

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 9 sundry measures, including appropriations for Defense, and Energy and Water Development for Fiscal Year 2005, and the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6823–S6909

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2523–2534, and S. Res. 380–381. **Pages S6881–82**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Detroit Pistons: Senate agreed to S. Res. 380, honoring the Detroit Pistons on winning the National Basketball Association Championship on June 15, 2004. **Pages S6867–69**

Recognizing the Accomplishments of Ray Charles: Senate agreed to S. Res. 381, recognizing the accomplishments and significant contributions of Ray Charles to the world of music. **Pages S6907–08**

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 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 Services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S6831–59, S6863–67

Adopted:

Durbin Amendment No. 3386, to affirm that the United States may not engage in torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

Pages S6831, S6836–37

Bunning (for McConnell/Bunning) Modified Amendment No. 3438, to modify and enhance the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

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Graham (SC) Modified Amendment No. 3428, of a clarifying nature.

Pages S6847–49

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 119), Warner Modified Amendment No. 3452, to extend jurisdiction and scope for current fraud offenses.

Pages S6850–58

Sessions/Schumer Modified Amendment No. 3372, to extend military extraterritorial jurisdiction to cover not only personnel and contractor personnel of the Department of Defense, but also personnel and contractor personnel of any Federal agency or provisional authority supporting the mission of the Department of Defense overseas.

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Rejected:

Dodd Further Modified Amendment No. 3313, to prohibit the use of contractors for certain Department of Defense activities and to establish limitations on the transfer of custody of prisoners of the Department of Defense (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 118), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 120), Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3292, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts.

Pages S6831, S6858–59

Pending:

Reed Amendment No. 3352, to increase the end strength for active duty personnel of the Army for fiscal year 2005 by 20,000 to 502,400.

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Warner Amendment No. 3450 (to Amendment No. 3352), to provide for funding the increased number of Army active-duty personnel out of fiscal year 2005 supplemental funding.

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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 vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 18, 2004.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2004, provided further,

that Senator Bond be recognized in order to call up the Bond-Harkin amendment. **Page S6908**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-87) **Page S6880**

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

Agreement With Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Treaty Doc. No. 108-24)

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 S6907**

Appointments:

Election Assistance Board of Advisors: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader pursuant to Public Law 107-252, Title II, Section 214, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Election Assistance Board of Advisors: Wesley R. Kliner, Jr., of Tennessee. **Page S6907**

National Commission of Small Community Air Service: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader pursuant to Public Law 108-176, Section 411(b)(1)(B), appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission of Small Community Air Service: Philip H. Trenary of Tennessee. **Page S6907**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 121), William S. Duffey, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Pages S6859-60, S6909**

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 122), Lawrence F. Stengel, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6860-61, S6909**

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 123), Paul S. Diamond, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6861-62, S6909**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Micaela Alvarez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S6908-09**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—123)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6908.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

VOIP REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2281, to provide a clear and unambiguous structure for the jurisdictional and regulatory treatment for the offering or provision of voice-over-Internet-protocol applications, after receiving testimony from Laura H. Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; Thomas Rutledge, Cablevision Systems Corporation, Bethpage, New York; David F. Jones, Spartanburg County Communications, Spartanburg, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Emergency Number Association; Stan Wise, Georgia Public Service Commission, Atlanta, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Jeff Pulver, pulver.com, Melville, New York; and Arturo "Archie" Macias, Wheat State Telephone

Company, Udall, Kansas, on behalf of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 155, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation, with an amendment;

S. 180, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 211, to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico;

S. 323, to establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Louisiana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1241, to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1467, to establish the Rio Grande Outstanding Natural Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community, with an amendment;

S. 1727, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2243, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska;

S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of

the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District;

H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, with an amendment;

H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project;

H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project; and

The nomination of Suedeen G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

AGRICULTURE FINANCING INTEGRITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine measures to strengthen regulations and oversight to better ensure agriculture financing integrity, focusing on a GAO report that evaluated qualifications and oversight associated with farm entity financing, specifically unlimited farm payments that have placed upward pressure on land prices leading to overproduction and lower commodity prices, after receiving testimony from Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office.

