

# Daily Digest

## Highlights

The House passed H.R. 4567, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S7029–S7059*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2547–S. 2549, and S. Res. 383–384. **Page S7054**

**Measures Reported:** Report to accompany S.J. Res. 39, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. (S. Rept. No. 108–281)

S. Res. 322, designating August 16, 2004, as “National Airborne Day”.

S. Res. 357, designating the week of August 8 through August 14, 2004, as “National Health Center Week”.

S. Res. 370, designating September 7, 2004, as “National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day”. **Page S7054**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Marine Turtle Conservation Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3378, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7058**

**National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education:** Senate passed H.R. 3504, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to redesignate the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7058**

**Celebrating Fatherhood:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 379, protecting, promoting, and celebrating fatherhood, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7058–59**

**Commending Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 383, commending

the National Hockey League Tampa Bay Lightning for winning the 2004 Stanley Cup Championship. **Page S7059**

**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 S7030–43**

#### Adopted:

Durbin Amendment No. 3196, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Pages S7030–33, S7041**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 3297, to repeal the phase-in of concurrent payment of retired pay and veterans’ disability compensation for veterans with a service-connected disability rated as 100 percent. **Pages S7040–42**

#### Pending:

Bond Modified Amendment No. 3384, to include certain former nuclear weapons program workers in the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program and to provide for the disposal of certain excess Department of Defense stocks for funds for that purpose. **Page S7030**

Brownback Amendment No. 3235, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language. **Page S7030**

Burns Amendment No. 3457 (to Amendment No. 3235), to provide for additional factors in indecency penalties issued by the Federal Communications Commission. **Page S7030**

Durbin Amendment No. 3225, to require certain dietary supplement manufacturers to report certain serious adverse events. **Pages S7033–34**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 3291, to require a protocol on media coverage of the return to the United States of the remains of members of the Armed Forces who are killed overseas. **Pages S7034–35**

Warner Amendment No. 3458 (to Amendment No. 3291), to propose a substitute expressing the sense of Congress on media coverage of the return to the United States of the remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces from overseas. **Pages S7035–37**

Reed Amendment No. 3353, to limit the obligation and expenditure of funds for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense program pending the submission of a report on operational test and evaluation. **Pages S7037–42**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Monday, June 21, 2004. **Page S7059**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S7054**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7057–58**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S7058**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S7058**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:26 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, June 21, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7059.)

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 4612, 4615–4624; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 98; H. Con. Res. 457, and H. Res. 682, were introduced. **Pages H4579–80**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4580–81**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–553);

H.R. 4614, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–554); and

H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site (H. Rept. 108–555). **Page H4579**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005—Rule:** The House passed H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 275. The bill was also considered on Thursday, June 17. **Pages H4510–60**

Agreed to:

Sabo amendment that requires that funding for the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Analysis Directorate be made available for reviewing chemical plant vulnerability assessments and security plans required by the department; **Page H4514**

Ryun of Kansas amendment (no. 23, printed in the Congressional Record of June 16) that prohibits the use of funds to amend the oath of allegiance required by section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act; and **Page H4535**

Roybal-Allard amendment (no. 1, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that prohibits the use of funds to process or approve a competition by employees of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security who are known as Immigration Information Officers, Contact Representatives, or Investigative Assistants (by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 163 noes, Roll No. 269). **Pages H4531–35, H4554**

Rejected:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (no. 19, printed in the Congressional Record of June 16) that sought to increase funding for the Citizens Corps program; **Pages H4510–12**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that sought to increase funding for science and technology research,

development, test and evaluation, acquisition, and operations (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 267); **Pages H4514–15, H4552–53**

DeLauro amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to issue an order under a task and delivery order contract to entities not in compliance with sec. 835 of PL 107–296 (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 268); (agreed by unanimous consent to limit time of debate on the amendment, equally divided and controlled). **Pages H4523–31, H4553**

Tancredo amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 270); (agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time for debate on the amendment) **Pages H4535–39, H4554–55**

Maloney amendment (no. 9, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that sought to limit the number of grants available under the Urban Area Security Initiative (by a recorded vote of 113 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 271); **Pages H4539–41, H4555**

Sabo amendment that sought to require the Privacy Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct privacy impact assessments of proposed rules as authorized by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 272); **Pages H4551, H4556**

Markey amendment (no. 10, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to approve, renew, or implement any aviation cargo security plan that permits the transporting of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 273); (agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time for debate on the amendment) and **Pages H4544–50, H4556–57**

Velazquez amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enter into statewide contracts for security guard services (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 274). **Pages H4551–52, H4557–58**  
Withdrawn:

