

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President concerning a notice of the Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Significant Narcotics Traffickers Centered in Colombia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–61). **Page H8951**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8933 and H8979.

Senate Referrals: S. 1886 was referred to Committee on International Relations. **Page H8983**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8937, H8937–38, H8938–39, H8939 and H8940. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the defense health program overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; MG Joseph G. Webb, Jr., USA, Deputy Surgeon General, Department of the Army; VADM Donald C. Arthur, USN, Surgeon General, Department of the Navy; and LTG George P. Taylor, USAF, Surgeon General, Department of the Air Force; and public witnesses.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION; PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK, AND FAMILY PROMOTION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began mark up of amendments to the Social Security Act, Welfare Reform regarding the Committee's Instructions pursuant to the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, H. R. 240, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

PROTECTING PROPERTY RIGHTS AFTER KELO

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Protecting Property Rights After Kelo." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY/WINTER FUELS OUTLOOK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "EIA's Report on Short-term Energy Outlook and Winter Fuels Outlook." Testimony was heard from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

PETROLEUM REFINERY CAPACITY INVESTMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "Petroleum Refineries: Will Record Profits Spur Investment in New Capacity?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERALISM AND DISASTER RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Federalism and Disaster: Response: Examining the Rules and Responsibilities of Local, State, and Federal Agencies." Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Jeb Bush, Florida; Rick Perry, Texas; and Janet Napolitano, Arizona; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT—ROLE OF CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, joint hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security Second Stage Review: The Role of the Chief Intelligence Officer." Testimony was heard from Charles Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

CARIBBEAN REGION POLICY REVIEW

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Policy Overview of the Caribbean Region. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Dan Fisk, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 267, amended, Expressing the sense of the Congress upholding the Makah Tribe treaty rights; H.R. 323, To redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island

in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library;” H.R. 326, amended, 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. 679, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah; H.R. 1096, amended, Act Commemorating the LITE; H.R. 1183, To require the Secretary of the Interior to provide public access to Navassa National Wildlife Refuge and Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 1436, To remove certain use restrictions on property located in Navajo County, Arizona; H.R. 1564, Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2005; H.R. 1972, amended, Franklin National Battlefield Study Act; H.R. 3443, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; H.R. 3818, amended, Forest Service Partnership Enhancement Act of 2005; and S. 229, Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act.

STATUS—OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Status of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.” Testimony was heard from former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich of Georgia; and public witnesses.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Continued hearings on Hurricane Katrina. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, P. D1039)

H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on October 18, 2005. (Public Law 109–90)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings to examine the implementation of the Exon-Florio provision by the Committee on Foreign In-

vestment in the United States (CFIUS), Department of the Treasury, which seeks to serve U.S. investment policy through reviews that protect national security while maintaining the credibility of open investment policy, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine S. 1052, to improve transportation security, including public and private sector actions taken since September 11, 2001, and the attacks on rail systems overseas, to enhance the security of passenger and freight rail transportation, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider proposed DTV bill, S. 1753, to establish a unified national hazard alert system, S. 967, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that prepackaged news stories contain announcements that inform viewers that the information within was provided by the United States Government, and S. 1063, to promote and enhance public safety and to encourage the rapid deployment of IP-enabled voice services, 2 p.m., SR–325.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1016, to direct the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate the facilities, and S. 1860, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve energy production and reduce energy demand through improved use of reclaimed waters, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Benson K. Whitney, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Norway, Roland Arnall, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Susan Rasinski McCaw, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and Nicholas F. Taubman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S. foreign policy, petroleum, and the Middle East, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine Federal employment programs for persons with disabilities, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the constitutional amendment on marriage, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine IT Management by the VA, 10 a.m., SR–418.

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