

## INDIVIDUAL TAX PROPOSALS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on individuals tax proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cardin, Foley, Tom Davis of Virginia, Ryun of Kansas, Stearns, Fattah, Fossella, Baird, Simmons, Conway, Baldwin, Keller, Garrett, Fortuno, Wolf, Gingrey, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Rohrabacher and Wilson of South Carolina.

## Joint Meetings

### COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

### APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of 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.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* 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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine a Government Accountability Office report on the sale of financial products to military personnel, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of William E. Kovacic, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, J. Thomas Rosch, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, a Coast Guard Promotion List, S. 1110, to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent in order to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable, proposed Polar Bear Treaty, S. 687, to regulate the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, S. 1052, to improve transportation security, S. 1102, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program for 3 years, S. 65, to amend the age restrictions for pilots, and S. 517, to establish a

Weather Modification Operations and Research Board, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 1708, to modify requirements relating to the authority of the Administrator of General Services to enter into emergency leases during major disasters and other emergencies, S. 1714, to modify requirements under the emergency relief program under title 23, United States Code, with respect to projects for repair or reconstruction in response to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, S. 1496, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps, S. 1165, to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii, and proposed Army Corps Assessment Authorization for the State of Louisiana, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

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, 9:35 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* 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:* to hold hearings to examine regulations for the National Security Personnel System, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* 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:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Joseph Frank Bianco, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Timothy Mark Burgess, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Eric Nicholas Vitaliano, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, James F. X. O'Gara, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Emilio T. Gonzalez, of Florida, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, Catherine Lucille Hanaway, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, Carol E. Dinkins, of Texas, to be Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, Alan Charles Raul, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, S. 1789, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, H.R. 683, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment, S. 1967, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to certain activities of the Secret Service, S. 1961, Extending the Child Safety Pilot Program Act of 2005,

S. 1354, Wartime Treatment Study Act, proposed Comprehensive Immigration Reform, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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*: 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.

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

### House

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on Combating Methamphetamines through Prevention and Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Physician Payment: How to Build a More Efficient Payment System", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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*, hearing on H.R. 4100, Louisiana Recovery Corporation Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Self-Regulatory Organizations: Exploring the Need for Reform", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, 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*, to continue markup H.R. 4312, Border Security and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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.

*Committee on International Relations*, 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.

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

*Committee on the Judiciary*, 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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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