

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3824, amended, Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005; H.R. 1129, amended, Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2383, To redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C. W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant;" H.R. 2875, amended, Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005; H.R. 3351, amended, Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005; and S. 1339, Junior Duck Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2005.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

PREDICTING HURRICANES: WHAT WE KNEW ABOUT KATRINA AND WHEN

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Held a hearing entitled "Predicting Hurricanes: What We Knew About Katrina and When." Testimony was heard from the following officials of National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce: BG David L. Johnson, USAF (Ret.), Director, and Max Mayfield, Director, National Hurricane Center.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 939)

H.R. 3169, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-66)

H.R. 3668, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Federal student grant assistance who are adversely affected by a major disaster. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-67)

H.R. 3672, to provide assistance to families affected by Hurricane Katrina, through the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-68)

S. 252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-69)

S. 264, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-70)

S. 276, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-71)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: S. 260 and H.R. 2018, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 26 through October 1, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of the nomination of Mr. Roberts (listed above), with a vote expected to occur on confirmation of the nomination. Also, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 26, Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to markup H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: September 27, to hold hearings to examine needed improvements to defense acquisition processes and organizations, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 28, to hold hearings to examine S. 1334, to provide for integrity and accountability in professional sports, and S. 1114, to establish minimum drug testing standards for major professional sports leagues, 10 a.m., SH-216.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine communications for first responders in disaster, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 27, to hold hearings to examine S.1701, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines, and S. 961, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize and reform the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, 10 a.m., SD-366.

September 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 28, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold oversight hearings to examine the grazing

programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, including proposed changes to grazing regulations, and the status of grazing permit renewals, monitoring programs and allotment restocking plans, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 28, to hold hearings to examine the role of science in environmental policy making, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 28, to hold hearings to examine the international response to Darfur, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Protocol of 1997 Amending MARPOL Convention (Treaty Doc. 108-7), Agreement with Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Treaty Doc. 108-24), Convention Concerning Migratory Fish Stock in the Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 109-1), Convention Strengthening Inter-American Tuna Commission (Treaty Doc. 109-2), and the Convention on Supplementary Compensation on Nuclear Damage (Treaty Doc. 107-21), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

September 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding the evolving NATO role in Afghanistan, 3:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 27, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine assessing progress in the Federal government regarding alternative personnel systems, focusing on systems to learn where personnel systems have been successfully employed and what steps have been taken in their development to ensure effective implementation and operation, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 27, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine housing-related programs for the poor, focusing on existing challenges in measuring improper rent subsidy payments in housing assistance programs at HUD, as well as Federal oversight of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

September 28, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine issues relating to recovering from Hurricane Katrina, focusing on the needs of those displaced, today and tomorrow, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 29, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness and cost of the Defense Travel System of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 28, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian housing, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed Duck Valley Reservation, Shoshone Paiute Tribes, Water Rights Settlement, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 28, to hold hearings to examine protecting copyright and innovation in a post-Grokster world, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 28, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine whether there is more consolidation or new choices for consumers regarding video competition in 2005, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 28, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

September 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 29, to hold hearings to examine the impact of direct-to-consumer drug advertising on seniors' health and health care costs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 28, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review the development of a private sector-based National Animal Identification System (NAIS), 1:30 p.m., Longworth.

September 29, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the current state of the farm economy and the economic impact of Federal policy on agriculture, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, September 27, Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development (Hurricane Katrina), 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Department of Defense (Hurricane Katrina), 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Corps of Engineers (Hurricane Katrina), 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, hearing on Department of Transportation (Hurricane Katrina), 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 29, hearing entitled "Closing the Achievement Gap in America's Schools: the No Child Left Behind Act," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 27, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Assessing the Present Environmental Status, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Public Safety Communications from 9/11 to Katrina: Critical Public Policy Lessons," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 27, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "IDA-14: Historic Advance or Incremental Change in Debt and Development Policy," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Private Sector Priorities for Basel Reform," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, September 27, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "It's Time to React—Reauthorizing Executive Authority to Consolidate Tasks: Establishing Results and Sunset Commissions (H.R. 3276 and H.R. 3277)," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "The Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturing: Spotlight on the Environmental Protection Agency," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 29, to consider the following measures: H.R. 1317, Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act; H.R. 3134, Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program and Management Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 3699, Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2005; and H. Res. 15, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month; followed by a hearing entitled "The Last Frontier: Bringing the IT Revolution to Healthcare," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 28, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "Solving the OTM Undocumented Alien Problem: Expedited Removal for Apprehensions along the U.S. Border," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

September 28, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Sniffing Out Terrorism: The Use of Dogs in Homeland Security," 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 29, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "Incident Command, Control, and Communications during Catastrophic Events," 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, September 28, hearing and briefing on United Nations Rhetoric or Reform: Outcome of the High-Level Event, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Keeping Democracy on Track: Hotspots in Latin America, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Evolving Counterterrorism Strategy, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 27, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Methamphetamine Epidemic Elimination Act, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "Dual Citizenship, Birthright Citizenship, and the Meaning of Sovereignty," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 27, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 679, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah; H.R. 2069, Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 3462, To provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah; and H.R. 3818, Forest Service Partnership Enhancement Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 27, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1564, Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2005; H.R. 2873, Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act; H.R. 2925, To amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance; H.R. 3443, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; and a measure regarding a water supply project near Madera, California, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, joint hearing on S. 362, Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 29, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 326, To amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act; H.R. 1436, To remove certain use restrictions on property located in Navajo County, Arizona; and H.R. 1972, Franklin National Battlefield Study Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, September 29, hearing on NIST's Investigation of the World Trade Center Collapse: What Are the Lessons Learned and How Are They Being Applied to Improve Building Safety?" 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 29, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing to discuss the Entrepreneur Soldiers Empowerment Act (ESEEA), 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 28, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Current Situation and Future Outlook of U.S. Commercial Airline Industry, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on H.R. 1749, Pest Management and Fire Suppression Flexibility Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 28, oversight hearing regarding the status of seamless transition between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 27, Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resources, joint hearing on the Commissioner of Social Security's proposed regulation to improve the disability determination process, 4 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 28, full Committee, hearing on Economic and Trade Issues with Japan, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 29, full Committee, hearing on the Implementation of the U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (FTA), 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 29, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 3617, Medicare Value-Based Purchasing for Physicians' Services Act of 2005, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.