Loretta Sanchez of California amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have directed the Office for State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness to ensure that States disburse grant funds obligated to a local government by not later than 15 days after receipt of an invoice for an authorized outlay by the local government; **Pages H4512–13**

Millender-McDonald amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have increased funding for port security grants; and **Pages H4519–23**

King of Iowa amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced overall funding appropriated in the Act. **Page H4550**

Point of Order sustained against:

Section of the bill on page 31, lines 11–15 regarding pre-disaster grant award allocations; **Page H4513**

Section 524 of the bill, page 47, lines 6 through 13, regarding review and certification of Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System; **Page H4518**

Sections 512(b) and (c) regarding the Buy American Act; 514 regarding the sale of property by the Department of Homeland Security; and 525 regarding the use of funds for reviewing or altering reports directed to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations; **Page H4518**

Section 526(b) regarding the prohibition on orders under task and delivery order contracts; **Page H4519**

Filner amendment that sought to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act; **Pages H4541–42**

Obey amendment that sought to provide funds necessary to support operations to improve the security of our homeland due to the global war on terrorism; **Pages H4542–44**

Turner amendment (no. 22, printed in the Congressional Record of June 16) that sought to provide funding for additional expenses that are related to procurement, installation or operation of radiation portal monitoring technology; and **Page H4544**

Sherman amendment (no. 13, printed in the Congressional Record of June 16) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for processing the importation of an article that is a product of Iran. **Pages H4550–51**

H. Res. 675, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Wednesday, June 16.

**Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Houghton (Chairman), Dreier, Shaw, Stearns, Manzullo, Smith (MI), English, Souder, and Tancredo to the United States Delegation of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group. **Page H4562**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 23. **Page H4562**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 21, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4562**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4552–53, H4553, H4554, H4554–55, H4555, H4556, H4556–57, H4557–58 and H4559–60. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 21 through June 26, 2004

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 2400, Department of Defense Authorization.

During the balance of the week, upon conclusion of S. 2400, DOD Authorization, Senate will begin consideration of S. 2062, Class Action Fairness Act. Also, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* June 23, Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation permitting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to register Canadian pesticides, 10 a.m., SD-628.

June 24, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (P.L. 108-148), 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Appropriations:* June 22, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the structural imbalance of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-138.

June 22, Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 10 a.m., SD-192.

June 22, Full Committee, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* June 23, to hold hearings to examine the transition to sovereignty in Iraq, focusing on U.S. policy, ongoing military operations, and status of U.S. Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

June 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* June 22, to hold hearings to examine regulatory reform proposals, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* June 22, to hold hearings to examine aviation security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

June 23, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine successes in the field of stem cell research, 11 a.m., SR-253.

June 23, Subcommittee on Competition, Foreign Commerce, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine peer-to-peer networks, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

June 24, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine security screening options for airports, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

June 24, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 2608, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* June 22, Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's High Performance Computing research and development activities in both the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Science, and S. 2176, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing through the Office of Science, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

June 23, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, including permit renewals, recent and proposed changes to grazing regulations, and the Wild Horse and Burro program, as it relates to grazing, and the Administration's proposal for sagegrouse habitat conservation, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

June 24, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 2543, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* June 22, to hold hearings to examine tax-exempt organizations, focusing on governance and best practices of charities, charities accommodating tax shelters, and current problems and issues in the charitable community, 10 a.m., SDG-50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* June 21, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Douglas L. McElhane, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Aldona Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

June 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles Graves Untermeyer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, and William T. Monroe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, 3 p.m., SD-419.

June 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar matters, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

June 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the safety and security of Peace Corps volunteers around the world, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

June 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, R. Barrie Walkley, of California, to

be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, Cynthia G. Eford, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Jackson McDonald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, and Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, 10 a.m., SD-419.

June 23, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine Iraq as June 30, 2004 approaches, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

June 24, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of democracy in Venezuela, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* June 23, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 11:30 a.m., SD-342.

June 23, Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine weapons of mass destruction smuggling networks and U.S. programs and initiatives, such as the Proliferation Security Initiative, to counter these proliferation threats, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* June 24, to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* June 23, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian tribal detention facilities, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* June 22, to hold hearings to examine preserving traditional marriage, focusing on states' perspective, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 22, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the use of subpoena authority and pretrial detention of terrorists in fighting terrorism, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

June 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the law of biologic medicine, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* June 22, to hold hearings to examine pending Veterans' programs bills, 2:45 p.m., SR-418.

*Special Committee on Aging:* June 22, to hold hearings to examine the Medicaid crisis, 10 a.m., SD-628.

