Thursday, July 20, 2006

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 9, Voting Rights Reauthorization Act.

Senate passed H.R. 4472, Adam Walsh Child Safety and Protection Act.

House committees ordered reported 8 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7949–S8093

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3696–3711, S. Res. 536–537, and S. Con. Res. 111–112.

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Measures Reported:

H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–286)

S. 3708, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. (S. Rept. No. 109–287)

S. 3709, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 United States exports of nuclear materials, equipment, and technology to India, and to implement the United States Additional Protocol. (S. Rept. No. 109–288)

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Measures Passed:

Voting Rights Reauthorization Act: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 212), Senate passed H.R. 9, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965, clearing the measure for the President.

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Adam Walsh Child Safety and Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 4472, to protect children from sexual exploitation and violent crime, to prevent child abuse and child pornography, to promote Internet safety, and to honor the memory of Adam Walsh and other child crime victims, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Hatch Amendment No. 4686, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8012**

Frist Amendment No. 4687, to amend the title. **Page S8031**

Commending the Patriot Guard Riders: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 535, commending the Patriot Guard Riders for shielding mourning military families from protesters and preserving the memory of fallen service members at funerals, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8091**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 112, relating to correcting a clerical error in the enrollment of S. 3693. **Page S8091**

Harry J. Parrish Post Office: Senate passed S. 2690, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the ''Harry J. Parrish Post Office''. **Page S8091**

Richard L. Cevoli Post Office: Senate passed S. 3187, to designate the Post Office located at 5755 Post Road, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, as the ''Richard L. Cevoli Post Office''. **Page S8091**

Paul Kasten Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2977, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 2nd Avenue in Brockway, Montana, as the ''Paul Kasten Post Office Building'', clearing the measure for the President.

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Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3440, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Avenida RL Rodriguez in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, as

the "Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. Page S8091

William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3549, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. Page S8091

Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3934, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the "Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. Pages S8091–92

State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4108, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. Page S8092

Hattie W. Caraway Station: Senate passed H.R. 4456, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the "Hattie W. Caraway Station", clearing the measure for the President. Page S8092

Francisco Pancho Medrano Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4561, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the "Francisco 'Pancho' Medrano Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. Page S8092

Mayor John Thompson 'Tom' Garrison Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4688, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the "Mayor John Thompson 'Tom' Garrison Memorial Post Office", clearing the measure for the President. Page S8092

H. Gordon Payrow Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4786, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 535 Wood Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as the "H. Gordon Payrow Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. Page S8092

Ronald Bucca Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4995, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Columbus Avenue in Tuckahoe, New York, as the "Ronald Bucca Post Office", clearing the measure for the President. Page S8092

Matthew Lyon Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5245, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Marble Street in Fair Haven, Vermont, as the "Matthew Lyon Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. Page S8092

Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4101, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. Page S8092

Child Custody Protection Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2006, Senate begin consideration of S. 403, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions. Page S8092

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, section 591c(2), reappointed Rene A. Drouin, of New Hampshire, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. Page S8091

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Daniel Porter Jordan III, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi. Page S8093

Gustavo Antonio Gelpi, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Page S8093

Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. Page S8093

Bobby E. Shepherd, of Arkansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Page S8093

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—212) Page S8012

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 21, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8092.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DAIRY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held a hearing to examine Department of Agriculture dairy programs, focusing on the structural reforms occurring in the dairy industry, the economic outlook for milk and dairy products, and federal milk marketing orders, receiving testimony from Joseph Glauber, Deputy Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Charles Beckendorf, Tomball, Texas, on behalf of the National Milk Producers Federation; Jim Green, Kemps, LLC, St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of the International Dairy Foods Association; Ken Hall, Terreton, Idaho, on behalf of the Idaho Dairymen's Association; and Leon Berthiaume, St. Albans Cooperative Creamery, Inc., St. Albans, Vermont.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill (S. 3708) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007;

H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 5576, 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, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

OVERHEAD IMAGERY SYSTEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding overhead imagery systems, from Kenneth Johnson and Andrew Johnson, each a Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; John Gass, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio; and Mary Margaret Graham, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Collection.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense, Sue C. Payton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, and 823 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and Mark Myers, of Alaska, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, who was introduced by Senators Stevens and Murkowski, both of the Department of the Interior, and Drue Pearce, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, who was introduced by Senators Stevens and Murkowski, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. policy options regarding North Korea, including the U.S. response to the July missile launches and the ongoing dialogue with China, after receiving testimony from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Arnold Kanter, The Scowcroft Group, and Morton Abramowitz, The Century Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

IRAN

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding Iran from officials of the Department of State.

