

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7117–S7202

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2555–2560, and S. Res. 387–388. **Page S7174**

Measures Reported: S. 2559, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. **Page S7174**

Measures Passed:

TANF AND Related Programs Continuation Act: Senate passed H.R. 4589, to authorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7200–01**

Hong Kong: Senate passed S.J. Res. 33, expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7201–02**

Frist (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3473, to express support for democratic activity in Hong Kong. **Pages S7201–02**

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7120–62**

Adopted:

Burns/Ensign Modified Amendment No. 3457 (to Amendment No. 3235), to provide for consideration of additional factors in indecency penalties issued by the Federal Communications Commission. **Pages S7120, S7127–29**

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 134), Brownback Amendment No. 3464 (to Amendment No. 3235), to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language. **Page S7129**

Reid (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3465 (to Amendment No. 3235), to increase FCC's authority to fine for indecent broadcasts and prevent further relaxation of the media ownership rules in order to stem the rise of indecent programming. **Pages S7129–30**

Reid (for Hollings) Amendment No. 3466 (to Amendment No. 3235), to protect children from violent programming. **Page S7130**

Brownback Amendment No. 3235, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language. **Page S7130**

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 135), Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3461 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3197), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7131–34**

Levin (for Daschle) Modified Amendment No. 3329, to increase amounts provided under the Defense Health Program and RDT&E for the Army for research and development relating to leishmaniasis, the skin ailment resulting from parasitic sand flies in Iraq, and to provide an offset. **Page S7152**

Warner Modified Amendment No. 3433, to authorize, and authorize the appropriations of, \$5,500,000 for military construction at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, and to provide an offset. **Pages S7152–53**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)) Modified Amendment No. 3234, to make available, from amounts for operation and maintenance for the Army, \$10,000,000 for the Family Readiness Program of the National Guard, and to provide an offset. **Page S7153**

Warner Amendment No. 3430, to improve authorities under the alternative authority for acquisition and improvement of military housing. **Page S7156**

Warner (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 3293, to require a GAO analysis of the potential for using transitional benefit corporations in connection with competitive sourcing of the performance of activities and functions of the Department of Defense. **Page S7156**

Levin (for Dayton) Modified Amendment No. 3333, to require a periodic detailed accounting of costs and expenditures for Operation Iraqi Freedom,

Operation Enduring Freedom, and all other operations relating to the Global War on Terrorism.

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Warner Amendment No. 3471, to increase the amount for RDT&E, Defense-Wide, to provide for joint threat warning system maritime variants, and to provide an offset.

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Levin (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 3289, to provide an additional amount for the Department of Defense One Source counseling and referral hotline, and to provide an offset.

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Warner (for Lott/Cochran) Modified Amendment No. 3179, to set aside \$3,000,000 of the RDT&E, Navy, funds for development and testing of the advanced Ferrite Antenna.

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Levin (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 3351, to increase by \$5,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated for research, development, test, and evaluation, Navy, and to allocate the amount of the increase for Program Element PE 0604503N for a prototype littoral array system for operating submarines, and to provide an offset.

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Warner (for Santorum) Modified Amendment No. 3239, to increase by \$5,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2005 for the Army for procurement for weapons and tracked combat vehicles for the purpose of procuring M109-based command-and-control vehicles or field artillery ammunition support vehicles.

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Levin (for Pryor) Modified Amendment No. 3264, to recognize the sacrifices of the members of the Armed Forces who are injured in combat.

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Levin (for Bayh) Modified Amendment No. 3157, to authorize an additional \$2,000,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide activities, for Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, and \$3,000,000 for research, and to provide an offset for the amounts.

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Warner Amendment No. 3429, to provide exceptions to the bilateral agreement requirement for transfers of defense items to the United Kingdom and Australia.

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Levin (for Daschle/Frist) Modified Amendment No. 3327, to require a report on establishing national centers of excellence for unmanned aerial and ground vehicles.

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Warner Modified Amendment No. 3431, to provide authority to transfer naval vessels to certain foreign countries.

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Levin Modified Amendment No. 3337, to require a report on the post-major combat operations phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3367, to amend title 10, United States Code, to exempt abor-

tions of pregnancies in cases of rape and incest from a limitation on use of Department of Defense funds.

