

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REGULATION NMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Regulation National Market System (NMS) designed to strengthen our national market system for equity securities, focusing on recent market developments, after receiving testimony from John A. Thain, New York Stock Exchange, Robert Greifeld, NASDAQ Stock Market, and Edward J. Nicoll, Instinct Group, Inc., all of New York, New York; Gerald D. Putnam, Archipelago Holdings, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and Meyer S. Frucher, Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine human space flight, focusing on the status and role of the Space Shuttle in human space flight, plans for the Shuttle's retirement, progress in minimizing the gap between the retirement of the Space Shuttle and the introduction of the Crew Exploration Vehicle, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Allen Li, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Joan Johnson-Freese, Chair, Department of National Security Decision Making, Naval War College, United States Navy; Michael J. McCulley, United Space Alliance, Houston, Texas; and Scott J. Horowitz, ATK Thiokol, Inc., Brigham City, Utah.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee continued markup of proposed comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to coal, vehicles and fuels, hydrogen, and research and development, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

ECO-TERRORISM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine eco-terrorism, acts of politically motivated violence to force changes in attitudes about certain issues, specifically examining the Earth Liberation Front ("ELF") and the Animal Liberation Front ("ALF"), after receiving testimony from John E. Lewis, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Carson W. Carroll, Deputy Assistant Director, Field Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, both of the Department of Justice; Bradley M. Campbell, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton; David Martosko, Center for Consumer Freedom, Washington, D.C.; David J. Skorton, The University of Iowa, Iowa City; and Monty A. McIntyre, Seltzer, Caplan, McMahan, Vitek, San Diego, California, on behalf of Garden Communities.

FLORIDA HURRICANES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s response to the 2004 Florida hurricanes, and its impact on taxpayers, and a related measure, S. 1059, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to specify procedures for the conduct of preliminary damage assessments, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to vigorously investigate and prosecute instances of fraud, including fraud in the handling and approval of claims for Federal emergency assistance, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); Richard L. Skinner, Acting Inspector General, and Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1021, to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and

The nomination of Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

INDIAN TRUST LANDS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine issues relating to the taking of land into trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for federally-recognized Indian tribes, focusing on land used for gaming purposes, after receiving testimony from George T. Skibine, Acting

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy and Economic Development, Office of Indian Affairs; David K. Sprague and John Shagonaby, both of the Gun Lake Tribe, Dorr, Michigan; James T. Martin, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; Mike Jandernoa, 23 Is Enough, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and David Crosby, Santa Ynez, California.

PROTECTING THE JUDICIARY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to protecting the

judiciary at home and in the courthouse, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin and Obama; Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Judge Jane R. Roth, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Chief Magistrate Judge Samuel Alba, United States District Court for the District of Utah; and Benigno G. Reyna, Director, and Kim R. Widup, United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois, both of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 2418–2472; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 156–158, and H. Res. 286 were introduced. **Pages H3554–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3556–57**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Revised Suballocations of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–85);

H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–86); and

H. Res. 287, providing for consideration of H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–87). **Page H3554**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3439**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Johnny Hunt, Pastor, First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Georgia. **Page H3439**

Discharge Petition: Representative Hooley moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 267, providing for the consideration of H.R. 376, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate fair prices for Medicare prescription drugs on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries (Discharge Petition No. 1).

Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006: The House passed H.R. 1817, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the

Department of Homeland Security, by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 189.

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Rejected the Thompson of Mississippi motion to recommit the bill back to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 188. **Pages H3540–43**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–84 is considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment, in lieu of the amendments reported by the Committees on Homeland Security, Energy & Commerce, and the Judiciary. **Pages H3465–H3540**

Agreed to:

Cox amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that authorizes funds to be appropriated for FY 2006 to reimburse States and localities for the costs associated with having State and local law enforcement trained and certified by DHS' Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enforce Federal immigration laws; **Pages H3475–79**

Kennedy of Rhode Island amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that will ensure that in replacing the color-coded terror alert system as required by the bill, that DHS draws on expertise in how to best communicate risk to the public; **Pages H3479–80**

Cox amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that requires DHS to coordinate its activities regarding protection of critical infrastructure with "other relevant Federal agencies"; **Pages H3480–81**

Ehlers amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–84) that changes the "30 minute rule" that requires passengers on commercial flights into and out