U.S. NONPROLIFERATION POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: on Tuesday, June 15, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Sea Island G8 Summit status report on the global partnership against weapons of mass destruction, focusing on the Nunn-Lugar program and related programs at the Departments of State and Energy to improve the United States' nonproliferation agenda, after receiving testimony from Senator Domenici; John R. Bolton, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; and Linton F. Brooks, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles P. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Tom C. Korologos, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Belgium, who was introduced by Senators Hatch, Bennett, McCain, Byrd,

and Stevens, and John Marshall Evans, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 297, to provide reforms and resources to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the Federal acknowledgement process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1696, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1715, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, with amendments;

S. 2172, to make technical amendments to the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act relating to contract support costs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2277, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation, and motion to authorize the chairman to issue subpoenas in regards to tribal lobbying matters; to be followed by an oversight hearing to examine the No Child Left Behind Act (Public Law 107-110); and

S. 2436, to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974.

Also, Committee met in closed session to discuss the issuance of subpoenas, in regard to tribal lobbying matters.

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE ANGOSTURA IRRIGATION PROJECT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1996, to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri

River basin program, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; Ross Mooney, Acting Director of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and John Yellow Bird Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe, and Valerie Janis, The Red Shirt District, both of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the No Child Left Behind Act (Public Law 107-110), focusing on the implementation of the Act in Indian communities, after receiving testimony from Theresa Rosier, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, and Edward Parisian, Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, both of the Department of the Interior; Victoria Vasques, Deputy Under Secretary and Director of the Office of Indian Education, and Darla Marberger, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, both of the Department of Education; Lillian Sparks, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Carmen Cornelius Taylor, National Indian School Board Association, Polson, Montana; Roger Bordeaux, Tiospa Zina Tribal School, Agency Village, South Dakota, on behalf of the Association of Community Tribal Schools, Inc.; Terry Ben, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Leland Leonard, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, who was introduced by Representative Camp, and David W. McKeague, of Michigan, who was introduced by Representative Mike Rogers (MI), each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Testimony was also received from Senators Levin and Stabenow on the nominations of Messrs. Griffin and McKeague.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 4584–4602; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 451–452, and H. Res. 677–680, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4363, to facilitate self-help housing home-ownership opportunities, amended (H. Rept. 108–546);

H. Res. 640, a resolution of inquiry requesting that the Secretary of Defense transmit to the House of Representatives before the expiration of the 14-day period beginning on the date of the adoption of this resolution any picture, photograph, video, communication, or report produced in conjunction with any completed Department of Defense investigation conducted by Major General Antonio M. Taguba relating to allegations of torture or allegations of violations of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq or any completed Department of Defense investigation relating to the abuse or alleged abuse of a prisoner of war or detainee by any civilian contractor working in Iraq who is employed on behalf of the Department of Defense, amended, adversely (H. Rept. 108–547);

H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, amended (H. Rept. 108–548, Pt. 1).

H. Res. 681, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4520) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad (H. Rept. 108–549).

Pages H4285–86

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

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Les Burlinson, Southeast Director, Hockey Ministries International in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, June 15 by a voice vote.

Pages H4175, H4267

U.S. Refinery Revitalization Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 4517, to provide incentives to increase refinery capacity in the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 246.

Pages H4178–91, H4206

H. Res. 671, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Tuesday, June 15 by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 237.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005—Rule: The House agreed to H. Res. 675, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 244, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 243.

Pages H4193–H4205

Suspension Failed: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 15:

Gasoline Price Reduction Act of 2004: H.R. 4545, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce the proliferation of boutique fuels, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 247.

Pages H4206–07

Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005: The House began consideration of H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, June 17.

Pages H4207–67

Agreed to:

Slaughter en bloc amendment (as modified by unanimous consent to make a technical correction) that reduces funding for motor vehicle lease, purchase or service costs at the Department of the Interior, and increases funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities (by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 248);

Pages H4216–24, H4238–39

Hunter amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the salaries and expenses of any employee for the expenditure of user fees for the costs of biological monitoring for a species that is included in a list published under the Endangered Species Act of

1973, or that is a candidate for inclusion in such a list; and **Pages H4243–44**

Chabot amendment (No. 2, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that prohibits the use of funds to plan, design, study or construct forest development roads in Tongrass National Forest in Alaska for the purpose of harvesting timber by private entities or individuals (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 253); (agreed by unanimous consent to limit debate time on the amendment to 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled). **Pages H4249–52, H4264–65**