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Warner (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 3198, to increase the amount of assistance authorized to be provided by the Secretary of Defense to Iraq and Afghanistan military or security forces during fiscal year 2005.

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Levin (for Graham (FL)) Modified Amendment No. 3365, to authorize a pilot program on cryptologic service training.

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Levin (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 3399, to require the Comptroller General to conduct a study of transition assistance provided for members of the Armed Forces being discharged or released from active duty; to require a related study; and to add to the content of pre-separation counseling for the members.

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Warner (for Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 3325, to extend to current Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act contracts for the operation of military dining facilities a limitation on the applicability of the Randolph-Sheppard Act to the operation of such facilities.

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Levin (for Clinton) Modified Amendment No. 3204, to require a Comptroller General report on closure of Department of Defense dependent elementary and secondary schools and commissary stores.

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Warner (for McCain) Modified Amendment No. 3441, to impose limitations and requirements for the acquisition of aerial refueling aircraft for the Air Force.

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Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3319, to repeal certain requirements and limitations relating to the defense industrial base.

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Levin Amendment No. 3339, to modify the priority afforded applications for national defense tank vessel construction assistance.

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Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 133), Levin Amendment No. 3338, to reallocate funds for Ground-based Midcourse interceptors to homeland defense and combatting terrorism.

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Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 3469 (to Amendment No. 3387), to direct the Attorney General to submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate all documents in the possession of the Department of Justice relating to the treatment and interrogation of individuals held in the custody of the United States.

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Pending:

Bond Modified Amendment No. 3384, to include certain former nuclear weapons program workers in

the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program and to provide for the disposal of certain excess Department of Defense stocks for funds for that purpose. **Page S7120**

Reed Amendment No. 3353, to limit the obligation and expenditure of funds for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense program pending the submission of a report on operational test and evaluation. **Page S7120**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3459, to require reports on the detainment of foreign nationals by the Department of Defense and on Department of Defense investigations of allegations of violations of the Geneva Convention. **Page S7120**

Warner Amendment No. 3460 (to Amendment No. 3459), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7120**

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 3288, to rename and modify the authorities relating to the Inspector General of the Coalition Provisional Authority. **Page S7120**

Landrieu/Snowe Amendment No. 3315, to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, and to provide for a one-year open season under that plan. **Page S7120**

Reid (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3409, to assure that funding is provided for veterans' health care each fiscal year to cover increases in population and inflation. **Pages S7128–29**

Ensign Amendment No. 3467 (to Amendment No. 3315), to provide a fiscally responsible open enrollment authority. **Page S7134**

Daschle Amendment No. 3468 (to Amendment No. 3409), to assure that funding is provided for veterans' health care each fiscal year to cover increases in population and inflation. **Pages S7134–37**

Reid (for Akaka) Amendment No. 3414, to provide for fellowships for students to enter Federal service. **Page S7137**

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3387, relative to the treatment of foreign prisoners. **Pages S7137–38**

Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 3220, to repeal the authority of the Secretary of Defense to recommend that installations be placed in inactive status as part of the recommendations of the Secretary during the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

Warner (for Bennett/Hatch) Amendment No. 3373, to provide for the protection of the Utah Test and Training Range.

Warner (for Bennett) Amendment No. 3403, to prohibit a full-scale underground nuclear test of the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator weapon without a specific authorization of Congress.

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 3280, to reauthorize energy saving performance contracts.

Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3442, to impose requirements for the leasing of aerial refueling aircraft for the Air Force.

Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3443, to impose requirements for the aerial refueling aircraft program of the Air Force.

Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3444, to restrict leasing of aerial refueling aircraft by the Air Force.

Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3445, to prohibit the leasing of Boeing 767 aircraft by the Air Force.

