

*Committee on Finance*: business meeting to consider proposed Highway Reauthorization and Excise Tax Simplification Act of 2005, and S. 661, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the modernization of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine the Near East and South Asian experience relating to combating terrorism through education, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be U.S. Representative to United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: to hold hearings to examine S. 334, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine SBC/ATT and Verizon/MCI mergers, focusing on remaking the telecommunication industry, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: business meeting to consider the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; to be followed by a hearing on "Back from the Battlefield, Part II: Seamless Transition to Civilian Life," 10:15 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold hearings to examine the USA Patriot Act, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the IRS, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, hearing on College Access: Is Government Part of the Solution, or Part of the Problem? 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, hearing on the State of the International Financial System, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Federal Health Programs and Those Who Cannot Care for Themselves: What Are Their Rights, and Our Responsibilities?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Halfway to the 2010 Census: The Countdown and Components to a Successful Decennial Census," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs): Can They Improve the Thrift Savings Plan?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, to mark up the following: H.R. 1544, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005; and a measure to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for homeland security technology development and transfer, 1:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attacks, hearing entitled "DHS Coordination of Nuclear Detection Efforts, Part 1," 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on the UN Commission on Human Rights: Protector or Accomplice? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Effect of Sections 203(b) and (d) on Information Sharing, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1489, Coastal Ocean Observation System Integration and Implementation Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Long Term Care, 4 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, April 19

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 19

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations. At 11:45 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Frist (for Chambliss/Kyl) Amendment No. 432; to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Frist (for Craig/Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 375. Also, at 4:30 p.m., if the Senate is not proceeding post-cloture, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Mikulski Amendment No. 387, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H. Con. Res. 53, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the issuance of the 500,000th design patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
- (2) S. 167, Family Entertainment and Copyright Act of 2005;
- (3) H.R. 1038, Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2005;
- (4) H.R. 683, Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2005;
- (5) H.J. Res. 19, providing for the appointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and
- (6) H.J. Res. 20, providing for the appointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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