

States and circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall oil profits. **Page S3722**

Reid (for Reed/Chafee) Amendment No. 452, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence. **Page S3762**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Frist (for Chambliss/Kyl) Amendment No. 432, and notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the order of April 15, 2005, a vote on the motion to invoke cloture will occur at 11:45 a.m., on Tuesday, April 19, 2005. **Page S3719**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Frist (for Craig/Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 375, and notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the order of April 15, 2005, a vote on the motion to invoke cloture will occur immediately following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Frist (for Chambliss/Kyl) Amendment No. 432 (listed above), on Tuesday, April 19, 2005. **Page S3719**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the order of April 15, 2005, a vote on the motion to invoke cloture will occur immediately following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Mikulski Amendment No. 387 (listed above), on Tuesday, April 19, 2005. **Page S3761**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on the pending cloture motion filed on Thursday, April 14, 2005 on Mikulski Amendment No. 387 to occur at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, if the Senate is not proceeding post-cloture. **Page S3761**

A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that Members have until 2 p.m., on Monday,

April 18, 2005, to file first-degree amendments; and that Members have until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, to file second-degree amendments to the Frist (for Chambliss/Kyl) Amendment No. 432 (listed above), and the Frist (for Craig/Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 375 (listed above). **Page S3761**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, April 18, 2005.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. (Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.) **Page S3766**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination: Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education. **Page S3766**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:38 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, April 18, 2005. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3761.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 18 in pro forma session and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 18 through April 23, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations; at 11:45 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Frist (for Chambliss/Kyl)

Amendment No. 432, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Frist (for Craig/Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 375; at 4:30 p.m., if the Senate is not in a post-cloture posture, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Mikulski Amendment No. 387, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

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 Appropriations: April 19, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Library of Congress, the Open World Leadership Center, and the Government Accountability Office, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

April 20, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Guard and Reserve Budget, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 20, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of Management and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine an overview of methamphetamine abuse, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, for reappointment, to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

April 19, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the United States Marine Corps ground and rotary wing programs and seabasing in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

April 20, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the readiness of military units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 2 p.m., SR-222.

April 21, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine present and future costs of Department of Defense health care, and national health care trends in the civilian sector, 1:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 19, to hold hearings to examine proposals to improve the regulation of the Housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, 3 p.m., SD-538.

April 20, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine proposals to improve the regulation of the Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 21, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine proposals to improve the regulation of Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 21, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: April 21, to hold hearings to examine structural deficits and budget process reform, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 20, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine International Space Station research benefits, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 21, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of Amtrak, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 19, to hold hearings to examine offshore hydrocarbon production and the future of alternate energy resources on the outer Continental Shelf, focusing on recent technological advancements made in the offshore exploration and production of traditional forms of energy, and the future of deep shelf and deepwater production; enhancements in worker safety, and steps taken by the offshore oil and gas industry to meet environmental challenges, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 19, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 166, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy, S. 251, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Sub-basins in Oregon, S. 310, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in the State of Nevada, S. 519, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and S. 592, to extend the contract for the Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project in the State of Wyoming, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, and Peter B. Lyons, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 19, business meeting to consider proposed Highway Reauthorization and Excise Tax Simplification Act of 2005, and S. 661, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the modernization of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD-628.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be

United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 19, to hold hearings to examine the Near East and South Asian experience relating to combating terrorism through education, 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider 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, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the anti-corruption strategies of the African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank on Reconstruction and Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 19, to hold hearings to examine S. 334, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 20, Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in helping parents of young children, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine easing costs and expanding access relating to small businesses and health insurance, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 21, Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold an oversight hearing to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies including the implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

April 21, Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the President's management agenda, including Federal financial performance, best practices, and program accountability, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 19, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine SBC/ATT and Verizon/MCI mergers, focusing on remaking the telecommunication industry, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

April 20, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine a review of the material support to Terrorism Prohibition Improvements Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

April 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

April 21, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine the patent system today and tomorrow, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 20, to hold hearings to examine the small business health care crisis, focusing on alternatives for lowering costs and covering the uninsured, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 19, business meeting to consider the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; to be followed by a hearing on "Back from the Battlefield, Part II: Seamless Transition to Civilian Life," 10:15 a.m., SR-418.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 19, to hold hearings to examine the USA PATRIOT Act, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

April 20, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 21, 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 19 and 21, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the IRS, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on U.S. AID, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NASA, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 20, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration, 2:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Department of State, International Organizations, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 21, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 19, hearing on College Access: Is Government Part of the Solution, or Part of the Problem? 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on Early Childhood Education: Improvement Through Integration, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 20, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services Are Changing the Face of Communications: A Look at Video and Data Services," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "A Hearing on the Administration's Clear Skies Initiative and EPA's Recent Clean Air Act Regulations," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 19, hearing on the State of the International Financial System, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Implementation of the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 21, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, April 19, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Federal Health Programs and Those Who Cannot Care for Themselves: What Are Their Rights, and Our Responsibilities?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Halfway to the 2010 Census: The Countdown and Components to a Successful Decennial Census," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs): Can They Improve the Thrift Savings Plan?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 21, full Committee, hearing entitled "OMB Management Watch List: 65 Billion Reasons to Ensure the Federal Government is Effectively Managing Information Technology Investments," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "The National Parks: Will They Survive for Future Generations?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 19 and 20, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attacks, hearings entitled "DHS Coordination of Nuclear Detection Efforts, Parts I and II," 9 a.m., on April 19 and 3 p.m., on April 20, 210 Cannon.

April 20, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing on H.R. 285, Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2005, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

April 20, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Management Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., room to be announced.

Committee on House Administration, April 20, hearing on Regulation of 527 Organizations, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, April 19, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and Inter-

national Operations, hearing on the UN Commission on Human Rights: Protector or Accomplice? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "Focus on a Changing Japan," 10:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on the Middle East and the United Nations, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Gangs and Crime in Latin America, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 21, full Committee, hearing on Redefining Boundaries: Political Liberalization in the Arab World, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Zimbabwe: Prospects for Democracy after the March 2005 Elections, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 19, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Effect of Sections 203(b) and (d) on Information Sharing, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 20, full Committee, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1279, Gang Deterrence and Community Protection Act; H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; and H. Res. 210, Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day, and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and Worldwide, 10 a.m., and to hold an oversight hearing on Industry Competition and Consolidation: The Telecom Marketplace Nine Years After the Telecom Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled "Committee Print Regarding Patent Quality Improvement," 4:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections of the Act that Address—Crime, Terrorism, and the Age of Technology, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "October, 2005 deadline for Visa Waiver Program Countries to produce Secure Passports: Why it matters to Homeland Security," 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 19, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1489, Coastal Ocean Observation System Integration and Implementation Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 21, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on the National Historic Preservation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, April 6, to consider H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, April 20, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, to mark up the U.S. Tsunami Warning and Education Act, 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on the Future Market for Commercial Space, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 21, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs, hearing on the revitalization of America's small business community, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 20, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Air Traffic Management by Foreign Countries, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Deepwater Implementation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 20, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, oversight hearing on the National Cemetery Administration, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 20, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Long Term Care, 4 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 20, full Committee, hearing on an Overview of the Tax-Exempt Sector, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 21, hearing on Implementation of the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA), 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: April 21, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

Joint Committee on Printing: April 21, business meeting to consider organizational matters, 2 p.m., S-219, Capitol.