Levin (for Biden/Lugar) Amendment No. 3378, to provide certain authorities, requirements, and limitations on foreign assistance and arms exports. **Page S7152**

Levin (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3423, to modify the number of military personnel and civilians who may be assigned or retained in connection with Plan Colombia. **Page S7152**

Levin (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3286, to restrict acceptance of compensation for contractor employment of certain executive branch policymakers after termination of service in the positions to which appointed. **Page S7152**

Levin (for Corzine) Amendment No. 3303, to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 to 55. **Page S7152**

Levin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3328, to require the Secretary of the Air Force to maintain 3 additional B–1 bomber aircraft, in addition to the current fleet of 67 B–1 bomber aircraft, as an attrition reserve for the B–1 bomber aircraft fleet. **Page S7152**

Levin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3330, to authorize the provision to Indian tribes of excess nonlethal supplies of the Department of Defense. **Page S7152**

Levin (for Dayton) Amendment No. 3203, to require a periodic detailed accounting of costs and expenditures for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and all other operations relating to the Global War on Terrorism. **Page S7152**

Levin (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3311, relating to the imposition by the Department of Defense of offsets against certain contractors. **Page S7152**

Levin (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3310, to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to the Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas. **Page S7152**

Levin (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3400, to enable military family members to take leave to attend to deployment-related business and tasks.

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Levin (for Graham (FL)) Amendment No. 3300, to amend the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998.

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Levin (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3388, to obtain a full accounting of the programs and activities of the Iraqi National Congress.

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Levin Amendment No. 3336, to authorize the demolition of facilities and improvements on certain military installations approved for closure under the defense base closure and realignment process.

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Levin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3201, to assist school districts serving large numbers or percentages of military dependent children affected by the war in Iraq or Afghanistan, or by other Department of Defense personnel decisions.

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Levin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3377, to require reports on the efforts of the President to stabilize Iraq and relieve the burden on members of the Armed Forces of the United States deployed in Iraq and the Persian Gulf region.

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Levin (for Reed/Kohl) Amendment No. 3355, to ensure the soundness of defense supply chains through the support of Manufacturing Extension Partnership centers that improve the productivity and competitiveness of small manufacturers; and to clarify the fiscal year 2004 funding level for a National Institute of Standards and Technology account.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 22, 2004.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the following amendments at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 23, 2004: Corzine Amendment No. 3303 for 30 minutes; Byrd Amendment No. 3423 for 20 minutes; McConnell Amendment relative to the Iraq report and Kennedy Amendment No. 3377 for a total of 30 minutes; and Reed Amendment No. 3353 for 20 minutes; following which, Senate will proceed to a series of consecutive votes in relation to these amendments, with no second-degree amendments in order prior to the votes.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Under Senate precedent, Dayton/Feingold Modified Amendment No. 3197, to strike section 842, relative to a conforming standard for waiver of do-

mestic source or content requirement, was rendered moot, when Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3461 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3197) listed above, was agreed to.

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Sessions Amendment No. 3371, to provide for increased support of survivors of deceased members of the uniformed services, previously agreed to on June 17, 2004, was modified

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Bunning (for McConnell/Bunning) Modified Amendment No. 3438, to strike the funding offset for the coverage under the Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program of atomic weapons employees employed as facilities during period of residual contamination, previously agreed to on June 16, 2004, was further modified.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the President's report to Congress concerning the Secretary of Commerce's certification under section 8 of the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (the "Pelly Amendment") (22 U.S.C. 1978) that Iceland has conducted whaling activities that diminish the effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) conservation program; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–88)

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Messages From the House: **Page S7169**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S7200**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—135) **Pages S7128, S7129, S7134**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:47 a.m., and recessed at 9:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 23, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7202.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DC STRUCTURAL IMBALANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the structural imbalance of the District of Columbia, focusing on the gap between the ability of the government of the District of Columbia to raise revenue at reasonable tax rates and its ability to provide services of reasonable quality to its residents, after receiving testimony from Representative Tom Davis; District of Columbia Delegate Norton; former Senator Fred Thompson, on behalf of the Federal City Council, Patricia Dalton, Associate Director, General Accounting Office; Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Alice Rivlin, Brookings Institution, Ted Trabue, Greater Washington Board of Trade, and Stephen Trachtenberg, D.C. Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 2559), making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory reform proposals, after receiving testimony from Senators Landrieu and Lincoln; Donald L. Kohn, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; John M. Reich, Vice Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; JoAnn Johnson, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Julie L. Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, John E. Bowman, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; John S. Allison, Mississippi Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance, Jackson, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Roger W. Little, Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services, Lansing, on behalf of the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors; Mark E. Macomber, Litchfield Bancorp,

