

case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007; REVISED SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: Legislative Branch; and the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs.

The Committee also approved Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007.

DOD HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Applying Lessons Learned From Hurricane Katrina: How the Department of Defense Is Preparing for the Upcoming Hurricane Season. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and MG Richard J. Rowe, USA, Director, Operations, U.S. Northern Command; MG C. Mark Bowen, USA (ret.), The Adjutant General, State of Alabama; and MG Douglas Burnett, USAF, The Adjutant General, State of Florida.

LINE-ITEM VETO

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Line-Item Veto, Perspectives on Applications and Effects. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS' RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2048, Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2005.

SEC INVESTOR PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Continued hearings entitled "Protecting Investors and Fostering Efficient Markets: A Review of the S.E.C. Agenda." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Office of Thrift Supervision." Tes-

timony was heard from John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR SMUGGLING PREVENTION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled "Enlisting Foreign Cooperation in U.S. Efforts to Prevent Nuclear Smuggling." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jayson Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; David Huizenga, Assistant Deputy Administrator, International Material Protection and Cooperation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Frank Record, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT—SMITHSONIAN BUSINESS VENTURES

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing on the Smithsonian Business Ventures." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Smithsonian Institution: Lawrence M. Small, Secretary; Alice C. Maroni, Chief Financial Officer; Gary M. Beer, Chief Executive Officer, Smithsonian Business Ventures; and John E. Huerta, General Counsel; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 860, To provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District, El Paso County, Texas; H.R. 5247, amended, Support for the Museum of the History of the Polish Jews Act of 2006; H.R. 5333, Shoulder-fired Missile Threat Reduction Act of 2006; H. Con. Res. 338, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the activities of Islamist terrorist organizations in the Western Hemisphere; H. Con. Res. 408, amended, Commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror; H. Con. Res. 409, Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand; H. Res. 608, amended, Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China; H. Res. 784, Commending and supporting Radio Al Mahaba, Iraq's first and only radio station for women; H. Res. 792, Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the independence of Guyana and extending best wishes to Guyana for peace and

further progress, development, and prosperity; H. Res. 794, amended, Recognizing the 17th anniversary of the massacre in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, in the People's Republic of China; H. Res. 799, Congratulating the people of Ukraine for conducting free, fair, and transparent parliamentary elections on March 26, 2006, and commending their commitment to democracy and reform; H. Res. 804, Condemning the unauthorized, inappropriate, and coerced ordination of Catholic bishops by the People's Republic of China; and H. Res. 828, Commending the people of Mongolia, on the 800th anniversary of Mongolian statehood, for building strong, democratic institutions, and expressing the support of the House of Representatives for efforts by the United States to continue to strengthen its partnership with that country.

WORLD HUNGER CRISIS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on the World Hunger Crisis. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Tony P. Hall, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Organization for Food and Agriculture; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by James T. Morris, Executive Director, United Nations World Food Program.

A.Q. KHAN NETWORK: CASE CLOSED?

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on the A.Q. Khan Network: Case Closed? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-CANADA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S.-Canada Relations. Testimony was heard from David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and Elizabeth A. Whitaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Mexico, Canada, and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by His Excellency Michael Wilson, Ambassador of Canada to the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5417, Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2006; H.R. 4777, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act; H.R. 4411, Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006; H.R. 4894, To provide for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes, with respect to individuals who work with children; H.R. 5318, Cyber-Security Enhancement and Consumer Data Protection Act of 2006; and H.R. 4127, Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4275, To amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; H.R. 5057, To authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor BG Francis Marion; and S. 1627, Delaware National Coastal Special Resources Study Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Carper; Representatives Kelly and Castle; Don Murphy, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Timothy A. Slavin, Director, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

REFINERY PERMIT PROCESS SCHEDULE ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 5254, Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barton and Representatives Dingell and Allen.

UNLOCKING CHARITABLE GIVING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled "Unlocking Charitable Giving." Testimony was heard from Representative Blunt; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—RECENT THEFT OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION REGARDING MILLIONS OF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on the recent theft of sensitive information belonging to as many as 26.5 million veterans and spouses from a VA employee's home. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: R. James Nicholson, Secretary; and George J. Opfer, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

CHARITIES' EMPLOYMENT TAX COMPLIANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Charities and Employment Taxes: Are Charities in the Combined Federal Campaign Meeting their Employment Tax Responsibilities? Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; Steven T. Miller, Commissioner, Tax-Exempt and Government Entities Divi-

sion, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and James S. Green, Associate General Counsel, Compensation, Benefits, Products and Services Group, OPM.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 26, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on Media's Role and Responsibilities on Leaks of Classified Information, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.