IRAN

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine Iran's nuclear impasse, focusing on the status of Iran's nuclear weapons capabilities, European negotiations and the U.N. Security Council, and the feasibility of further negotiations, democracy promotion, sanctions, and/or military operations, after receiving testimony from Amir Abbas Fakhravar, Independent Student Movement, Ilan Berman, American Foreign Policy Council, Michael A. Ledeen, American Enterprise Institute, Ray Takeyh, Council on Foreign Relations, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jim Walsh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

VA DATA PRIVACY BREACH

Committee on Veteran's Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) data privacy breach, focusing on the establishment of a new Office of Cyber and Information Security Training with the VA's Office of Information Technology, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary, and George J. Opfer, Inspector General, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, who were accompanied by several of their associates.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

GENERIC DRUGS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the generic drug maze relating to access to affordable, life-saving drugs, focusing on the efforts to expedite the approval of generic drug products, after receiving testimony from Gary Buehler, Director, Office of Generic Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jon Leibowitz, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Heather Bresch, Mylan Laboratories, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania; and Mark Merritt, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5847–5861; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 92–93; H. Con. Res. 452; and H. Res. 930–938 were introduced. **Pages H5565–66**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5567**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4165, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL–64P (H. Rept. 109–581);

H.R. 5057, to authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–582);

H.R. 3817, to withdraw the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest in New Mexico from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws (H. Rept. 109–583);

H.R. 2134, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, DC (H. Rept. 109–584, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3049, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, popularly known as the Lacey Act, to add certain species of carp to the list of injurious species that are prohibited from being imported or shipped (H. Rept. 109–585);

H.R. 5411, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–586);

H.R. 4947, to expand the boundaries of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–587);

H.R. 4301, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public

Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–588); and

H.R. 5121 to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–589). **Page H5565**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Phil Fulton, Pastor, Union Hill Church, Peebles, Ohio. **Page H5493**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on yesterday, Wednesday, July 19th:

Condemning the recent attacks against the State of Israel, holding terrorists and their state-sponsors accountable for such attacks, supporting Israel's right to defend itself: H. Res. 921, to condemn the recent attacks against the State of Israel, holding terrorists and their state-sponsors accountable for such attacks, supporting Israel's right to defend itself, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 8 nays with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 391; and **Pages H5505–06**

Commending the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the completion of the Space Shuttle's second Return-to-Flight mission: H. Con. Res. 448, to commend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the completion of the Space Shuttle's second Return-to-Flight mission, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 393. **Page H5530**

United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: The House passed H.R. 5684, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 392. **Pages H5497–H5505, H5506–30**

H. Res. 925, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 390, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 389. **Pages H5504–05**

Providing for a recess of the House for a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Nuri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq: Agreed that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 26, 2006, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting His Excellency Nuri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq. **Page H5532**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 24th, for Morning-Hour Debate. **Page H5532**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 26th. **Page H5532**

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on International Relations have until midnight on July 21st to file a report on H.R. 5682, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules. **Page H5532**

Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House began consideration of the Miller, George of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules. Further consideration is expected to resume on Monday, July 24th. **Pages H5532–37**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H5493 and H5557.

Senate Referrals: S. 418 and S. 3693 were held at the desk. **Page H5493**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5504, H5505, H5505–06, H5529–30 and H5530. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE CONVENTIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on H.R. 3849, PIC and POPs Conventions and the LRTAP POPs Protocol Implementation Act. Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, EPA.

TRIBAL LABOR RELATION RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 16, Tribal Labor Relations Restoration Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representative Hayworth; Joe Garcia, Governor, Pueblo of San Juan, San Juan Pueblo, State of New Mexico; and public witnesses.