Litchfield, Connecticut, on behalf of America's Community Bankers; Edward Pinto, Lenders Residential Asset Company, LLC, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Dale L. Leighty, First National Bank of Las Animas, Las Animas, Colorado, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Bradley E. Rock, Bank of Smithtown, Smithtown, New York, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Eugene F. Maloney, Federated Investors, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Marilyn F. James, NEPCO Federal Credit Union, Pueblo, Colorado, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Margot Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, and Ed Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, both of Washington, D.C., both on behalf of sundry organizations; William Cheney, Xerox Federal Credit Union, El Segundo, California, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; and William A. Longbrake, Washington Mutual Incorporated, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the Financial Services Roundtable.

AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine aviation security, focusing on Border and Transportation Security Directorate efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of passenger aviation security operations, after receiving testimony from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security; Thomas J. Kinton, Jr., Massachusetts Port Authority, Boston; and James May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., and Patricia Friend, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, both of Washington, D.C.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's High Performance Computing research and development activities in both the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Science, and S. 2176, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing through the Office of Science, after receiving testimony from James F. Decker, Principal Deputy Director, Office of Science, Jeffrey Wadsworth, Director, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Dimitri Kusnezov, Director, Office of Advanced Simulation and Computing, National Nuclear Security Administration, all of the Department of Energy; David Turek, IBM Corporation, Poughkeepsie, New York; Daniel A. Reed, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Renaissance Computing Institute; and Vincent Scarafino, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

CHARITY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the governance and accountability of tax-exempt organizations, focusing on best practices of charities, charities accommodating tax shelters, and current problems and issues in the charitable community, after receiving testimony from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; New York Assistant Attorney General-in-Charge William Josephson, New York; Mark Pacella, National Association of State Charity Officials, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Jay D. Adkisson, Quatloos.com and Select Portfolio Management, Inc., Aliso Viejo, California; J. J. MacNab, Insurance Barometer, LLC, Bethesda, Maryland; Diana Aviv, Independent Sector, and Rick Cohen, National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, both of Washington, D.C.; Derek Bok, Harvard University Hauser Center on Non-profits and Philanthropy, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Willard L. Boyd, University of Iowa, Iowa City, on behalf of the Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center, and the Iowa Governor's Task Force on the Role of Nonprofit Organizations in Iowa; H. Art Taylor, BBB Wise Giving Alliance, Arlington, Virginia; Rock Ringling, Montana Land Reliance, Helena; and certain confidential witnesses.

PEACE CORPS SAFETY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the safety and security framework that has been designed to protect Peace Corps volunteers around the world, focusing on trends in crime against volunteers and the Peace Corps' system for generating information, the agency's field implementation of its safety and security framework, and the underlying factors contributing to the quality of these practices, after receiving testimony from Gaddi H. Vasquez, Director, and Cynthia Threlkeld, Guatemala Country Director, both of The Peace Corps; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting Office; and Kevin Quigley, National Peace Corps Association, and Gladys M. Maloy, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol to Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, concluded at Cape Town, South Africa, on November 16, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 108-10); and

The nominations of John Marshall Evans, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Re-

public of Armenia, Tom C. Korologos, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Belgium, Charles P. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Greece, James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be a U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations, and to be U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Deputy Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, John C. Danforth, of Missouri, to be a U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations, Joseph D. Stafford III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Lewis W. Lucke, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Ann M. Corkery, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Benjamin A. Gilman, of New York, to be a U.S. Representative to the Fifty-Eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Walid Maalouf, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, John D. Rood, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Thomas Fingar, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, Suzanne Hale, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Micronesia, Ralph Leo Boyce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Thailand, James R. Kunder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator of the USAID for Asia and the Near East, Edward Brehm, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the African Development Foundation Board of Directors, Adam M. Lindemann, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting, a Foreign Service Officer Promotion List, Charles Graves Untermeyer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Qatar, William T. Monroe, of

Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Douglas L. McElhane, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Aldona Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to preserving traditional marriage, focusing on States' perspective, after receiving testimony from Representative Musgrave; former Representative Barr; and Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, Boston.

