

Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryun of Kansas, Clay and Garrett; Janet Snyder Matthews, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ROLE OF SOCIAL SECURITY RESEARCH IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on the Role of Social Science Research in Disaster Preparedness and Response. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TRANSPORTATION/TREASURY/HUD/JUDICIARY/DC

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1111)

H.R. 1409, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries. Signed on November 8, 2005. (Public Law 109-95)

S. 172, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices. Signed on November 9, 2005. (Public Law 109-96)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 14 through November 19,
2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1042, National Defense Authorization. Senate will consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, Energy and Water Appropriations, with one hour for debate, and at 5:30 p.m., vote on adoption of the conference report.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1042, National Defense Authorization, with a vote on, or in relation to, Warner/Frist Amendment No. 2518, to be followed by a vote on, or in relation to, Levin Amendment No. 2519, to be followed by votes on or in relation to, certain second-degree amendments, followed by a vote on Graham Amendment No. 2515, as amended, followed by a vote on final passage of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: November 17, to hold hearings to examine the role of United States agriculture in the control and eradication of avian influenza, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: November 16, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: November 15, business meeting to consider certain military nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

November 15, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine defense acquisition issues related to tactical aviation and Army programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations: of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member and to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 14, to hold hearings to examine legislation required to implement the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population, 11:30 a.m., SD-562.

November 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of J. Thomas Rosch, of California, and William E. Kovacic, of Virginia, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.