

Joint Meetings

COMBATING CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): On Wednesday, September 27, 2006, Commission concluded a hearing to examine Federal efforts to protect children from commercial sexual exploitation, focusing on international initiatives to combat child pornography and trafficking, and related provisions of Public Law 106–386, entitled “The Trafficking Victims Protection Act”, after receiving testimony from James Plitt, Unit Chief, Cyber Crimes Center, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; James E. Finch, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Linda Smith, Shared Hope International, Vancouver, Washington; Carol Smolenski, ECPAT–USA, Brooklyn, New York; Mohamed Mattar, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Ernie Allen, International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1052)

H.R. 866, to make technical corrections to the United States Code. Signed on September 27, 2006. (Public Law 109–284).

H.R. 2808, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Signed on September 27, 2006. (Public Law 109–285).

S. 1773, to resolve certain Native American claims in New Mexico. Signed on September 27, 2006. (Public Law 109–286).

S. 2784, to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding. Signed on September 27, 2006. (Public Law 109–287).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Caro-

lina, and William James Haynes II, of Virginia, each to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nora Barry Fischer, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Gregory Kent Frizzell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Marcia Morales Howard, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Robert James Jonker, Paul Lewis Maloney, and Janet T. Neff, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Leslie Southwick, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, Lisa Godbey Wood, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, S. 2831, to guarantee the free flow of information to the public through a free and active press while protecting the right of the public to effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 1845, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, S. 3880, to provide the Department of Justice the necessary authority to apprehend, prosecute, and convict individuals committing animal enterprise terror, S. 2644, to harmonize rate setting standards for copyright licenses under sections 112 and 114 of title 17, United States Code, and S. 3818, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Internet Data Brokers and Pretexting: Who Has Access to Your Private Records?” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Falun Gong: Organ Harvesting and China’s Ongoing War on Human Rights, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, hearing on GAO Report on NOAA’s Weather Satellite Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.