

Friday, May 14, 2004

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2424–2425, and S. Res. 363. **Page S5499**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Developments in Aging: 2001 and 2002, Volume 1 and Volume 2”. (S. Rept. No. 108–265)

S. 2424, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect the retirement security of American workers by ensuring that pension assets are adequately diversified and by providing workers with adequate access to, and information about, their pension plans. (S. Rept. No. 108–266) **Page S5499**

Measures Passed:

World Food Prize Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 363, designating October 16, 2004, as “World Food Prize Day”. **Page S5500**

Cooke Nomination—Cloture Motion Filed: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Marcia G.

Cooke, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of May 14, 2004, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, May 18, 2004.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:50 a.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 17, 2004. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S5500–01.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 17, for Morning Hour debate and at 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 3104, Service Medals Act. Also, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Marcia G. Cooke, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: May 18, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for HIV/AIDS programs and research, 10:30 a.m., SD–124.

May 19, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 17 through May 22, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. 2400, Department of Defense Authorization Act.

fiscal year 2005 for the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 18, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Extended Custodial Inventory Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 18, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine personal gain relating to a transition from public sector to private sector, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine SPAM, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 18, to hold hearings to examine implications of a recent change in reporting of small business contracts by the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 19, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 900, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the pertinent irrigation districts, S. 1876, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project, S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, S. 2304 and H.R. 3209, bills to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project, S. 2243, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District, and H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 20, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1672, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida, S. 1789 and H.R. 1616, bills to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, S. 1808, to provide for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically women's public colleges or universities, S. 2167, to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in the States of Washington and Oregon, and S. 2173, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 20, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: May 19, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Treasury Department and terrorism financing; to be followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 18, to hold hearings to examine the way ahead in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

May 19, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the way ahead in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 20, to hold hearings to examine prescription drug reimportation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 19, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to examine S. 1696, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, 10 a.m., SR-485.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2382, to establish grant programs for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 18, to hold hearings to examine the threat of animal and eco-terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar items; to be followed immediately by oversight hearings to examine the FBI, terrorism, and other topics, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: May 17, to hold hearings to examine how the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's recent rule affects retiree health benefits, 2 p.m., SD-628.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine social security reform issues, and comparing the U.S. social security system with other nations', 10 a.m., SD-628.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Health Savings Accounts and the New Medicare Law, focusing on the future of health care, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

House Chamber

Program to be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 19, hearing to review Agricultural Trade Negotiations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 20, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Department of the Treasury (International Affairs), 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 19, to mark up H.R. 4278, Improving Access to Assistive Technology for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Supporting Our Intercollegiate Student-Athletes: Proposed NCAA Reforms," 3:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "NIH Ethics Concerns: Consulting Arrangements and Outside Awards," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Regional Energy Reliability and Security: DOE Authority to Energize the Cross Sound Cable," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Competition in the Communications Marketplace: How Convergence Is Blurring the Lines Between Voice, Video, and Data Services," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Cards: Immediate Savings for Seniors," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 18, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "SEC Proposal on Market Structure: How will Investors Fare?" 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Improving Financial Oversight: A Private Sector View of Anti-Money Laundering Efforts," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 20, full Committee, oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget request for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 18, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "First year on the job: Chief Human Capital Officers," 2 p.m., and to consider S. 129, Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2003, 3:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Ensuring Accuracy and Accountability in Lab Testing: Does the Experience of Maryland General Hospital Expose Cracks in the System?" 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "How Can We Maximize Private Sector Participation in Transportation?" 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, to mark up H.R. 3826, Program Assessment and Results Act; followed by an oversight hearing entitled "Mission Impossible? Fixing NASA's Financial Management," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Federal Enterprise Architecture: A Blueprint for Improved Federal IT Investment and Cross-Agency Collaboration and Information Sharing," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 20, full Committee, hearing entitled "Redundancy and Duplication in Federal Child Welfare Pro-

grams: A Case Study on the Need for Executive Reorganization Authority," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Historic Preservation of the Peopling of America," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 21, full Committee, hearing entitled "Thirsty for Results: Lessons Learned from the District of Columbia's Lead Contamination Experience," 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 18, hearing on Should China Join the Nuclear Suppliers Group? 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 19, hearing on Implementation of the Millennium Challenge Act, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 18, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 3179, Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Tools Improvement Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "Pushing the Border Out on Alien Smuggling: New Tools and Intelligence Initiatives," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Administrative Conference of the United States," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Courts, Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled "Derivative Rights, Moral Rights, and Movie Filtering Technology," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 18, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on The Chesapeake Bay in Your Community: A Restoration Plan, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 18, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4045, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River; H.R. 3597, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California; and H.R. 2257, Lower Yellowstone Reclamation Projects Conveyance Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 19, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 646, to Expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862; H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; H.R. 2619, Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2831, Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act; H.R. 2909, Utah Test and Training Range Protection Act; H.R. 3785, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades Park; H.R. 4115, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to

be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation; H.R. 4158, to provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration ship; H.R. 4362, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept a parcel of Federal land in the State of Washington in trust for the Nisqually Tribe, to ensure that the acceptance of such land does not adversely affect the Bonneville Power Administration; S. 144, Noxious Weed Control Act of 2003; and S. 1146, Three Affiliated Tribes Health Facility Compensation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 20, oversight hearing on the "Draft Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 17, to consider the following: H.R. 4359, Child Credit Preservation and Expansion Act of 2004; H.R. 2432, Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act of 2003; H.R. 2728, Occupational Safety and Health Small Business Day in Court Act of 2004; H.R. 2729, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Efficiency Act of 2004; H.R. 2730, Occupational Safety and Health Independent Review of OSHA Citations Act of 2004; and H.R. 2731, Occupational Safety and Health Small Employer Access to Justice Act of 2004, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

May 18, to consider H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 19, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "The Impact of Federal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy R&D Programs," 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing entitled "Homeland Security Research and Development at the EPA: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead," 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on An Examination of H.R. 3890, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 19, hearing entitled "Red Tape Reduction: Improving the Competitiveness of America's Small Manufacturers," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on Reforming Regulation to Keep America's Small Businesses Competitive, 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 20, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs, hearing on the Department of Labor's Overtime Regulations' Effect on Small Business, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 19, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on The Use of Biometrics to Improve Aviation Security, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 19 and 20, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearings on Great Lakes Water Quality and Restoration Efforts, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 18, oversight hearing on homeless assistance programs for veterans, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 19, full Committee, to mark up pending business, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

May 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Veterans' role in the development of interoperable electronic-medical records systems in the Federal Government, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 20, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the SSI program, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 18, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing to Review CIA's Compensation Reform Initiative, 3:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

May 19, full Committee, executive, Briefing on Department of Defense Intelligence Reform Initiative (DoD HUMINT Reform), 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

May 20, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, Briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

May 20, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Counter-narcotics: U.S. Coast Guard Integration in the Intelligence Community, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, May 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2:30 p.m.) Senate will begin consideration of S. 2400, Department of Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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