FIGHTING TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the use of subpoena authority and pretrial detention of terrorists in fighting terrorism, focusing on providing law enforcement with important new counter-terrorism tools that could make a critical difference in certain cases, after receiving testimony from Rachel Brand, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, and Michael A. Battle, United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, Buffalo, and James K. Robinson, former Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, all of the Department of Justice.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 50, relating to funding of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care; S. 1014, requiring VA to place certain low-income veterans in a higher health care priority category; S. 1153, the "Veterans Prescription Drugs Assistance Act;" S. 1509, the "Eric and Brian Simon Act of 2003;" S. 1745, the "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National Memorial Act;" S. 2063, proposed demonstration project on priorities in the scheduling of appointments for veterans health care; S. 2099, relating to educational assistance benefits for certain members of the Selected Reserve; S. 2133, to name the Bronx VA Medical Center the James T. Peters VA Medical Center; S. 2296, relating to the conveyance, lease or disposal of the Louisville VA Medical

Center; S. 2327, the proposed coordination of VA per diem and Medicaid payments for care of veterans in State homes; S. 2417, care for newborn children of veterans receiving maternity care; S. 2483, the "Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004;" S. 2484, the "Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Enhancement Act of 2003;" S. 2485, the "Department of Veterans Affairs Real Property and Facilities Management Improvement Act of 2004;" S. 2486, the Veterans Benefits Improvements Act of 2004;" S. 2522, to increase the maximum amount of VA home loan guaranty benefits; S. 2524, relating to Blast Injury Research and Clinical Care Centers (BIRECCs); and S. 2534, relating to various education and home loan benefits, after receiving testimony from Senators Conrad and Corzine; Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Donald L. Mooney, American Legion, Paul A. Hayden, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Adrian M. Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

LONG-TERM CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine long-term care services as provided for under the Medicaid programs, focusing on related provisions of S. 2077, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit additional States to enter into long-term care partnerships under the Medicaid Program in order to promote the use of long-term care insurance, after receiving testimony from Michael O'Grady, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning and Evaluation; Raymond Scheppach, National Governors Association, Washington, D.C.; Mark R. Meiners, University of Maryland Center on Aging, College Park; Melanie M. Bella, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Indianapolis; Kevin P. Corcoran, National Association of Health Underwriters, Arlington, Virginia; Steven Chies, Benedictine Health Systems, Cambridge, Minnesota, on behalf of the American Health Care Association; and Robert Bishop, Carmel, Indiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4633–4650; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 460–461, and H. Res. 685, 687–688 were introduced. **Pages H4764–65**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4766**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 218, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns, amended (H. Rept. 108–560); and

H. Res. 686, providing for consideration of H.R. 4548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108–561). **Page H4764**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Burns to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4649**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H4649**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congratulating the Kenyon College Ladies swimming and diving team: H. Res. 634, congratulating the Kenyon College Ladies swimming and diving team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division III Women's Swimming and Diving National Championship; **Pages H4650–52**

Congratulating the Kenyon College Lords swimming and diving team: H. Res. 635, congratulating the Kenyon College Lords swimming and diving team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division III Men's Swimming and Diving National Championship; **Pages H4652–53**

Commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers: H. Res. 630, commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2003–04 NCAA Division I National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship; **Pages H4653–54, H4688–84**

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Ray Charles: H. Con. Res. 449, honoring the life and accomplishments of Ray Charles, recognizing his contributions to the Nation, and extending condolences

to his family on his death, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 281; **Page H4654–57, H4683–84**

Recognizing the importance of blues music: H. Con. Res. 13, amended, recognizing the importance of blues music, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 280; **Pages H4657–59, H4684–85**

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding safe driving: H. Con. Res. 56, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual; **Pages H4659–60**

Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 2017, to designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H4660–61**

Cape Town Treaty Implementation Act of 2004: H.R. 4226, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to make certain conforming changes to provisions governing the registration of aircraft and the recordation of instruments in order to implement the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, known as the "Cape Town Treaty"; **Pages H4661–63**

Working Families Assistance Act of 2004: H.R. 4372, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the carryforward of \$500 of unused benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements for dependent care assistance; **Pages H4663–65**

Reauthorizing the TANF block grant program: H.R. 4589, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2004; and **Pages H4665–69**

Recognizing National Homeownership Month: H. Res. 658, recognizing National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 285. **Pages H4669–74, H4728**

Budget Resolution for FY 2005—Revision: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at

any time to consider H. Res. 685, revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005 as it applies to the House of Representatives; that the resolution be considered as read for amendment; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except 90 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their designees. **Page H4685**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2005: The House passed H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 284.

