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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:52 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 20, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5549.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Steven L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

REGULATION NMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine Regulation National Market System (NMS) designed to strengthen our national market system for equity securities, focusing on recent market developments, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee continued markup of proposed comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to Energy Efficiency and Electricity, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, May 24.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the Endangered Species Act (Public Law 93–205), focusing on successes and shortcomings of the Act, and possible improvements to ensure species protection in the future, after receiving testimony from Senator Crapo; Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; James H. Lecky, Senior Advisor for Intergovernmental Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-

ministration, Department of Commerce; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; John F. Kostyack, National Wildlife Federation, Jamie Rappaport Clark, Defenders of Wildlife, and Monita Fontaine, National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.; and Reed Hopper, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, California.

IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine weapons proliferation, terrorism and democracy in Iran, after receiving testimony from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Geoffrey Kemp, The Nixon Center, Gary Milhollin, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, George Perkovich, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Abbas William Samii, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, all of Washington, D.C.

Also, committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on weapons proliferation, terrorism and democracy in Iran from officials of the intelligence community.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Philip J. Perry, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carolyn L. Gallagher, of Texas, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Louis J. Giuliano, of New York, who was introduced by Senator Warner, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, who was introduced by Senator Bond, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AMERICAN WORKFORCE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee met to discuss issues relating to higher education and corporate leaders, focusing on defining the roles industry and institutions of higher education will have to ensure that the United States has

the skilled and diverse workforce it will need to succeed today and in the future, after receiving testimony from Louis Caldera, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; Robert Craves, Washington Education Foundation, Issaquah, Washington; Edward J. Hoff, IBM, Armonk, New York; Edison Jackson, Medgar Evers College—City University of New York, Brooklyn; Patricia McGuire, Trinity University, Washington, D.C.; James Mullen, Biogen Idec, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Walter Nolte, Casper College, Casper, Wyoming; Laura Palmer-Noone,

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona; Charles B. Reed, California State University, Long Beach; and Patrick J. Sweeney, Odin Technologies, Reston, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed markup of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 45 public bills, H.R. 2373–2517; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 159–162; and H. Res. 288–290 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2046, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to limit premium increases on reinstated health insurance on servicemembers who are released from active military service, amended (H. Rept. 109–88).

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

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Reception in the House Chamber to Receive Former Members of Congress: The House recessed to receive the United States Association of Former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Later, agreed to the Kingston motion that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the Record.

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Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006: The House passed H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yeas and nays vote of 329 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 199.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 198.

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Agreed to limit the number of amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on each amendment.

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Agreed to:

Slaughter amendment that increases funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment);

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Cubin amendment that increases funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment);

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Grijalva amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of May 18) that increases and then decreases funding for employee travel expenses at the EPA;

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Gillmor amendment that replaces language in the section of the bill regarding State and Tribal Assistance Grants;

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Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of May 18) that increases funding for the assessment and cleanup of Brownfield sites;

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Taylor of North Carolina that increases funding for the National Forest System;

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Doolittle amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Department of the Interior to implement the first proviso under the heading “United States Fish and Wildlife Service—Land Acquisition;

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Hastings of Florida amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of Executive Order 12898 or to delay the implementation of that Order;

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Stupak amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of May 18) that prohibits the use of funds to finalize, issue, implement, or enforce the