

as amended, is found in breach of its 302(b) allocation. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nussle.

NASA EARTH SCIENCE

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on NASA Earth Science. Testimony was heard from Alphonso V. Diaz, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

REDUCE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ON MANUFACTURERS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on the Administration's Program To Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Burden on Manufacturers—A Promise To Be Kept? Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; Stephanie Daigle, Acting Associate Administrator, Policy, Economics, and Innovation, EPA; Veronica Vargas Stidvent, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NEW TECHNOLOGIES—RAIL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on New Technologies for Rail Safety and Security. Testimony was heard from Jo Strang, Deputy Associate Administrator, Railroad Development, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Bob Chipkevich, Director, Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Investigation Department, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITY UPDATE; BRIEFING ON GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Oversight Subcommittee Activity Update. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine medical liability reform, after receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense, the global war on terror, and tsunami relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D389)

S. 167, to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights. Signed on April 27, 2005. (Public Law 109–9)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 2 through May 7, 2005

Senate Chamber

Senate will be in recess.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 4, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to Review the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 3, full Committee, on the Architect of the Capitol, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.