

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007—
CONFERENCE REPORT**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 5631, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative C.W. Bill Young of Florida.

Joint Meetings

**APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 908)

S. 3534, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for a YouthBuild program. Signed on September 22, 2006. (Public Law 109-281).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing on the situation in Afghanistan, 4:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine implications of the New Basel Capital Accord designed to bring order to international capital markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings to examine International Polar Year, 3:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider H.R.1463, to designate a portion of the Federal building located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building", and the nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Brigadier General Bruce Arlan Berwick,

United States Army, Colonel Gregg F. Martin, United States Army, Brigadier General Robert Crear, United States Army, and Rear Admiral Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA, each to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and other pending committee business, 2:15 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine health savings accounts, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a new initiative to combat child hunger, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold joint hearings to examine International Polar Year, 3:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Federal government's implementation of pay for performance systems for its senior executives, focusing on the regulatory structure for the systems, the agency certification process, and the effectiveness of the role of the Office of Personnel Management in evaluating and monitoring these systems, 10:45 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine uncollected taxes and issues of transparency relating to deconstructing the tax code, focusing on the 2006 updated estimate of the tax gap by the IRS, examine IRS efforts to close the tax gap as well as legislative solutions to increase taxpayer compliance, and explore the transparency of the tax code, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to illegal insider trading, focusing on the scope of the problem and is there adequate criminal enforcement, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, and William James Haynes II, of Virginia, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nora Barry Fischer, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Gregory Kent Frizzell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Marcia Morales Howard, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, John Alfred Jarvey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Sara Elizabeth Lioi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and Lisa Godbey Wood, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vanessa Lynne Bryant, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and