

CONFERENCE REPORT—DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3010, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lewis.

HURRICANE KATRINA—CHARITIES RESPONSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to Review the Response by Charities to Hurricane Katrina. Testimony was heard from Representative McCrery; Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Managing Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Conferees agreed on Monday, December 12, 2005, to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's spill prevention control and countermeasure program, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Antonio Fratto, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs, David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Vincent J. Ventimiglia, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation, Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of Social Security Advisory Board, 11 a.m., SD-215.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review Technical Procedures of USDA's Establishment of Posted County Prices, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to continue hearings entitled "Housing Options in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing and mark up of H.R. 3197, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2005, 1:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on The National Park Service Organic Act and its Implementation through Daily Park Management, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the State of Louisiana," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.