

recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report, out of the order printed, but not sooner than 30 minutes after the chairman of the Armed Services Committee or his designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

#### **WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of May 11, 2006, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (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.

#### **ENTREPRENEURS CAPITAL ACCESS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "Bridging the Equity Gap: Examining the Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Act of 2006." Testimony was heard from Lorrie Keating-Heinemann, Secretary, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—HIGHWAY CAPACITY AND FREIGHT MOBILITY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Highway Capacity and Freight Mobility: The Current Status and Future Challenges. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shane, Under Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; and Tim Martin, Secretary of Transportation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—RAILROAD RETIREMENT REFORM**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Operational Experience Under the 2001 Railroad Retirement Reform Law. Testimony was heard from Michael S. Schwartz, Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board; and public witnesses.

#### **VETERANS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3082, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005; and H.R. 5220, Veterans Certification and Licensure Act of 2006.

#### **DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL—U.S.-OMAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **HEALTH INFORMATION TOOLS**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next generation of health information tools for consumers, focusing on healthcare delivery system reform, medical treatment decisions, and the affordability and quality of medicare care, after receiving testimony from Carolyn M. Clancy, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Arnold Milstein, Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, California; Michael D. Parkinson, Lumenos, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Paul B. Ginsburg, Center for Studying Health System Change, Washington, D.C.; Douglas G. Cave, Cave Consulting Group, Foster City, California; Donald W. Kemper, Healthwise, Inc., Boise, Idaho; and Walton Francis, Fairfax, Virginia.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine Department of Agriculture's national response plan to detect and control the potential spread of Avian Influenza into the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold a closed briefing on Iran's nuclear program and the impact of potential sanctions, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel S. Sullivan, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Sean F. Cox, and Thomas L. Ludington, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless

electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine pending health care related legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies for Fiscal Year 2007, 11 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to mark up the Homeland Security Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to continue hearings entitled "Gasoline Supply, Price and Specifications," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Social Security Numbers in Commerce: Reconciling Beneficial Uses with Threats to Privacy," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 3206, Credit Union Charter Choice Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing entitled "Working Through an Outbreak: Pandemic Flu Planning and Continuity of Operations," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, executive, briefing on the different governance structures of State and Local Fusion Centers, 2 p.m., H2-176 Ford.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "CBP and ICE: Does the Current Organizational Structure Best Serve U.S. Homeland Security Interests? Part III," 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "Creating a Nation-wide, Inte-

grated Biosurveillance Network," 2 p.m., 1311 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership: Legislative Options, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation, hearing on Reviewing the State Department's Annual Report on Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Visa Overstays: Can We Bar the Terrorist Door? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 5318, Cyber-Security Enhancement and Consumer Data Protection Act of 2006; followed by a markup of the following bills: H.R. 5005, Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act; H.R. 1384, Firearm Commerce Modernization Act; and H.R. 1415, NICS Improvement Act of 2005, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, oversight hearing on Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) for Indian gaming, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on Disability access in the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on the Inspector General Report on NOAA Weather Satellites, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Coast Guard Mission Capabilities, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, oversight hearing on right-seizing the Department of Veterans Affairs infrastructure and the Department's pending major medical facility project and lease authorization requests, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Service Delivery Challenges, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.