### House Chamber

To be announced.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* June 23, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research, hearing to review Agricultural Biotechnology, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* June 22, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Air Force Budget Request, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* June 22, hearing on Progress in Iraq, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 23, hearing on the U.S. global defense footprint, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on contractor support in the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Department of Defense small caliber ammunition programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* June 22, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing entitled "H.R. 4283, the College Access and Opportunity Act: Does Accreditation Provide Students and Parents Accountability and Quality?" 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 23, full Committee, hearing entitled "No Child Left Behind: Raising Student Achievement in America's Big City Schools," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining Innovative Health Insurance Options for Workers and Employers," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* June 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Travel, Tourism, and Homeland Security: Improving Both without Sacrificing Either," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 23, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Protecting Homeland Security: A Status Report on Interoperability Between Public Safety Communications Systems," 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of Hospital Billing and Collection Practices," 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* June 22, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The New Basel Accord: Private Sector Perspectives," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 23, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, joint hearing entitled "Promoting Homeownership by Ensuring Liquidity in the Subprime Mortgage Market," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, oversight hearing on the Public Company Oversight Board, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* June 22, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "LNG Import Terminal and Deep-water Port Siting: Federal and State Roles," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, to continue hearings on "Nuclear Security: Can DOE Meet Facility Security Requirements?" (Part II), 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 23, full Committee, hearing entitled “Common Sense Justice for the Nation’s Capital: An Examination of Proposals to Give D.C. Residents Direct Representation,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 23, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled “Geospatial Information: Are we Headed in the Right Direction or Are We Lost?” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 24, full Committee, hearing entitled “Target Washington: Coordinating Federal Homeland Security Efforts with Local Jurisdictions in the National Capital Region,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled “Living with Disabilities in the United States: A Snapshot,” 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, June 22, hearing on A Parent’s Worst Nightmare: The Heartbreak of International Child Abductions, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward South Asia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 23, full Committee, hearing on Stolen Passports: A Terrorist’s First Class Ticket, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 23, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Recent Developments in Hong Kong, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

June 23, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Iranian Proliferation: Implications for Terrorists, their State-Sponsors, and U.S. Counter-proliferation Policy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Confronting War Crimes in Africa, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, hearing on Trafficking in Persons: A Global Review, 9 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, June 22, oversight hearing entitled “Safeguarding Americans from a Legal Culture of Fear: Approaches to Limiting Lawsuit Abuse,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on S. 1194, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2003, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 23, full Committee, to markup the following bills: H.R. 3247, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act of 2003; H.R. 338, Defense of Privacy Act; H.R. 3632, Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003, and H.R. 2934, Terrorist Penalties Enhancement Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 23, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to continue hearings on “Families and Business Limbo: the Detrimental Impact of the Immigration Backlog,” 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue oversight hearings on the Administrative Conference of the United States, II: Why is

There a Need to Reauthorize the Conference? 2:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled “Limiting Federal Court Jurisdiction to Protect Marriage for the States,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled “Patent Quality Improvement: Post-Grant Opposition,” 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, June 23, hearing on S. 1721, American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 23, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Developing Biomass Potential: Turning Hazardous Fuels into Valuable Products, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 23, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 4300, Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 4389, 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. 4459, Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative; and a measure To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 24, full Committee, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 831, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 2793, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following: H.R. 4010, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2004; and a measure to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3320, American Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, June 21, to consider H.R. 4613, Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, June 23, hearing on the Report of the President’s Commission on Implementation of United States Space Exploration Policy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Nuclear R&D and the Idaho National Laboratory, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards, hearing on Testing and Certification for Voting Equipment: How Can the Process Be Improved? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, June 22, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Public Transportation Security, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers—Recommendations for Navigation Improvements and Ecosystem Restoration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, June 23, oversight hearing entitled: "Protecting the Rights of Those Who Protect Us: Public Sector Compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and Improvements to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA);" followed by a hearing to examine an expanded enforcement role for the Office of Special Counsel and public sector compliance with USERRA, and the following measures: H.R. 3779, Safeguarding Schoolchildren of Deployed Soldiers Act of 2004; H.R. 4477, Patriotic Employer Act of 2004; the USERRA Health

Care Coverage Extension Act of 2004; and the Servicemembers Legal Protection Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

June 24, Subcommittee on Health, hearing to consider a measure to authorize numerous capital leases, changes to the enhanced-use lease authority, capital asset and construction matters, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, June 22, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Tax Exemption: Pricing Practices of Hospitals, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, June 24, hearing entitled "Information Sharing After September 11: Perspectives on the Future," 10:30 a.m., room to be announced.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: June 23, meeting of conferees on H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, 2 p.m., RHOB 2167.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, June 21

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, June 21

## Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 2400, National Defense Authorization Act.

## House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of Suspensions: to be announced.

## Extension of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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