

Interagency Working Group for 2 years. Signed on March 25, 2005. (Public Law 109-5)

H.R. 1270, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate. Signed on March 31, 2005. (Public Law 109-6)

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 5 through April 9, 2005

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 4:45 p.m., Senate will vote on a resolution relating to the death of the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. Also, Senate expect to begin consideration of the State Department Authorization.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will meet with the House of Representatives for a joint meeting to hear an address from Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* April 6, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles F. Conner, of Indiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, 9:15 a.m., SR-336.

*Committee on Appropriations:* April 6, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 6, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 6, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the Emergency Supplemental bill for fiscal year 2005, 2 p.m., SD-106.

April 7, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Internal Revenue Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 7, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, 2 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* April 5, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 6, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military installation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

April 6, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine tactical aviation programs in review of the De-

fense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 7, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Ballistic Missile Defense Programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* April 6, to hold hearings to examine regulatory reform of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

April 7, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine regulatory reform of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 5, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine highway, motor carrier and hazardous materials transportation safety, and transportation of household goods, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration and related programs, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* April 6, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Garman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* April 6, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Luis Luna, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for Administration and Resource Management, John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Major General Don T. Riley, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, and Michael Butler, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* April 5, to hold hearings to examine proposals for reform regarding charities and charitable giving, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* April 7, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be U.S. Representative to United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* April 5, Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, to hold hearings to examine Head Start, focusing on ensuring dollars benefit children, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

April 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health care provided to non-ambulatory persons, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future viability of the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* April 5, Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine monitoring CMS' vital signs, focusing on implementation of the Medicare prescription drug benefit, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the ongoing need for comprehensive postal reform, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 21, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, S. 335, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, S. 494, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, S. 501, to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in the District of Columbia, and certain committee reports, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* April 5, to hold hearings to examine S. 113, to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* April 5, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 378, to make it a criminal act to willfully use a weapon with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury to any person while on board a passenger vessel, S. 119, to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, S. 629, to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems, and the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Robert J. Conrad, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, James C. Dever III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the patent system today and tomorrow, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* April 7, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, 10 a.m., SR-418.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* April 7, hearing to review implementation of the Secure Rural Schools Act of 2000: A Continuing Commitment to Rural Education and Sustainable Forestry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* April 5, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Employee Benefits Security Administration, on Employment Standards Administration, and on International Labor Affairs Bureau, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Natural Resources and Environment, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Army Acquisition, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 6, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Kennedy Center, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., on United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 1:30 p.m., on American Battle Monuments Commission 2 p.m., on Arlington National Cemetery, 2:30 p.m., and on Armed Forces Retirement Home, 3 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 7, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education, and Extension, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on OSHA, on Mine Safety and Health Administration, and on National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee Military Quality of Life, and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on BRAC/Global Posture Review; 9:30 a.m., and on public witnesses, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 7, Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on GSA, 3 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, on National Institute on Drug Abuse, on National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and

on National Institute on Mental Health, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, April 6, hearing on the Iraq's past, present and future, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Military Service's Requirement on Reconstitution of Equipment, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Destruction of the U.S. Chemical Weapons Stockpile—Program Status and Issues, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Military Resale and Morale Welfare and Recreation Overview, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense's major rotorcraft programs 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, April 5, hearing entitled "Financial Accountability in the Head Start Early Childhood Program," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, April 5 and 6, to mark up the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 4 p.m., on April 5 and 10 a.m., on April 6, 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, April 6, hearing entitled "Strengthening America's Communities: A Review of the Administration's FY 2006 Budget Initiative," 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Additional Accounting and Management Failures at Fannie Mae-OFHEO's Efforts to Ensure Safe and Sound Operations," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Starving Terrorists of Money: Breaking the Links between Islamic Charities and Terrorists," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, April 5, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Yucca Mountain Project: Have Federal Employees Falsified Documents?" 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Lands of Lost Opportunity: What Can Be Done to Spur Re-Development at America's Brownfield Sites," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Assessing Anthrax Detection Methods," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "America's Energy Needs as Our National Security Policy," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 7, full Committee, hearing entitled "No Computer Left Behind: A Review of the Federal Government's D+Information Security Grade," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, April 6, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, oversight hearing on

China's Anti-Secession Law and Developments across the Taiwan Strait, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, oversight hearing on Bosnia-Herzegovina: Unfinished Business, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, oversight hearing on China's Influence in the Western Hemisphere, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 7, full Committee, oversight hearing on Defense Trade: Arms Export Controls in the Post-9/11 Security Environment, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, oversight hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 2005-2006: Department of State Management Initiatives, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, to mark up H.R. 282, Iran Freedom Support Act, 12 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, oversight hearing on The United Nations Secretary-General's Reform Plan: Rhetoric vs. Reality, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, April 5, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing and markup of H.R. 1279, Crime Deterrence and Community Protection Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 6, full Committee, oversight hearing on USA Patriot Act: A Review for the Purposes of its Reauthorization, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Digital Music Interoperability and Availability, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, April 6, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the National Park Service Concessions Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, April 5, to consider S. 256, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 capitol.

*Committee on Science*, April 7, to mark up H.R. 1215, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, April 6, to mark up the following resolutions: H. Res. 130, Recognizing the contributions of environmental systems and the technicians who install and maintain them to the quality of life of all Americans and supporting the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week; and H. Res. 22, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights, 2 p.m., followed by a hearing on the commitment of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im) to assist small business exporters, 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, April 6, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Efforts to Prevent Pandemics by Air Travel, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Transforming the Federal Aviation Administration: A

Review of the Air Traffic Organization and the Joint Program Development Office, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, April 7, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the 2005 tax return filing season, current issues in tax administration, and the Internal Revenue Service budget for fiscal year 2006, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, April 6, executive, Briefing on Weapons of Mass Destruction, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 7, executive, hearing on General Defense Intelligence Programs, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: April 6, to hold hearings to examine the efforts of the Chabad community and the U.S. Government to recover the "Schneerson Collection" of Jewish books and manuscripts from the Russian Government, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the recent revolution in Kyrgyzstan and the prospects now for consolidating democracy, focusing on the implications for Central Asia, Belarus, Russia and the United States, 1 p.m., SD-406.