

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 5631, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9071–S9226

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3862–3878, and S. Res. 559–561. **Pages S9111–12**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 866, to make technical corrections to the United States Code.

H.R. 1442, to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, “Shipping”, as positive law. **Page S9110**

Measures Passed:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 239), Senate passed H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9075–98**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 235), Conrad Amendment No. 4907, to enhance intelligence community efforts to bring Osama bin Laden and other key leaders of al Qaeda to the justice they deserve. **Pages S9075–82**

Schumer Amendment No. 4897, to make available up to an additional \$700,000,000 for Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities to combat the growth of poppies in Afghanistan, to eliminate the production and trade of opium and heroin, and to prevent terrorists from using the proceeds for terrorist activities in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere, and to designate the additional amount as emergency spending. (Senate earlier failed to table the amendment by 45 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 237)).

Pages S9085, S9086, S9089

Boxer Modified Amendment No. 4913, to require a report on procedures and guidelines the event of further sectarian violence. **Pages S9090–91**

Kennedy/Hatch Amendment No. 4857, to provide that none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be available for the conversion to contractor performance of certain activities or functions of the Department of Defense in cases where the contractor receives a competitive advantage by offering inferior retirement benefits to workers who are going to be employed in the performance of such activities or functions than those offered by the Department to comparable civilian employees. **Pages S9089–90, S9091–92**

Stevens (for Graham) Amendment No. 4900, to make available up to \$2,000,000 for infrastructure for the Afghanistan military legal system. **Pages S9091–92**

Stevens (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4894, to make available from Other Procurement, Army, up to \$1,500,000 for a Convoy Training Simulator for the Montana Army National Guard. **Pages S9091–92**

Stevens (for Cochran) Amendment No. 4916, to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy, up to \$300,000 for independent testing of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Neutralizer III. **Pages S9091–92**

Stevens (for Lieberman/Dodd) Amendment No. 4901, to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, up to \$1,500,000 for the development of a field-deployable hydrogen fueling station. **Pages S9091–92**

Stevens (for Bayh) Modified Amendment No. 4903, to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, up to \$6,000,000 for research and development on bioterrorism threats to troops. **Pages S9091–92**

Stevens/Murkowski Amendment No. 4917, to provide the Secretary of the Army the ability to reimburse servicemembers and their families for financial hardships due to extended deployment overseas. **Pages S9091–92**

Stevens (for Reid/Obama) Amendment No. 4912, to increase by \$20,000,000 the amount made available by chapter 2 of title IX for Operation and

Maintenance, Defense-Wide for the purpose of assisting the African Union force in Sudan. **Pages S9091–92**

Stevens Amendment No. 4918, to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, up to \$1,000,000 for research and development on the heavy fuel diesel engine.

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Bingaman Amendment No. 4915, to appropriate funds for emergency wildfire suppression.

Pages S9092–93

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 238), Reed/Bayh Amendment No. 4911, to make available an additional \$65,400,000 for additional appropriations for Aircraft Procurement, Air Force, for the procurement of Predators for Special Operations forces, and to designate the amount as an emergency requirement.

Pages S9086–87, S9094

Rejected:

Menendez Amendment No. 4909, to prohibit the use of funds for a public relations program designed to monitor news media in the United States and the Middle East and create a database of news stories to promote positive coverage of the war in Iraq. (By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 236), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9083–85, S9085–86, S9087–89

Withdrawn:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 4906, to strike the section specifically authorizing intelligence and intelligence-related activities.

Pages S9075, S9091–92

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Hutchison, Burns, Inouye, Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Reid, Feinstein, and Mikulski.

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Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act: Senate passed S. 2590, to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Childhood Cancer Awareness: Senate agreed to S. Res. 560, supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research. **Page S9212**

Rural America Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 561, designating the month of September 2006, as “Rural America Month”. **Page S9212**

Comair Flight 5191: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 558, honoring the lives and memory of the victims of the crash of Comair Flight 5191, and extending the most sincere condolences of the citizens of the

United States to the families and friends of those individuals, and the resolution was then agreed to.

Pages S9212–13

U.S.-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Program Act: Senate passed S. 2200, to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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United States Ambassador for ASEAN Affairs Act: Senate passed S. 2697, to establish the position of the United States Ambassador for ASEAN Affairs, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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Naval Vessels Transfer Act: Senate passed S. 3722, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients. **Page S9215**

Stolen Valor Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1998, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections relating to the reputation and meaning of the Medal of Honor and other military decorations and awards, and the bill was then passed.

Pages S9215–16

Safe Port Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Frist Amendment No. 4919, in the nature of a substitute (which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment). **Page S9098**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2006. **Page S9216**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mary E. Peters, of Arizona, to be Secretary of Transportation.

