

Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Nils Diaz, Chairman, NRC; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

#### SAFE PORT ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act. Testimony was heard from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Bethann Rooney, Manager of Port Security, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

#### GOVERNMENT-ACQUIRED PERSONAL INFORMATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on Constitution held a joint oversight hearing entitled "Personal Information Acquired by the Government From Information Resellers: Is There Need for Improvement?" Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Maureen Cooney, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007

*Committee on Rules:* H. Con. Res. 376, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Nussle and Representatives Spratt, Cooper, Scott of Virginia, and Jackson-Lee of Texas; action deferred.

#### 527 REFORM ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Rules:* granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be consid-

ered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Ehlers and Representatives Shays, Pence, Dent and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

#### OVERSIGHT—RELIABILITY OF HIGHWAY TRUST FUND REVENUE ESTIMATES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Reliability of Highway Trust Fund Revenue Estimates. Testimony was heard from Robert Carroll, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Analysis, Department of the Treasury; Donald Marron, Acting Director, CBO; and Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 269)

H.R. 4911, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on April 1, 2006. (Public Law 109–212)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and Capitol Guide Service, 10:30 a.m., SD–18.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to hold hearings to examine the current and future role of

science in the Asia Pacific Partnership, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the 2005 wildfire season and the Federal land management agencies' preparations for the 2006 wildfire season, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the Indian separation plan and the administration's related legislative proposal, relating to U.S.-India atomic energy cooperation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Islamist extremism in Europe, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to hold hearings to examine all hazards medical response, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2459, to improve cargo security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine various avenues of Federal funding for museums including authorized programs, grantmaking agencies and earmarks, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the problem of methamphetamine in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to mark up H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., and on the Federal Judiciary, 3 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE Energy Supply and Conservation, Fossil Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on BRAC 2005 Implementation, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., and on State International Organizations, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing to review major defense acquisition reform initiatives, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the U.S. Shipbuilding Industrial Base, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on service contracting's impact on military readiness, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on future plans for the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex infrastructure, 3:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on implementing the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) recommendations to combat weapons of mass destruction (WMD), 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to mark up the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to consider H. Res. 718, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the Dubai Ports World acquisition of six United States ports leases, 12 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Transforming the Federal Housing Administration for the 21st Century," 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled: Conjunctive Water Management: A Solution to the West's Growing Water Demand?", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "The Improper Payments Information Act—Are Agencies Meeting the Requirements of the Law?", 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "The Sarbanes-Oxley Act Four Years Later: What Have We Learned?", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006; and H.R. 3509, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled "Patent Quality Enhancement in the Information-Based Economy," 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 4777, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, hearing on H.R. 4893, to amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5025, Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act; H.R. 5016, Las Cienegas Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3534, Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2005, 9:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "The Bureau of Reclamation's 21st Century Challenges in Managing, Protecting and Developing Water and Power Supplies," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to mark up H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, to mark up H. Res. 717, Directing the Secretary of Commerce to transmit to the House of Representatives a copy of a workforce globalization final

draft report produced by the Technology Administration, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "IRS Latest Enforcement: Is the Bulls-Eye on Small Businesses?," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to mark up the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H. Con. Res. 235, Expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual; H. Con. Res. 349, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 359, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H. Con. Res. 372, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Interstate Highway System; H.R. 3858, Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2005; H.R. 4880, Maritime Terminal Security Enhancement Act of 2006; the National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization; the Railroad Retirement Correction Bill; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on implementation of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the use of technology to improve public benefit programs, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.