

the House. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of S. Con. Res. 83 and against the motion to strike and insert. Finally, the rule provides that if the motion is adopted and the Senate concurrent resolution, as amended, is adopted, then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to the Senate concurrent resolution and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

### PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES OF 2006

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5013, Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006; H.R. 5187, To amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007; and as amended, H.R. 5316, RESPOND Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved additional lease resolutions from the GSA FY 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program.

## Joint Meetings

### HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY PROGRAMS

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights relating to advancing the human dimension in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and its role in monitoring elections in OSCE countries, after receiving testimony from Kurt Volker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Christian Strohal, Director, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE, Austria; and Carl Gershman, National Endowment for Democracy, Jeff Fischer, International Foundation for Election Systems, Patrick Merloe, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and Lorne Craner, International Republican Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1881, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", S. 633, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and S. 2784, to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding; to be followed by a hearing to examine the report to Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, business meeting to markup S. 2802, to improve American innovation and competitiveness in the global economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement, and the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to continue hearings to examine Iran's political/nuclear ambitions and U.S. policy options, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine transition from crisis to peaceful democracy in Nepal, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, Office of Personnel Management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine unobligated balances, focusing on their treatment and how they affect agency budgeting and programming, including what happens to these accounts when they expire, and how Office of Management and Budget, the Treasury and the agencies treat them, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Sandra Segal Ikuta, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of

United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, and S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine caring for seniors during a national emergency, 10 a.m., SD–628.

### House

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, hearing on No Child Left Behind: How Innovative Educators Are Integrating Subject Matter To Improve Student Achievement, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to mark up H.R. 4591, Stockholm and Rotterdam Toxics Treaty Act of 2005, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled “Unlocking America’s Energy Resources: Next Generation,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 5126, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2006, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 5341, Seasoned Customer CTR Exemption Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Financial Services Needs of Military Personnel and Their Families,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, to consider the following bills: H.R. 5316, RESPOND Act of 2006; and H.R. 5388, District of Columbia Fair and Equal House Voting Rights Act of 2006, 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Management, Integration and Oversight, hearing entitled “Retention, Security Clearances, Morale, and Other Human Capital Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security,” 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on the Prospects for Peace in Darfur, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Nigeria’s Struggle with Corruption, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation, to mark up H.R. 5333, Shoulder-fired Missile Threat Reduction Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5005, Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act; H.R. 1384, Firearm Commerce Modernization Act; H.R. 1415, NICS Improvement Act; and H.R. 5318, Cyber-Security Enhancement and Consumer Data Protection Act of 2006; followed by a hearing on H.R. 817, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2005, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, hearing on H.R. 4997, Physicians for Underserved Areas Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Energy and Mineral Requirements for Renewable and Alternative Fuels Used for Transportation and Other Purposes, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on EPA Grants Management 2003–2006: Progress and Challenge, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy, executive, Briefing on Denial and Deception, 9 a.m., H–405 Capitol.