

Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Nils Diaz, Chairman, NRC; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

SAFE PORT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing on H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act. Testimony was heard from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Bethann Rooney, Manager of Port Security, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT-ACQUIRED PERSONAL INFORMATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on Constitution held a joint oversight hearing entitled "Personal Information Acquired by the Government From Information Resellers: Is There Need for Improvement?" Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Maureen Cooney, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Rules: H. Con. Res. 376, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Nussle and Representatives Spratt, Cooper, Scott of Virginia, and Jackson-Lee of Texas; action deferred.

527 REFORM ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be consid-

ered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Ehlers and Representatives Shays, Pence, Dent and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

OVERSIGHT—RELIABILITY OF HIGHWAY TRUST FUND REVENUE ESTIMATES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Reliability of Highway Trust Fund Revenue Estimates. Testimony was heard from Robert Carroll, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Analysis, Department of the Treasury; Donald Marron, Acting Director, CBO; and Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 269)

H.R. 4911, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on April 1, 2006. (Public Law 109–212)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and Capitol Guide Service, 10:30 a.m., SD–18.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to hold hearings to examine the current and future role of