Pages H4674–82, H4685–H4728

Agreed to:

Amendment printed in H. Rept. 108–559; and

Lewis en bloc amendment that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees that addresses how the Department is improving the dud rate of cluster munitions to meet existing DoD policies; requires that the Secretary notify the Committees on International Relations, and Foreign Relations, as well as the defense committees before assistance is provided to the Iraqi and Afghanistani military or security forces; requires that the Secretary provide to Congress a list of all contracts entered into by the DoD for the provision of security, translation, and interrogation services in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Guantanamo Bay and the amount of each contract; prohibits the use of funds for any contract in contravention of the Small Business Act; and makes technical corrections to the bill. **Pages H4718–19**

Rejected:

Inslee amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to waive or modify regulations promulgated under sections of title 5 of U.S. Code (by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 218 noes, Roll No. 283).

Pages H4722–27

Withdrawn:

Woolsey amendment (no. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 21) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Former Soviet Union Threat Reduction Account; **Pages H4703–04**

Blumenauer amendment (no. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 21) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for research, development, test, and evaluation; **Pages H4706–07**

Jackson-Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Defense Health Program; and **Pages H4707–08**

Jackson-Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for embassy security, construction, and maintenance for interim facilities for the U.S. Mission in Iraq.

Pages H4708–09

H. Res. 683, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 280, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 279. **Pages H4682–83**

Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Mark Kirk of Wilmette, Illinois, Mr. John C. Peters of DeKalb, Illinois, and Mr. S. Kerry Cooper of College Station, Texas to the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program. **Page H4728**

Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Representative Slaughter, Dr. Mary M. Dwyer of Lake Forest, Illinois, and Ms. Mora McLean of New York to the Commission.

Pages H4728–29

Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he reported that whaling activities conducted by Iceland diminish the effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission conservation program—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–195). **Page H4729**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4649.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4766.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4682–83, H4683, H4683–84, H4684–85, H4726–27, H4727–28 and H4728. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Air Force Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Air Force: GEN John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff; and Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, (Installations, Environment and Logistics).

PROGRESS IN IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Progress in Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary; and GEN Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing entitled “H.R. 4283, the College Access and Opportunity Act: Does Accreditation Provide Students and Parents Accountability and Quality?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NIH ETHICS CONCERNS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “NIH Ethics Concerns: Consulting Arrangements and Outside Awards.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Alex Michael Azar, II, General Counsel; Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Director NIH; Anna D. Barker, Deputy Director, Advanced Technologies and Strategic Partnerships; Maureen O. Wilson, Assistant Director; and J. Carl Barrett, Director, Center for Cancer Research, all with the National Cancer Institute; and public witnesses.

“THE NEW BASEL ACCORD: PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES”

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “The New Basel Accord: Private Sector Perspectives.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LNG IMPORT TERMINAL AND DEEP WATER PORT SITING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “LNG Import Terminal and Deepwater Port Siting: Federal and State Roles.” Testimony was heard from Representative Markey; the following officials of the Department of Energy: David Garman, Acting Under Secretary; and Patrick H. Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; RADM Thomas Gilmour, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Jay Blossman, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of Louisiana; Kenneth D. Schisler, Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of Maryland; Joseph Desmond, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Resources Agency, State of California; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations continued hearings on “Nuclear Security: Can DOE Meet Facility Security Requirements? (Part II).” Testimony was heard from Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Energy: David Garman, Under Secretary, Office of Energy, Science and Environment; and Glenn S. Podonsky, Director, Office of Security and Safety Performance Assurance.

CHILD ABDUCTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on A Parents Worst Nightmare: The Heartbreak of International Child Abductions. Testimony was heard from Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Daniel J. Bryant, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTH ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward South Asia. Testimony was heard from Christina B. Rocca, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asian Affairs, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT—LIMITING LAWSUIT ABUSE

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing entitled “Safeguarding Americans from a Legal Culture of Fear: Approaches to Limiting Lawsuit Abuse.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER TREATMENT AND CRIME REDUCTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on S. 1194, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Cheri Nolan, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 6 to 3, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4548, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. 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 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now

printed in the bill, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that amendments shall be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goss and Representatives Simmons, Harman, Boswell, Peterson of Minnesota, Cramer, Eshoo, Holt, and Ackerman.

