

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.

November 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine public policy options for encouraging alternative automotive fuel technologies, 10 a.m., SD-562.

November 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., SD-562.

November 16, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine protecting the consumer from flooded and salvage vehicle fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

November 17, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, 10 a.m., SD-562.

November 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: November 15, to hold hearings to examine a status report on the Environmental Protection Management programs of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

November 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 431, to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States, S. 505, to amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, S. 1288, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, S. 1544, to establish the Northern Plains National Heritage Area in the State of North Dakota, S. Con. Res. 60, designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, S. 748 and H.R. 1084, bills to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, and H.R. 2107, to amend Public Law 104-329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

November 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: November 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine transportation fuels of the future, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the degree to which the preliminary findings on the failure of the levees are being incorporated into the restoration of hurricane protection, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 14, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine a clean technology solution relating to U.S.-International climate change approach, 3 p.m., SD-419.

November 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Treaty Between the United States of America and Japan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on August 5, 2003; including a re-

lated exchange of notes (Treaty Doc.108-12), Treaty Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on October 14, 2003, and a related exchange of notes (Treaty Doc. 108-27), Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and related exchanges of letters, signed at Washington on March 31, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-23), and Protocol between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the State of Israel, signed at Jerusalem on July 6, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 109-3), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

November 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the new currency of foreign policy, focusing on the high cost of crude, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

November 17, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine cross-continental progress relating to African organizations and institutions, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: November 15, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the current nuclear situation in Iran and the U.S. response, focusing on the relationship between Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and its status as a state sponsor of terrorism, 3 p.m., SD-342.

November 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how government can learn from the private sector's response to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine regulations for the National Security Personnel System, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: November 17, to hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to In Re Tribal Lobbying Matters, Et Al, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 15, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

November 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine The Streamlined Procedures Act relating to habeas reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

November 16, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine issues relative to creating new Federal judgeships, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine recent developments in assessing future asbestos claims under the FAIR Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 16, to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine the nomination of Dale W. Meyerrose, of Indiana, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 10:30 a.m., SH-219.

November 17, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, November 15, hearing to review recent litigation on Forest Service firefighting and forest health efforts, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

November 16, hearing to review issues related to the prevention, detection, and eradication of avian influenza, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, November 16, hearing on U.S. Immigration Policy and Its Impact on the American Economy, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on Combating Methamphetamines through Prevention and Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, November 16, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Superfund Laws and Animal Agriculture", 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Coal: A Critical Fuel for America's Energy Needs and Security", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Thoroughbred Horse Racing Jockeys and Workers: Examining On-Track Injury Insurance and Other Health and Welfare Issues", 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, November 15, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing on Increasing Efficiency and Economic Growth Through Trade in Financial Services, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 16, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Addressing Seniors' Housing Needs", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, November 15, Subcommittee on National Security. Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Examining VA Implementation of the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998", 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 16, to consider the following: H.R. 3934, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the "Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office"; H.R. 4101, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building"; H.R. 4107, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1826 Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Maryland State Delegate Lena K. Lee Post Office Building"; H.R. 4108, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, as the "State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building"; H.R. 4109, To designate the United States Postal Service located at 6101 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "United States Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office"; H.R. 4152, To designate the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the "Raymond J. Salmon Post Office"; H. Con. Res. 218, Recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States and acknowl-

edging the contributions of our Filipino-American community to our country over the last century; H. R. 4295, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12760 South Park Avenue in Riverton, Utah, as the "Mont and Mark Stephensen Veterans Memorial Post Office Building; and an Investigative Report, Investigation into Rafael Palmeiro's March 17, 2005 Testimony at the Committee on Government Reform's Hearing: "Restoring Faith in America's Pastime: Evaluating Major League Baseball's Efforts to Eradicate Steroid Use", 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 16, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Mitigating the Impact of High Gas Prices on Federal Employees and Other Workers", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability, hearing entitled "15 Years of the CFO Act—What is the Current State of Federal Financial Management?", 2:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, November 15, Subcommittee on Management, Integration and Oversight, hearing entitled "CBP and ICE: Does the Current Organizational Structure Best Serve U.S. Homeland Security Interests? Part 2", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

November 17, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "Improving TSA: Transportation Industry Legislative Proposals", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

November 17, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Terrorism Risk Assessment at the Department of Homeland Security", 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

November 17, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "International Efforts to Promote Nuclear Security", 1 p.m., room to be announced.

Committee on International Relations, November 15, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on In Defense of Human Dignity: The 2005 International Religious Freedom Report, and to mark up H. Con. Res. 190, Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 16, full Committee, hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership: How Significant for American Interests?, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Getting to Yes: Resolving the 30-Year Conflict over the Status of Western Sahara, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Democracy in Venezuela, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, November 15, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Voting Rights Act: Sections 6 and 8—Federal Examiner and Observer Programs, 12:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 15, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Federal Jurisdiction Clarification Act, 4 p.m., 2142 Rayburn.

November 15, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to continue oversight hearings on How Illegal Immigration Impacts Constituencies: Perspectives from Members of Congress, (Part II), 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, joint oversight hearing on Weak Bilateral Law Enforcement Presence at the U.S.-Mexico Border: Territorial Integrity and Safety Issues for American Citizens, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to continue oversight hearings on "How Illegal Immigration Impacts Constituencies", Perspectives from Members of Congress, (Part III), 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, November 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the Outer Continental Shelf Natural Gas Relief Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 17, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on the National Parks Service's efforts to combat the growth of illegal drug farms in national parks, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

November 17, NEPA Task Force, hearing on NEPA: Lessons Learned and Next Steps, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, November 15, to consider H.R. 1065, United States Boxing Commission Act, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, November 16, hearing on Ongoing Problems and Future Plans for NOAA Weather Satellites, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 17, hearing on Environmental and Safety Impacts of Nanotechnology: What Research is Needed?, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, November 17, hearing on Building a Wall Between Friends: Passports to and from Canada?, 9 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, November 15, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Current Governance Issues at Amtrak, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, November 15, to mark up H.R. 4297, To provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, 5 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

November 16, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on individuals tax proposals, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, November 17, executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: November 14, meeting of conferees on H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 6:30 p.m., H140.