

Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.
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National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics—Reappointment: The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of Mr. Jeffrey S. Blair of Albuquerque, New Mexico to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics. **Page H6929**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H6884.

Senate Referrals: S. 264, S. 1480, S. 243, S. 1481, S. 1482, S. 203, S. 1484, S. 1485, S. 178, S. 207, S. 229, S. 231, S. 232, S. 253, S. 276, S. 54, S. 128, S. 152, S. 182, S. 205, S. 214, S. 301, S. 47, S. 52, S. 56, S. 97, S. 101, S. 153, S. 212, S. 252, and S. 279 were referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 706 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 1483 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; S. 176, S. 285, and S. 244 were referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 442 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 225 was referred to the Committees on Resources, Agriculture and Government Reform; S. 263 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Agriculture; S. 136 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Education and the Workforce; and S. 272, S. 55, S. 156, and S. 161, were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: 10 yea and nay votes and 3 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6839, H6840, H6840–41, H6841, H6857, H6858, H6858–59, H6859, H6882–83, H6883, H6884, H6927–28 and H6928. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered favorably reported the following bills: H.R. 3421, To reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, to facilitate the official inspection at export locations of grain required or authorized to be inspected under such Act; and H.R. 3408, To reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act.

CHINESE MILITARY POWER

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Chinese military power. Testimony was heard from Franklin Kramer, former Assistant Secretary, Inter-

national Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

TERRORISM INSURANCE FUTURE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the Future of Terrorism Insurance. Testimony was heard from Howard Mills, Superintendent, New York Insurance Department; Lawrence H. Mirel, Commissioner, Department of Insurance and Securities, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

BRAC AND BEYOND

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "BRAC and Beyond: An Examination of the Rationale Behind Federal Security Standards for Leased Space." Testimony was heard from Representative Moran of Virginia; Dwight M. Williams, Chief Security Officer, Department of Homeland Security; F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; John Jester; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Jester, Director, Pentagon Force Protection Agency; and Get Moy, Director, Installation Requirements and Management.

HYDROGEN ECONOMY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "The Hydrogen Economy: Is it Attainable? When?" Testimony was heard from Douglas L. Faulkner, Acting Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Richard M. Russell, Associate Director, Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Alan Lloyd, Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California; and public witnesses.

IMPROVE HEALTHCARE USING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Is There a Doctor in the Mouse?: Using Information Technology to Improve Healthcare." Testimony was heard from Representative Kennedy of Rhode Island; Linda M. Springer, Director, OPM; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Brailer, M.D., National Health Information Technology Coordinator; and Caroline Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality; and public witnesses.

DHS IN TRANSITION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “DHS in Transition—Are Financial Management Problems Hindering Mission Effectiveness?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Janet Hale, Under Secretary, Management; Andrew Maner, Chief Financial Officer; and Richard Skinner, Acting Inspector General; and Linda Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB.

REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform: Are Regulations Hindering Our Competitiveness?” Testimony was heard from Representatives Hayworth, Kelly, Ney, Miller of Michigan, Lynch and Westmoreland; J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Curtis W. Copeland, Specialist in American National Government, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY SYSTEM’S INTEGRITY—FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIPS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The 287(g) Program: Ensuring the Integrity of America’s Border Security System through Federal-State Partnerships.” Testimony was heard from Paul M. Kilcoyne, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Mark F. Dubina, Special Agent Supervisor, Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center, Department of Law Enforcement, State of Florida; Charles E. Andrews, Chief, Administrative Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama; and public witnesses.

UKRAINE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing on Ukraine: Developments in the Aftermath of the Orange Revolution. Testimony was heard from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ENERGY SECURITY—TERRORIST THREATS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on Terrorist Threats to Energy Security. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SYRIA AND THE UN OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a joint hearing on Syria and the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth L. Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; Dwight Sparlin, Director, Operations, Policy, and Support, Criminal Investigation Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and a public witness.

