

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, November 16th. Page H10152

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### WORKPLACE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 1445, Workplace Religious Freedom Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives Souder and McCarthy; and public witnesses.

### RIGHT TO REPAIR

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protections held a hearing entitled “Right to Repair: Industry Discussions and Legislative Options”, Testimony was heard from James Kohm, Associate Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Division of Marketing Practices, FTC; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “Oversight of the Export-Import Bank of the United States”. Testimony was heard from James H. Lambright, Chairman and Acting President, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES FOR NUCLEAR ATTACK

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack met in executive session to receive a briefing on medical countermeasures for nuclear attack. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### PUBLIC DIPLOMACY—AROUND-THE-WORLD REVIEW

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on An Around-the-World Review of Public Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Karen P. Hughes, Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State.

### BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND ALHURRA TELEVISION

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Broadcasting Board of Governors and Alhurra Television. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Chairman, Board of Broadcasting Governors; Mouafac Harb, News Director, Alhurra Television Network; and a public witness.

### STREAMLINED PROCEDURES ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 3035, Streamlined Procedures Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Tom Dolgenos, Chief, Federal Litigation Unit, District Attorney’s Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Kent Cattani, Chief Counsel, Capital Litigation Section Attorney General’s Office, Phoenix, Arizona; and public witnesses.

### HOW ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IMPACTS CONSTITUENCIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “How Illegal Immigration Impacts Constituencies: Perspectives from Members of Congress.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Bonilla, Pearce and Guitierrez.

Hearings continue November 15.

### FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act. Testimony was heard from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### NEPA LITIGATION

*Committee on Resources:* NEPA Task Force held a hearing on NEPA Litigation: The Causes, Effects and Solutions. Testimony was heard from former Senator J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 413, Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Act; H.R. 452, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers’ Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1307,

Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryun of Kansas, Clay and Garrett; Janet Snyder Matthews, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### ROLE OF SOCIAL SECURITY RESEARCH IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on the Role of Social Science Research in Disaster Preparedness and Response. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### TRANSPORTATION/TREASURY/HUD/JUDICIARY/DC

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1111)

H.R. 1409, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries. Signed on November 8, 2005. (Public Law 109-95)

S. 172, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices. Signed on November 9, 2005. (Public Law 109-96)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 14 through November 19,  
2005

##### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1042, National Defense Authorization. Senate will consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, Energy and Water Appropriations, with one hour for debate, and at 5:30 p.m., vote on adoption of the conference report.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1042, National Defense Authorization, with a vote on, or in relation to, Warner/Frist Amendment No. 2518, to be followed by a vote on, or in relation to, Levin Amendment No. 2519, to be followed by votes on or in relation to, certain second-degree amendments, followed by a vote on Graham Amendment No. 2515, as amended, followed by a vote on final passage of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation conference reports, when available.

##### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine the role of United States agriculture in the control and eradication of avian influenza, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* November 16, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* November 15, business meeting to consider certain military nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

November 15, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine defense acquisition issues related to tactical aviation and Army programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations: of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member and to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 14, to hold hearings to examine legislation required to implement the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population, 11:30 a.m., SD-562.

November 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of J. Thomas Rosch, of California, and William E. Kovacic, of Virginia, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.