

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.

May 4, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

May 4, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on FTA, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, May 5, hearing on the status of Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Armoring Initiatives and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Jammer Initiatives in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 5, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing entitled "College Credit Mobility: Can Transfer Credit Policies be Improved?" 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 4, hearing entitled "Assessing Data Security: Preventing Breaches and Protecting Sensitive Information," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 4, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation of the Committee on International Relations, joint hearing entitled "Starving Terrorists of Money: The Role of Middle Eastern Financial Institutions," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 3, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Authorizing the President's Vision: Making Permanent The Faith-Based and Community Initiative—H.R. 1054, Tools for Community Initiatives Act," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 4, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Financial Management Challenges at the Department of Justice," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 5, full Committee, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "Risk and Responsibility: The Roles of FDA and Pharmaceutical Companies in Ensuring the Safety of Approved Drugs, Like Vioxx," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 4, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act Oversight, Part 1—Oppressors vs. Reformers in the Middle East and Central Asia, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 5, full Committee, hearing on Promoting Democracy through Diplomacy, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 3, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and the Committee on Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections 201, 202, 223 of the Act that Address Criminal Wiretaps, and Section 213 of the Act that Addresses Delayed Notice, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 4, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing New Jobs in Recession and Recovery: Who are Getting Them and Who are Not? 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 5, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and the Committee on Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Section 212—Emergency Disclosure of Electronic Communications to Life and Limb, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 5, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, oversight hearing on the New Dual Missions of the Immigration Enforcement Agencies, 2:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 4, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on Personal Watercraft use in the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 4, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "Stabilizing Rural Electricity Service Through Common Sense Application of the Endangered Species Act," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, May 4, hearing entitled "Anticompetitive Threats from Public Utilities: Are Small Businesses Losing Out?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 4, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing entitled "Financial Condition of the Aviation Trust Fund: Are Reforms Needed?" 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.