OVERSIGHT—PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Public Transportation Security. Testimony was heard from Robert Jamison, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Chet Lunner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Maritime and Land Security, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Richard A. White, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority; and public witnesses.

TAX EXEMPTION: PRICING PRACTICES OF HOSPITALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Exemption: Pricing Practices of Hospitals. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation permitting

the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to register Canadian pesticides, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competition, Foreign Commerce, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine peer-to-peer networks, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, including permit renewals, recent and proposed changes to grazing regulations, and the Wild Horse and Burro program, as it relates to grazing, and the Administration's proposal for sagegrouse habitat conservation, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 2495, to strike limitations on funding and extend the period of authorization for certain coastal wetland conservation projects; S. 2350, to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship System; H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges; S. 1134, to reauthorize and improve the programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965; H.R. 1572, to designate the United States courthouse located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Winston E. Arnow United States Courthouse"; S. 2385, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse"; S. 2398, to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the James V. Hansen Federal Building, proposed Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act, proposed legislation to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and the proposed Water Infrastructure Financing Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to review and make recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, R. Barrie Walkley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, Cynthia G. Eford, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Jackson McDonald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, and Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing to examine the situation in Iraq with regard to the June 30, 2004 transition, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 11:30 a.m., SD-342.

Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine weapons of mass destruction smuggling networks and U.S. programs and initiatives, such as the Proliferation Security Initiative, to counter these proliferation threats, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 37, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States, and S. 1996, to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program; to be followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian tribal detention facilities, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the law of biologic medicine, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research, hearing to review Agricultural Biotechnology, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies; Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies; and Legislative, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the U.S. global defense footprint, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "No Child Left Behind: Raising Student Achievement in America's Big City Schools," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Travel, Tourism, and Homeland Security: Improving Both without Sacrificing Either," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Protecting Homeland Security: A Status Report on Interoperability Between Public Safety Communications Systems," 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, joint hearing entitled "Promoting Homeownership by Ensuring Liquidity in the Subprime Mortgage Market," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider a Consulting Contract; followed by a hearing entitled "Common Sense Justice for the Nation's Capital: An Examination of Proposals to Give D.C. Residents Direct Representation," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Geospatial Information: Are we Headed in the

Right Direction or Are We Lost?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Stolen Passports: A Terrorist's First Class Ticket, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Recent Developments in Hong Kong, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3247, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act of 2003; H.R. 338, Defense of Privacy Act; H.R. 3632, Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003; and H.R. 2934, Terrorist Penalties Enhancement Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to continue oversight hearings on "Families and Business Limbo: the Detrimental Impact of the Immigration Backlog," 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on S. 1721, American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Developing Biomass Potential: Turning Hazardous Fuels into Valuable Products, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 4300, Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 4389, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California; H.R. 4459, Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative; and H.R. 4606, Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing entitled: "Protecting the Rights of Those Who Protect Us: Public Sector Compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and Improvements to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA);" and to examine an expanded enforcement role for the Office of Special Counsel and public sector compliance with USERRA, and the following measures: H.R. 3779, Safeguarding Schoolchildren of Deployed Soldiers Act of 2004; H.R. 4477, Patriotic Employer Act of 2004; the USERRA Health Care Coverage Extension Act of 2004; and the Servicemembers Legal Protection Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following: the United States-Australia Free Trade Implementation Act; H.R. 1914, Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003; H.R. 2768, John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, 2 p.m., 2167, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 2400, National Defense Authorization Act, with votes on certain amendments to occur at approximately 11:15 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 4053—United States International Leadership Act of 2004;

(2) H. Res. 676—Recognizing and honoring the 40th anniversary of congressional passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

(3) H.R. 1731—Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act;

(4) H.R. 218—Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2003;

(5) H.R. 4345—To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

(6) H. Res.—Regarding Israel's Security and the Principles of Middle East Peace.

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