Rejected:

Tancredo amendment (No. 5, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that sought to increase funding for the U.S. Forest Service National Forest System account for law enforcement (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 249);

Pages H4227–28, H4239

Hooley of Oregon amendment that sought to increase funding for Wildland Fire Management (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 250);

Pages H4229, H4239–40

Sanders amendment that provides funding for the energy smart schools program (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 251);

Pages H4241, H4263–64

Rahall amendment (No. 1, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that prohibits the use of funds to adversely affect the physical integrity of Indian Sacred Sites on federal lands, as such terms are defined in a May 24, 1996 Executive Order (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 252);

Pages H4244–49, H4264

Udall of New Mexico amendment (No. 3, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that prohibits the use of funds to finalize or implement proposed revisions to Forest Service rules relating to National Forest System Planning for Land and Resource Management Plans, as described in the proposed rule published in the Federal Register on Dec. 6, 2002 (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 254); and

Pages H4253–59, H4265–66

Flake amendment (No. 8, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, offered under a unanimous consent agreement) that increases funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (by a recorded vote of 94 ayes to 332 noes, Roll No. 255).

Pages H4261–63, H4266–67

Withdrawn:

Hensarling amendment, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have limited funding for managing and maintaining Department of the Interior websites; and

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Hinchey amendment, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn without prejudice to reconsider-

ation at a later time, that would have prohibited the use of funds to kill or assist other persons in killing bison in the Yellowstone National Park herd.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Provision of the bill relating to the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002;

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Section 319 of the bill concerning the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974; and

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Kaptur amendment that sought to allow the Secretary of Energy to annually acquire and store as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve 300,000,000 gallons of ethanol and 100,000,000 gallons of biodiesel fuel.

Pages H4252–53

H. Res. 674, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 428 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 245.

Pages H4191–93, H4205

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Reyes wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, effective immediately.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 678, electing Representative Herseth to the Committees on Resources and Veterans' Affairs.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the Continuation of the National Emergency with respect to the 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. 108–194).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4175.

Senate Referral: S. 2238 was held at the desk and S. 2362 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4287–89.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4204, H4204–05, H4205, H4206, H4206–07, H4238–39, H4240, H4263–64, H4264, H4265, H4265–66 and H4266. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 a.m. on Thursday, June 17.

Pages H4274, H4281

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:46 a.m. on Thursday, June 17.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW IRAQI AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Iraqi Agriculture: From Oil for Food to the Future of Iraqi Production Agriculture and Trade. Testimony was heard from William J. Garvelink, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; H. Lee Schatz, Special Counsel for Iraq Reconstruction, Office of the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AND ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Defense and Energy and Water Development.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Army Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Peter J. Schoemaker, USA, Chief of Staff; and Geoffrey G. Prosch, Acting Assistant Secretary (Installations and Environment).

IRAQ—STATUS OF U.S. FORCES AFTER JUNE 30TH

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of U.S. forces in Iraq after June 30, 2004. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary (International Security Affairs); and LTG Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone, Coordinator for Iraq Transition, Department of State.

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the report of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Roger W. Robinson, Jr., Chairman; and Carolyn Bartholomew, Commissioner.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “H.R. 4283, College Access and Opportunity Act: Are Students at Proprietary Institutions Treated Equitably under Current Law?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NUCLEAR WASTE FUND—RECLASSIFY FEES PAID

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3981, To reclassify fees paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund as offsetting collections.

OVERWEIGHT CHILDREN—HEALTH CONCERNS ABOUT DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Parents Be Aware: Health Concerns about Dietary Supplements for Overweight Children.” Testimony was heard from Howard Beales, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Howell Wechsler, Acting Director, Division of Adolescent and School Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FHA SINGLE FAMILY LOAN LIMIT ADJUSTMENT ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 4110, FHA Single Family Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from John C. Weicher, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of the Treasury.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Samuel W. Bodman, Deputy Secretary; William J. Fox, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control; Nancy J. Jardini, Chief, Criminal Investigation, IRS; and Dennis S. Schindel, Acting Inspector General.

