

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a 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. Testimony was heard from Jack Troyer, Regional Forester, Inner Mountain Region 4, Forest Service, USDA; Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Dana Williams, Mayor, Park City, Utah; and public witnesses.

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*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a 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. Testimony was heard from Jack Garner, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT,  
FISCAL YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2009**

*Committee of Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3402, to authorized appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule makes in order only those amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the

amendments printed in the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Flake, King of Iowa, Kolbe, Bartlett of Maryland, Brown-Waite of Florida, Conyers, Slaughter, Maloney of New York, Stupak, McCarthy of New York, Holt, Watson, Cuellar and Herseth.

**SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a joint hearing on the Commissioner of Social Security's proposed regulation to improve the disability determination process. Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Judge Howard D. McKibben, Chair, Judicial Conference Committee, Federal-State Jurisdiction, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; and public witnesses.

**HURRICANE—ROLE OF FEMA**

*Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina:* Held a hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: the Role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Brown former Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response and Director, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2005**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* 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.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

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*: to hold hearings to examine the role of science in environmental policy making, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings to examine community rebuilding needs and effectiveness of past proposals relating to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine the international response to Darfur, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: to resume hearings to examine responding to the immediate needs of victims relating to recovering from Hurricane Katrina, focusing on the needs of those displaced, today and tomorrow, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

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

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, 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.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Department of Defense (Hurricane Katrina), 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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

*Committee on Armed Services*, Committee Defense Review Threat Panel, hearing on threats in Middle East and Africa, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to mark up H.R. 3893, Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005, 8 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Guarding Against Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Post-Katrina Relief and Recovery: The Plans of Inspectors General, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "The Impact of Regula-

tion on U.S. Manufacturing: Spotlight on the Environmental Protection Agency," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, 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.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Sniffing Out Terrorism: The Use of Dogs in Homeland Security," 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Keeping Democracy on Track: Hotspots in Latin America, and to mark up a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political and social forces in the Republic of Nicaragua toward an immediate and full restoration of functioning democracy in that country, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H. Res. 97, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the Constitution of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the Constitution of the United States, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to mark up the National Energy Supply Diversification and Disruption Prevention Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 3824, Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, oversight hearing regarding the status of seamless transition between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on United States-Japan Economic and Trade Relations, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on the Military Intelligence Program, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.