

the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H3698–99.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 35 was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3744, H3744–45, and H3745–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Held a hearing on the following: the House of Representatives, GAO, GPO, the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center. Testimony was heard from Jay M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer, House of Representatives; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Bruce R. James, Public Printer, GPO, and James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress and Chairman, Open World Leadership Center.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hobson and Visclosky.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine S. 529, to designate a United States Anti-Doping Agency and to examine the competitive pressures that lead amateur athletes to use drugs, the sources of such drugs, and the science of doping, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, Julie Finley, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, Victoria Nuland, of Connecticut, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Georgia, and Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to France, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold an oversight hearing to examine a review of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, focusing on safeguarding the merit system by protecting federal employees and applicants from prohibited personnel practices, especially reprisal for whistleblowing, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the competitive effects of specialty hospitals, 2 p.m., SD–562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to resume hearings to examine the USA Patriot Act (P.L. 107–56), 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to Review the U.S. Grain Standards Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 9:30 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing entitled “An Examination of the Older Americans Act,” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Reducing the Threat of Nuclear Terrorism: A Review of the Department of Energy's Global Threat Reduction Initiative, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, joint hearing entitled "Legislative Solutions to Abusive Mortgage Lending Practices," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Bringing Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Spending into the 21st Century: Introducing Accountability and Meaningful Performance Measures into the Decades-Old CDBG Program," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Training More Border Patrol Agents: How the Department of Homeland Security Can Increase Training Capacity Most Effectively," 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, joint oversight hearing on Economic Development and the Dormant Commerce Clause: The Lessons of *Curo v. Daimler Chrysler* and Its Effect on State Taxation Affecting Interstate Commerce," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Federal Fish Hatchery System, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Current Obstacles in Biomass Utilization: A GAO Report on Problems Agencies Face in the Utilization of Woody Biomass, and the extent to which they are addressing these problems, 3:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 1071, Desalination Drought Protection Act of 2005, and a hearing entitled "Reducing Power and other Costs of the Desalination Process," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, joint hearing entitled "How Are Our Veteran-Owned Small Business Owners Being Served?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.J. Res. 27, Withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Tax Credits for Electricity Production from Renewable Sources, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to mark up H.R. 2475, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 12:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.