OVERSIGHT—PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTANTS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled “Private Sector

Consultants and Federal Management: More than Balancing the Books.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CASTRO’S CUBA—CONTINUED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled “Living in Fear: The Continued Human Rights Abuses in Castro’s Cuba.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Michael Kozak, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; Dan Fish, Deputy Assistant Secretary; and David Mutchler, Senior Advisor on Cuba, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

CYBER-CHALLENGES FACING HOME USERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Locking Your Cyber Front Door—The Challenges Facing Home Users and Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from Amit Yoran, Director, National Cyber Security Division, Department of Homeland Security; J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Cheryl A. Mills, Associate Administrator, Entrepreneurial Development, SBA; Ed Roback, Chief, Computer Security Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

U.S. INITIATIVES—NATO’S SUMMIT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on U.S. Initiatives at NATO’s Istanbul Summit. Testimony was heard from Ian J. Brzezinski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Affairs, Department of Defense; and Robert A. Bradtke, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS FUTURE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on The Future of U.S.-Egyptian Relations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Rose Likins, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; David Satterfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and James Kunder, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM—SCREENING POTENTIAL TERRORISTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a hearing on The Visa Waiver Program and the Screening of Potential Terrorists. Testimony was heard from Robert Jackstra, Executive Director, Border Security and Facilitation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Catherine Barry, Managing Director, Office of Visa Services, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 218, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2003; and H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003.

CREATE OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER—VIRGIN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3589, To create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands. Testimony was heard from Delegate Norton; David Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the Virgin Islands: Charles W. Turnbull, Governor; David A. Jones, Senate President; and Ronald E. Russell, Senator; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—FISHERY DATA COLLECTION PROGRAMS IMPORTANCE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on The Importance of Fishery Data Collection Programs. Testimony was heard from Michael Sissenwine, Director, Scientific Programs and Chief Scientific Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3334, Riverside-Corona Feeder Authorization Act; H.R. 3597, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California; and H.R. 4045, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River.

AMERICAN JOBS CREATIONS ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4520, American Jobs Creations Act of 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and against its consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman, Sandlin, Baird, McGovern, Bordallo, and Emanuel.

EXAMINE RULE X—ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Technology and the House held a hearing to examine Rule X, the Organization of Committees, including its current legislative impact, arrangement, and effectiveness. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tom Davis of Virginia, Waxman, Cox, Turner of Texas, Boehner and Thomas.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3890, To reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; and H.R. 4516, Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004; H.R. 4218, High-Performance Computing Revitalization Act of 2004; and H.R. 3598, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2004.

OVERSIGHT—PIPELINE SAFETY AND THE OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Pipeline Safety and the Office of Pipeline Safety. Testimony was heard from Robert Chipkevich, Director, Office of Railroads, Pipeline, and Hazardous Materials Investigations, National Transportation Safety Board; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; Samuel G. Bonasso, Deputy Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration; and Stacey Gerard, Associate Administrator, Office of Pipeline Safety; and Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues. GAO.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4032, Veterans Fiduciary Act of 2004; and the Veterans Self-Employment Act of 2004.

Testimony was heard from Jack McCoy, Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans; and public witnesses.

U.S-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Implementation of the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the United States Trade Representative: Josette Sheeran Shiner, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and Allen Johnson, Chief Agricultural Negotiator; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FISCAL YEAR 2005

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session and ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4548, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

Joint Meetings**THE MIDDLE EAST**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): on Tuesday, June 15, Commission concluded a hearing to examine the advancing of democracy and human rights in the Middle East focusing on the possibility of using the 1975 Helsinki Final Act and related institutions as models for reform in the region, after receiving testimony from H.E. Natan Sharansky, Israeli Minister of Diaspora Affairs, Jerusalem; Ambassador Max M. Kampelman, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and Ambassador Mark Palmer, both of Freedom House, and Ambassador (retired) Craig Dunkerley, and Michael Yaffe, both of the National Defense University Near East-South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Peter Jones, University of Toronto Munk Centre for International Studies, and Privy Council, Ottawa, Canada.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the April 2003 Berlin Conference on Anti-Semitism and consider appropriate steps to following up on the conference, after receiving testimony from Representative Lantos; Natan Sharansky, Israeli Minister for Diaspora Affairs, and Head of the Israeli Delegation to the Berlin OSCE Conference on

