic Drug Utilization: Saving Money for Patients." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENHANCING DATA SECURITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Enhancing Data Security: The Regulators' Perspective." Testimony was heard from Lydia B. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Sandra Thompson, Deputy Director, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, FDIC; and Robert M. Fenner, General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; KOSOVO: CURRENT AND FUTURE STATUS

Committee on International Relations: Approved a motion authorizing the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered under suspension of the rules: 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, amended,

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 Palistan have taken toward achieving bilateral peace; H. Res. 273, amended, 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; H. Res. 282, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding anti-Semitism at the United Nations; H. Con. Res. 153, Welcoming His Excellency Hamid Karzi, 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.

The Committee also held a hearing on Kosovo: Current and Future Status. Testimony was heard from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; Mira R. Ricardel, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; Daniel P. Serwer, Vice-President and Director, Peace and Stability Operations, and Balkans Initiative, United States Institute of Peace; and public witnesses.

UN PEACEKEEPING REFORM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on UN Peacekeeping Reform: Seeking Greater Accountability and Integrity. Testimony was heard from Philo L. Dibble, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Con. Res. 149, amended, Recognizing the 57th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; H. Res. 273, amended, 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; H. Res. 282, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding anti-Semitism at the United Nations; and H. Con. Res. 153, Welcoming His Excellency Hamid Karzi, 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.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported 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; and H.R. 744, Internet Spyware Prevention (I-SPY) Act of 2005.

The Committee also continued mark up of H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce on Arms Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures H.R. 38, Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; H.R. 125, amended, 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, amended, Ojito Wilderness Act; H.R. 394, amended, 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 part of the Minute Man National Historical Park; H.R. 432, Betty Dick Residence Protection Act; H.R. 481, amended, 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, amended, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005; H.R. 599, amended, 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, amended, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 1492, amended, 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 H.R. 2362, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2005.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006**

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 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 Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

NANOTECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on The National Nanotechnology Initiative: Review and Outlook. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: 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, amended, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005; H.R. 1359, amended, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects; and H. Con. Res. 152, amended, Commemorating Mystic Seaport: the Museum of America and the Sea in recognition of its 75th year.

The Committee also approved GSA 3314(b) Resolutions.

TELEMEDICINE HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held an oversight hearing on the use and development of telemedicine technologies in the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs health care system. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Adam W. Darkins, M.D., Chief Consultant, Office of Care Coordination; Ross D. Fletcher, M.D., Chief of Staff, VA Medical Center, Washington, DC, Linda Godleski, M.D., VHA Lead for Telemental Health, Office of Care Coordination, Associate Chief of Staff for Education, VA Health Care System, State of Connecticut; B. Christopher Frueh, Staff Psychologist, VA Medical Center, State of South Carolina; and Sydney Wertenberger, R.N., Associate Director, Patient Care Services, VA Medical Center, Poplar Bluff, Missouri; Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**PROTECT FOSTER CHILDREN ENROLLED IN
CLINICAL TRIALS**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Protections for Foster Children Enrolled in Clinical Trials. Testimony was heard from Donald Young, M.D., Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Roberta Harris, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Family Services, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MAY 19, 2005**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

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

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Endangered Species Act, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing regarding weapons proliferation, terrorism and democracy in Iran, 9 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine weapons proliferation, terrorism and democracy in Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine S. 883, to direct the Secretary of State to carry out activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity in developing countries, while promoting economic development, 1 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine higher education and corporate leaders, focusing on working together to strengthen America's workforce, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Philip J. Perry, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security; to be followed by a hearing on the nominations of Carolyn L. Gallagher, of Texas, and Louis J. Giuliano, of New York, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Paul D. Clement, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Stephen Joseph Murphy III, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Anthony Jerome Jenkins, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, and Gretchen C. F. Shappert, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, and committee rules for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed meeting to discuss certain intelligence matters, 10:30 a.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing entitled "Challenges to American Competitiveness in Math and Science," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to continue

hearings on H.R. 1862, Drug Free Sports Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Financial Services Regulatory Relief: Private Sector Perspectives," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Steroid Use in Sports Part III: Examining Basketball Association's Steroid Testing Program," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing on H.R. 1509, Recreational Boaters Streamlined Inspection Act, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, to mark up H.R. 1316, 527 Fairness Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing and briefing on Reforming the United Nations: Budget and Management Perspectives, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "The Impacts of High Energy Costs to the American Consumer," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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