Dean A. Pinkert, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2015.

Irving A. Williamson, of New York, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2014.

Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2012 (Recess Appointment).

Lauren M. Maddox, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education.

Daniel Meron, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services (Recess Appointment).

Paul DeCamp, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor (Recess Appointment).

Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S9216–26**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—239) **Page S9082, S9089, S9094, S9098**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:59 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 8, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9216.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine preparedness 1 year after Hurricane Katrina, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, George W. Foresman, Under Secretary for Preparedness, R. David Paulison, Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management, all of the Department of Home-

land Security; Ellis M. Stanley, Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Department, California; and Bruce Baughman, National Emergency Management Association, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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;

The nominations of Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Cesar Benito Cabrera, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Cindy Lou Courville, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank of Ambassador, Donald C. Johnson, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Mary Martin Ourisman, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Ronald Allen Tschetter, of Minnesota, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine Information Technology projects at risk, focusing on why \$12 billion in projects is being funded and what OMB is doing to ensure success, as well as GAO's recommendations in these areas, after receiving testimony from Karen Evans, Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1442, to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "Shipping", as positive law;

H.R. 866, to make technical corrections to the United States Code; and

The nomination of George E.B. Holding, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Department of Justice.

Also, Committee began consideration S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, agreeing to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and resumed consideration of S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, but did not take final action on either measure, and recessed subject to call.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine strategies for pre-screening international airline passengers before takeoff, to prevent terrorists from entering the U.S. and posing a threat to international air travel, focusing on the Visa Waiver Program, including how the Department of Homeland Security can strengthen its ability to assess and mitigate the program's risks, such as providing more resources to the program's monitoring unit and issuing standards for the reporting of lost and stolen passport data, after receiving testimony from Paul S. Rosenzweig, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, and Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Leon J. Laylagian, Passenger-Cargo Security Group, Washington, D.C.

TRAUMATIC INJURY INSURANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the traumatic injury insurance coverage for members of the Uniformed Services, focusing on the structure and implementation of the Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Thomas M. Lastowka, Director, VA Regional Office and Insurance Center, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sergeant John P. Keith, Jr., U.S. Army; and Jeremy Chwat, Wounded Warrior Project, Roanoke, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

GUARDIANSHIP SYSTEM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of America's ailing guardianship system relating to exploitation of seniors, focusing on what state courts do to ensure that guardians fulfill their responsibilities, what exemplary guardianship programs look like, and how state and Federal agencies work together to protect incapacitated elderly people, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Mel Grossman, Administrative Judge, Florida 17th Circuit Court, Ft. Lauderdale; Carol J. Scott, Missouri State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Jefferson City; Terry W. Hammond, National Guardianship Association, El Paso, Texas; and Ira Salzman, Goldfarb, Abrandt, Salzman, and Kutzin LLP, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 6039–6048; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94, and H. Res. 985–992, were introduced.

Pages H6363–64

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. William A. Watson, Jr., Pastor, St. John's Baptist Church, Westbury, New York.

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John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 5122, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for

military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages H6311–16**

The House agreed to the Edwards motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 434, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H6311–16, H6337–38**

Agreed to close portions of the conference when classified national security information may be broached by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 435. **Page H6338**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Hunter, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Hefley, Saxton, McHugh, Everett, Bartlett of Maryland, Thornberry, Hostettler, Jones of North Carolina, Ryun of Kansas, Gibbons, Hayes, Calvert, Simmons, Mrs. Drake, Messrs. Davis of Kentucky, Skelton, Spratt, Ortiz, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Meehan, Reyes, Snyder, Smith of Washington, Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California, Mrs. Tauscher, Messrs. Brady of Pennsylvania, and Andrews; **Page H3641**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Messrs. Hoekstra, LaHood, and Ms. Harman; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 571 and 572 of the House bill, and secs. 571, 572, 1081, and 1104 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. McKeon, Kline, and George Miller of California; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 314, 601, 602, 710, 3115, 3117, and 3201 of the House bill, and secs. 332–335, 352, 601, 722, 2842, 3115, and 3201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Barton of Texas, Gillmor, and Dingell; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 343, 721, 811, 823, 824, 1103, 1104, and 3115 of the House bill, and secs. 371, 619, 806, 823, 922, 1007, 1043, 1054, 1088, 1089, 1101, and 3115 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Tom Davis of Virginia, Shays, and Waxman; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of section 1026 of the House bill, and section 1044 of the Senate amendment, and modi-

