

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 15, Project Bioshield Act.

The House agreed to the conference report on S. Con. Res. 95, Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY05.

House Committees ordered reported 18 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5729–5892

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2438–2450, and S. Res. 365. **Page S5799**

Measures Passed:

Project Bioshield Act: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 99), S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5744–5767**

Gregg/Kennedy Amendment No. 3178, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5762–66**

Gregg/Kennedy Amendment No. 3180, to amend the title. **Page S5767**

Federal Highway Reauthorization: Senate passed H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1072, Senate companion measure, as passed the Senate on February 12, 2004, and after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5838**

Frist (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 3219, providing for the use of State funds for projects to protect existing roadways from anticipated flooding of a closed basin lake. **Page S5838**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S5838**

Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act: Senate passed S. 213, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S5839**

Fort Donelson National Battlefield Expansion Act: Senate passed S. 524, 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5839–40**

Kendrick Project Wyoming Act: Senate passed S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5840–41**

Hawaii Water Resources Act: Senate passed S. 960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii and to amend the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2000 to modify the water resources study, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S5841**

Recreational Fee Authority Act: Senate passed S. 1107, to enhance the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program for the National Park Service, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S5841–42**

Barry and Stone Counties Missouri Act: Senate passed S. 1167, to resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5842–44**

Salt Cedar Control Demonstration Act: Senate passed S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to control salt cedar and Russian olive, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5844–45**

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act: Senate passed S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. **Page S5845**

Hydroelectric Project Deadline Extension: Senate passed S. 1577, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming. **Pages S5845–46**

Oregon Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5846**

Frist (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3216, to make a technical correction. **Page S5846**

National Park System Laws Technical Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 2178, to make technical corrections to laws relating to certain units of the National Park System and to National Park programs. **Pages S5846–47**

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: Senate passed H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5847**

Cibola National Wildlife Refuge: Senate passed H.R. 417, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5847**

Frist (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3217, to adjust the boundaries of Green Mountain National Forest. **Page S5847**

California National Forest Land Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for

the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5847**

Texas Water Control Project: Senate passed H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5847**

Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to reauthorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5847–48**

Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 3505, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery, clearing the measure for the President.

Brown v. Board of Education Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 414, expressing the sense of the Congress that, as Congress recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision, all Americans are encouraged to observe this anniversary with a commitment to continuing and building on the legacy of Brown, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5848**

Taxpayer Protection and I.R.S. Accountability Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1528, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 882, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5848–91**

Frist (for Grassley/Baucus) Amendment No. 3218, to provide for a manager's amendment. **Page S5891**

Subsequently, S. 882 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S5891**

Department of Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for

such fiscal year for the Armed Services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Domenici Amendment No. 3192, to accelerate the removal or security of fissile materials, radiological materials, and related equipment at vulnerable sites worldwide.

Pages S5771–74

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 3205, to correct the characterization of the funding authority for up-armored high mobility multi-purposed wheeled vehicles and wheeled vehicle ballistic add-on armor protection.

Pages S5785–86

Warner Amendment No. 3206, to correct a funding discrepancy.

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Warner Amendment No. 3207, to make a technical correction relating to military construction.

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Warner Amendment No. 3208, to make a technical correction to a cross reference in title 10, United States Code.

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Warner/Levin Amendment No. 3209, to provide for continuation of part-time or intermittent home health care benefits during transition to the sub-acute care program.

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Warner/Levin Amendment No. 3210, to provide temporary authority for waiver of collection of payments due for CHAMPUS benefits received by disabled persons unaware of loss of CHAMPUS eligibility and continuation of such benefits.

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Warner (for Allard) Amendment No. 3211, to improve section 3120, relating to local stakeholder organizations for Department of Energy Environmental Management 2006 closure sites.

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Levin (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3212, to require an increase in the size of the defense acquisition and support workforce during fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Pages S5787–88

Warner (for Domenici/Bingaman) Amendment No. 3169, to provide a substitute for section 3144, relating to support for public education in the vicinity of Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico.

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Levin (for Reed) Amendment No. 3213, to clarify the programs of the service academies that may be subject to uniform funding and management.