U.S. DIPLOMACY IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Diplomacy in Latin America. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Roger Noriega, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; John Maisto, U.S. Representative on the Council of the OAS, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered favorably reported the following measures: H.R. 3132, Children’s Safety Act of 2005; H.R. 3402, Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009; H. Res. 336, Requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in “National Night Out,” which occurs the first Tuesday of August each year, including by supporting local efforts and community watch groups and by supporting local officials, to promote community safety and help provide homeland security; H. Res. 378, Recognizing and honoring the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; H. Con. Res. 216, Expressing the sense of the Congress that, as Congress observes the 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and encourages all Americans to do the same, it will advance the legacy of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by ensuring the continued effectiveness of the Act to protect the voting rights of all Americans; and H. Con. Res. 208, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks’ refusal to give up her seat on the bus and the subsequent desegregation of American society.

CONFERENCE REPORT—ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of

2005, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barton of Texas and Representative Dingell.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina and Dicks.

CONFERENCE REPORT—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lewis of California.

INTERNATIONAL MULTI-YEAR BUDGETING COMPARATIVE STUDY

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing on A Comparative Study of International Multi-Year Budgeting. Testimony was heard from Barry Anderson, former Deputy Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, July 28, 2005. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The

rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of July 28, 2005, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

SBA'S VENTURE CAPITAL PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the importance of amending the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to establish a participating debenture program to assist small businesses in gaining access to much needed capital. Testimony was heard from Jaime A. Guzman-Fournier, Associate Administrator, Investment, SBA; and a public witness.

BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY IMPORTANCE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "The Importance of the Biotechnology Industry and Venture Capital Support in Innovation." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs: The Continuum of Care for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: COL Charles W. Hoge, M.D., Chief of Psychiatry and Behavior Sciences, Division of Neurosciences, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research; LTC Charles C. Engle, Jr., M.D., Chief, DoD Deployment Health Clinical Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, both with the U.S. Army; and Michael E. Kilpatrick, M.D. Deputy Director, Deployment Health Support Directorate, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Matthew J. Friedman, M.D., Executive Director, National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; Alfonso R. Batres, Chief, Office of Readjustment Counseling; BG Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration; and Mark Shelhorse, M.D., Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer for Mental Health and Chief Medical Officer for VISN 6; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 419, Hire Veterans Act of 2005; and H.R. 3279, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2005.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans's Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following: H.R. 3082, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005; H.R. 1773, Native American Veteran Home Loan Act; a measure to Establish an Office of Disabled Veterans Sports and Special Events; a measure to require the Veterans' Employment and Training Service to Establish Qualification Standards for Disabled Veteran Outreach Specialists and Local Veteran Employment Representatives; a measure to increase the Disabled Veteran Adaptive Housing Grant; and a measure to Provide for a Disabled Veteran Transitional Housing Grant. Testimony was heard from Delegate Faleomavaega; John M. McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Operations and Management, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Keith Pedigo, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Health Care Information Technology (IT). Testimony was heard from David Brailer, M.D., National Coordinator, Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL MISSILE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Global Missile Threats. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 807)

H.R. 3071, to permit the individuals currently serving as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and General Counsel of the Office of Compliance to serve one additional term. Signed on July 27, 2005. (Public Law 109-38)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JULY 28, 2005**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general

and to be Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Ronald M. Sega, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, Phillip Jackson Bell, of Georgia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, and John G. Grimes, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Networks and Information Integration, both of the Department of Defense, Keith E. Eastin, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, and William Anderson, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to mark up the nominations of Christopher Cox, of California, Roel C. Campos, of Texas, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Annette L. Nazareth, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, John C. Dugan, of Maryland, to be Comptroller of the Currency, and John M. Reich, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury, Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Member and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, S. 705, to establish the Interagency Council on Meeting the Housing and Service Needs of Seniors, H.R. 804, to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program, S. 1047, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of each of the Nation's past Presidents and their spouses, respectively to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, to create a new bullion coin, and S. 190, to address the regulation of secondary mortgage market enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1408, to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues related to MGM v. Grokster and the appropriate balance between copyright protection and communications technology innovation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 584 and H.R. 432, bills to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park, S. 652, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, S. 958, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail, S. 1154, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, S. 1166, to extend the authorization of the Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission, and S. 1346, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of maritime sites in the State of Michigan, 10 a.m., SD-366.