fications committed to conference: Messrs. King of New York, Reichert, and Thompson of Mississippi; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of secs. 1021–1023, 1201–1204, 1206, Title XIII, secs. 3113 and 3114 of the House bill, and secs. 1014, 1021–1023, 1054, 1092, 1201–1208, 1210, 1214, Title XIII, secs. 3112 and 3113 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Hyde, Leach, and Lantos; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of section 1021 of the House bill, and secs. 666, 1044, 1086, 1089, 1091, and 1094 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Sensenbrenner, Coble, and Conyers; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 601, 602, and 1036 of the House bill, and section 601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Pombo, Walden of Oregon, and Grijalva; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of secs. 312 and 911 of the House bill, and secs. 333, 874, and 1082 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Boehlert, Sodrel, and Gordon; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 874 and 1093 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Manzullo, Mrs. Kelly, and Ms. Velázquez; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 312, 551, 601, 602, and 2845 of the House bill, and secs. 333, 584, 601, 1042, 1095, 2842, 2851–2853, and 2855 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Young of Alaska, LoBiondo, and Oberstar; and **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 666, 682, 683, 687, 721, and 923 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Buyer, Boozman, and Ms. Herseth. **Page H3641**

Amending the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption: The House passed H.R. 503, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, by a recorded vote of 263 yeas to 146 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 433. **Pages H6316–37**

Rejected:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–642) which sought to provide that the Secretary of Agriculture must certify that sufficient horse sanctuaries exist to care for unwanted horses before the law will take effect (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 229 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 431); and

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King of Iowa amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–642) which sought to provide that equines may be shipped, transported, moved, delivered, received, possessed, purchased, sold, or donated for slaughter for human consumption by Native Americans or people from other cultures that eat equine meat (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 256 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 432).

Pages H6332–35, H6335–36

H. Res. 981, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 40 nays, Roll No. 430, after ordering the previous question.

Pages H6307–11

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 8th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 13th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6316.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6311, H6335, H6335–36, H6336–37, H6337–38, and H6338. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE CONTRACTING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Contracting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Sue C. Payton, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition; and Delores M. Etter, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; and LTG Joseph L. Yakovac, Jr., USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition,

Logistics and Technology; and David Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS AND TRIBUNALS STANDARDS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals. Testimony was heard from Steven Bradbury, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Scott C. Black, USA, Judge Advocate General, Army; RADM Bruce E. MacDonald, USN, Judge Advocate General, Navy; MG Charles J. Dunlap, Jr., USAF, Deputy Judge Advocate General, Air Force; BG James C. Walker, USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; COL Ronald M. Reed, USAF, Legal Counsel to the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BP'S PIPELINE SPILLS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on BP's Pipeline Spills at Prudhoe Bay: What Went Wrong? Testimony was heard from VADM Thomas J. Barrett, USCG (Ret.), Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Kurt Fredriksson, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at this hearing, Richard C. Woollam, Corrosion Engineer, BP America, Inc., invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM REVIEW

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Federal Home Loan Bank System.” Testimony was heard from Ronald A. Rosenfeld, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board.

DHS'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate: Is It Structured for Success?” Testimony was heard from Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

STATE AND LOCAL FUSION CENTERS—ROLE OF DHS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “State and Local

Fusion Centers and the Role of DHS.” Testimony was heard from Charles E. Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, Department of Homeland Security; COL Kenneth Bouche, Deputy Director, Information and Technology Command, State Police, Illinois; Amy Whitmore, Analyst Supervisor, Fusion Center, State Police, Virginia; and Richard L. Canas, Director, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, State of New Jersey.

9/11: FIVE YEARS LATER—GAUGING ISLAMIST TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held an oversight hearing on 9/11: Five Years Later—Gauging Islamist Terrorism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2679, Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005; and H.R. 5092, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act of 2006.

The Committee began mark up of H.R. 5005, Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3532, Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Act; H.R. 5452, Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act; H.R. 5485, Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study Act; and H.R. 5978, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of a Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Camp of Michigan, Reynolds, Baird, Wu and Blunt; John Wessels, Acting Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5566, To facilitate the transfer of Spearfish Hydroelectric Plant Number 1 to the city of Spearfish, South Dakota; and H.R. 6014, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to improve California’s Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta and water supply; and an oversight hearing on a proposal to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities. Testimony was heard from William Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Les Harder, Chief, Division of Flood Management, Department of Water Resources, State of California; Jerry Krambeck, Mayor, Spearfish, South Dakota; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FREIGHT LOGISTICS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Freight Logistics: The Road Ahead as Seen by the Users of the Highway System. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOT SPOTS

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

CIA SENSITIVE PROGRAMS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Sensitive Programs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, September 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, September 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: To be announced.

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