

*Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States:* H. Con. Res. 245, to express the sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States; and

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*Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week:* H. Con. Res. 178, as amended, to recognize the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week.

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**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representatives Levin, Kap-  
tur, Brown of Ohio, and Honda.

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**Selection of Majority Leader:** The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pryce of Ohio, announced the selection of Representative Blunt as the Majority Leader.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H8401 and H8485.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 37 was referred to the Committees on Government Reform, Energy and Commerce and Armed Services and S. 1281 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** 4 yea-and-nay votes and 1 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8405, H8406, H8479–80, and H8480–81. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REVIEW NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review the development of a private sector-based National Animal Identification System (NAIS). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HURRICANE KATRINA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense (Hurricane Katrina). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG H. Steven Blum, USAF, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense.

### CORPS OF ENGINEERS—HURRICANE KATRINA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Corps of Engineers (Hurricane Katrina). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: LTG. Carl Strock, USA. Chief Engineers, U.S. Corps of Engineers; and John Paul Woodley, Jr., Office of the Assistant Secretary, Civil Works; and Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

### THREATS IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee Defense Review Threat Panel held a hearing on threats in Middle East and Africa. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### GASOLINE FOR AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3893, Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005.

### POST-KATRINA RELIEF AND RECOVERY—GUARD AGAINST WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Guarding Against Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Post-Katrina Relief and Recovery: The Plans of Inspectors General." Testimony was heard from Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Joseph Vengren, Deputy Inspector General, Audits; and Michael Little, Deputy Inspector General, Investigations; Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General, EPA; Johnnie E. Frazier, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and H. Walker Feaster, III, Inspector General, FCC.

### PRIVATE SECTOR/BASEL

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a

hearing entitled “Private Sector Priorities for Basel Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **IMPACT OF REGULATION ON U.S. MANUFACTURING SPOTLIGHT ON EPA**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturing: Spotlight on the Environmental Protection Agency.” Testimony was heard from Brian Mannix, Associate Administrator, Policy, Economics, and Innovation, EPA; Tom Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

#### **SOLVING THE OTM UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN PROBLEM**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “Solving the OTM Undocumented Alien Problem: Expedited Removal for Apprehensions along the U.S. Border.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Chief David V. Aguilar, Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and John Torres, Acting Director, Office of Detention and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Daniel W. Fisk, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY—USE OF DOGS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Sniffing Out Terrorism: The Use of Dogs in Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Lee Titus, Director, Canine Programs, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and David Kontny, Director, National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program, Transportation Security Administration; Special Agent Terry Bohan, Chief, National Canine Training and Operations Support Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### **U.N. RHETORIC OR REFORM**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on United Nations Rhetoric or Reform: Outcome of the High-Level Event. Testimony was heard from John R. Bolton, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Department of State.

The Committee also held a briefing on this subject. The Committee was briefed by Mark Malloch Brown, Chief of Staff to the Secretary-General, United Nations.

#### **RESOLUTION—SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FORCES IN NICARAGUA; HOT SPOTS IN LATIN AMERICA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 252, 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.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Keeping Democracy on Track: Hotspots in Latin America. Testimony was heard from Senator Coleman; the following officials of the Department of State: Charles A. Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL ENERGY SUPPLY DIVERSIFICATION AND DISRUPTION PREVENTION ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported, as amended, the National Energy Supply Diversification and Disruption Prevention Act.

#### **MAKING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 68, joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit the joint resolution. The rule provides that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, October 6, 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. The rule provides that a motion to proceed pursuant to section 2908 of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 shall be in order only if offered by the Majority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lewis of California.

#### **THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY ACT OF 2005**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 90 minutes of general debate

on H.R. 3824, to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Resources Committee Print dated September 26, 2005 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered 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 Pombo and Representatives Saxton, Gilchrest, Calvert, Flake, Boehlert, Kirk and George Miller of California.

#### **WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO THE 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 resolution reported on the legislative day of September 29, 2005, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2360) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

#### **OVERSIGHT—COMMERCIAL AIRLINE INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on

Current Situation and Future Outlook of the U.S. Commercial Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—STATUS OF TRANSITION BETWEEN DEFENSE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held an oversight hearing regarding the status of seamless transition between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans Health and Benefits Issues; and Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues; Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Stephen L. Jones, Principal Deputy Assistant, Office of Health Affairs, Office of Personnel and Readiness; MG Ronald G. Young, Director, National Guard Bureau Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau; and COL Sheila Hobbs, USA, Senior Patient Administrator, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army; Susan McAndrew, Senior Health Information Privacy Policy Specialist, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on United States-Japan Economic and Trade Relations. Testimony was heard from Representative Moran of Kansas; Wendy Cutler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Japan, Korea and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Affairs; David Loevinger, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Africa, Middle East, and Asia, Department of the Treasury; A. Ellen Terpstra, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; A. G. Kawamura, Secretary of Agriculture, Department of Food and Agriculture, State of California; and public witnesses.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2005**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. military strategy and operations in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, and Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, both of the Department of the Treasury, Keith E.