WARNING, ALERT, AND RESPONSE NETWORK ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 5785, Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act. Testimony was heard from Julius Knapp, Acting Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE REPORT; CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5664, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Cooper Street, Babylon, New York, as the ''Jacob Fletcher Post Office Building;'' H. Res. 605, Recognizing the life of Preston Robert Tisch and his outstanding contributions to New York City, the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States; H. Res. 901, Honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 60th birthday; H.R. 3282, Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act of 2005; H.R. 5766, amended, Government Efficiency Act of 2006; H.R. 4087, District of Columbia Court, Offender Supervision, Parole, and Public Defender Employees Equity Act of 2005; H.R. 4846, To authorize a grant for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library; and H. Res. 912, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month.

The Committee also approved a Committee Report entitled ''Brownfields: What Will It Take to Turn Lost Opportunities Into America's Gain?''

The Committee also held a hearing entitled ''Climate Change: Understanding the Degree of the Problem.'' Testimony was heard from Jim Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Thomas Karl, Director, National Climate Data Center, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

FENCING THE BORDER

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources and the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cyber-Security of the Committee on Homeland Security joint hearing entitled ''Fencing the Border: Construction Options and Strategic Placement.'' Testimony was heard from Representatives Hunter, Reyes, Pearce, and King of Iowa; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Kevin Stevens, Senior Associate Chief, Customs and Border Protection; and Carlton Mann, Chief Inspector, Office of Inspections and Special Reviews, Office of Inspector General; and public witnesses.

HYBRID CARS/OIL DEPENDENCE REDUCTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled ''Hybrid Cars: Increasing Fuel Efficiency and Reducing Oil Dependence.'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NATIONAL ASSET DATABASE

Committee on Homeland Security: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the National Asset Database by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Infrastructure Protection. The Committee was briefed by a departmental witness.

ASIAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Asian Free Trade Agreements: Are They Good for the USA? Testimony was heard from Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

AIRCRAFT/WEAPONS SALE TO PAKISTAN

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Sale of F–16 Aircraft and Weapons Systems to Pakistan. Testimony was heard from John Hillen, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

ANGOLA'S LONG DELAYED ELECTION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Angola's Long Delayed Election. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Dan Mozena, Director, Office of Southern African Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs; and Paul Bonicelli, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Democracy and Governance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

U.S. NONPROLIFERATION STRATEGY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on U.S. Nonproliferation Strategy: Policies and Technical Capabilities. Testimony was heard Francis C. Record, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 682, Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act. Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director-Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled ''Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act: Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to Cold War Veterans When We Created the Program? Part 3 in a Series.'' Testimony was heard from Austin Smythe, Acting Deputy Director, OMB; Lewis Wade, Special Assistant to the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Growing Operations Crisis Within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Testimony was heard from Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CHINESE BARRIERS TO TRADE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a joint hearing entitled ''Chinese Barriers to Trade: Does China Play Fair?'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—USCG LICENSING AND DOCUMENTATION OF MERCHANT MARINERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on U.S. Coast Guard Licensing and Documentation of Merchant Mariners. Testimony was heard from RADM, Craig E. Bone, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5835, amended, Veterans Identify and Security Credit Security Act of 2006; H.R. 5815, amended, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization Act of 2006; H. Con. Res. 125, Expressing the support for the designation and goals of ''Hire a Veteran Week'' and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals; and H. Con. Res. 347, Honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health care system of the Nation.

U.S-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.

FBI CONFIDENTIAL HUMAN SOURCE OPERATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold hearing on FBI Confidential Human Source Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(*For last listing of Public Laws, see* DAILY DIGEST, p. D 762)

S. 3504, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of tissue from fetuses gestated for research purposes. Signed on July 19, 2006. (Public Law 109–242)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and related exchanges of letters, signed at Washington on March 31, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108–23), 10 a.m., SD–419.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled ''Policing Capital Sites: Improving Coordination, Training and Equipment,'' 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, July 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 403, Child Custody Protection Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, July 24

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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