Anti-Semitism, Jerusalem; Betty Ehrenberg, Institute for Public Affairs, and the Orthodox Union of Jewish Congregations, James S. Tisch, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Mark Weitzman, Simon Wiesenthal Center, all of New York, New York; Paul Goldenberg, American Jewish Committee, Howell, New Jersey; Fred Zeidman, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, Houston, Texas; and Jay Lefkowitz, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, Stacy Burdett, Anti-Defamation League, Dan Mariaschin, B'nai B'rith International, and Shai Franklin, NCSJ, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D619)

S.J. Res. 28, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II. Signed on June 15, 2004. (Public Law 108-236)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 894, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center; S. 976, to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement; and the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; to be followed by a hearing to examine the regulation of the bond markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine measures to enhance border security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the final report on the President's Commission on Implementation of U.S. Space Exploration Policy, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Management Program of the Department of Energy and issues associated with accelerated cleanup, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: to hold hearings to examine S. 2513, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System; S. 2511, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to

conduct a feasibility study of a Chimayo water supply system, to provide for the planning, design, and construction of a water supply, reclamation, and filtration facility for Espanola, New Mexico; S. 2508, to redesignate the Ridges Basin Reservoir, Colorado, as Lake Nighthorse; S. 2460, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans; and S. 1211, to further the purposes of title XVI of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, the "Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act", by directing the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a demonstration program for water reclamation in the Tularosa Basin of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime (the "Cybercrime Convention" or the "Convention"), which was signed by the United States on November 23, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 108-11), United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (the "Convention"), as well as two supplementary protocols: (1) the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and (2) the Protocol Against Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, which were adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 15, 2000. The Convention and Protocols were signed by the United States on December 13, 2000, at Palermo, Italy (Treaty Doc. 108-16), Inter-American Convention Against Terrorism ("Convention") Adopted at the Thirty-second Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States ("OAS") Meeting in Bridgetown, Barbados, and signed by thirty countries, including the United States, on June 3, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 107-18), and Protocol of Amendment to the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures done at Brussels on June 26, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 108-6), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John C. Danforth, of Missouri, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador; and to be 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, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the danger of purchasing pharmaceuticals over the Internet, focusing on the extent to which consumers can purchase pharmaceuticals over the Internet without a medical prescription, the importation of pharmaceuticals into the United States, and whether pharmaceuticals from foreign services are counterfeit, expired, unsafe, or illegitimate, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on training of Iraqi security forces, 9 a.m., and a hearing on the impact of defense trade offsets on the U.S. defense industrial base, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 2929, Safeguard Against Privacy Invasions Act, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation's Schools to the Internet," 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled, "The US-EU Regulatory Dialogue: The Private Sector Perspective," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "The War Against Drugs and Thugs: A Status Report on Plan Colombia Successes and Remaining Challenges," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, oversight hearing on the Election Assistance Commission and Implementation of the Help America Vote Act, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 642, House Commission For Assisting Democratic Parliaments Resolution; and H. Con. Res. 410, Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and recognizing the Marshall Islands as a staunch ally of the United States, committed to principles of democracy and freedom for the Pacific region and throughout the world; followed by a hearing on United States Economic Assistance to Egypt: Does It Advance Reform?" 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 415, Urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the presidential election on October 31, 2004; and H. Res. 652, Urging the Government of the

Republic of Belarus to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for its parliamentary elections in the fall of 2004, 10 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 4586, Family Movie Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "Families and Businesses in Limbo: The Detrimental Impact of the Immigration Backlog," 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3102, To utilize the expertise of New Mexico State University, the University of Arizona, and Northern Arizona University in conducting studies under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 in connection with grazing allotments and range and continuing range analysis for National Forest System lands in New Mexico and Arizona; H.R. 3427, Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act; H.R. 4494, Grey Towers National Historic Site Act of 2004; and S. 2003, To clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Subcommittee on Technology and the House, to continue hearings to examine Rule X, the Organization of Committees, including its current legislative impact, arrangement, and effectiveness, 11 a.m., H-313 capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on Department of Labor's Enforcement Against Small Businesses, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on efforts to identify and eliminate fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Care Information Technology, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on failure to Protect Child Safety, 4 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Customs Budget Authorizations and Other Customs Issues, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Counternarcotics: Afghanistan, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 2400, National Defense Authorization Act, providing that Senator Bond be recognized to offer the Bond/Harkin amendment.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 4568, Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

Consideration of H.R. 4567, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (open rule, one hour of general debate).



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