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Warner (for Sessions) Amendment No. 3214, to authorize the exchange of land at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

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Levin (for Sarbanes/Mikulski) Amendment No. 3215, to authorize a land conveyance, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland.

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Warner (for Coleman) Amendment No. 3165, to require a study of establishment of mobilization sta-

tion at Camp Ripley National Guard Training Center, Little Falls, Minnesota.

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Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No.100), Kyl/Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 3191, to express the sense of the Senate regarding legislation to impose an excise tax on tobacco lawyer's fees that exceed \$20,000 per hour in order to increase funding for equipment for the United States Armed Forces.

Pages S5767–68, S5774–84

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 101), Lautenberg Modified Amendment No. 3151, to clarify the application of Presidential action under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, May 20, 2004.

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Additional Statements: Pages S5795–97

Amendments Submitted: Pages S5809–37

Authority for Committees to Meet: Pages S5837–38

Privilege of the Floor: Page S5838

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—101) **Pages S5767, S5784, S5785**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 20, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5891.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, and to reauthorize child nutrition programs.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Linda W. Cropp, Chair, City Council, and Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer, all of Washington, D.C.

IRAQI PRISONER ABUSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed open and closed hearings to examine allegations of mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners, receiving testimony from General John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, United States Central Command; and Lieutenant General Ricardo S. Sanchez, USA, Commander, and Major General Geoffrey D. Miller, USA, Deputy Commander for Detainee Operations, both of Multi-National Force-Iraq.

Hearings recessed subject to the Call.

IMF AND WORLD BANK

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine proposals to reform the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, including the costs and budgetary treatment of multilateral financial institutions' activities, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of American Enterprise Institute; and C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

WATER AND POWER PROJECTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior; Jerry Nypen, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, Sidney, Montana; Andrew B. Core, New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, Santa Fe; John Robert Carman, Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy, Sandy, Utah; Thomas P. Graves, Mid-West Electric Consumers Association, Wheat Ridge, Colorado; and C. Allan Jones, Texas Water Resources Institute, College Station.

TERRORISM FINANCING

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine terrorism financing, focusing on efforts to build domestic and international policies and systems to combat money-laundering and terrorist financing, charities as a means of raising and moving funds and logistical support for terrorists, compliance from Saudi Arabia, and the designation of major foreign financial institutions and businesses as terrorist financiers, receiving testimony from Joseph M. Myers, Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman, former Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, and Jonathan M. Winer, Alston and Bird, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Law Enforcement, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, and Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Enforcement, both of the Department of the Treasury, and John O. Colvin, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Testimony was also received on the nominations of Mr. Zarate and Mr. Levey from Joseph M. Myers, Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman, former Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, and Jonathan M. Winer, Alston and Bird, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Law Enforcement, both of Washington, D.C.

IRAQ'S TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the way ahead in Iraq, focusing on the Administration's plans for the transition to Iraqi sovereignty, after receiving testimony from Anthony H. Cordesman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Phebe Marr, National Defense University, both of Washington, D.C.; General Joseph P. Hoar, USMC (Ret.), former Commander in Chief, United States Central Command, Del Mar, California; and Larry Diamond, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California.

TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE AMENDMENTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1696, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Don Kashevaroff, Seldovia Village Tribe, Anchorage, Alaska, on behalf of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; Alvin Windy Boy, Sr., Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy's Reservation, Box Elder, Montana, on behalf of

the Indian Health Service's Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the Title VI Study Team; and Mickey Peercy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the benefits and risks of Health Savings Accounts as provided for in the Medicare Law, focusing on the future of health care, reducing insurance costs, and enabling more employers to begin or retain health insurance benefits for employees, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; John C. Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis, Dallas, Texas; Ronald A. Williams, Aetna, Hartford, Connecticut; Kate Sullivan, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Edward L. Langston, Lafayette, Indiana, on behalf of the American Medical Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4389–4407; 1 private bill, H.R. 4408 and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 431, and H. Res. 650 were introduced. **Pages H3390–91**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3391–92**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4103, to extend and modify the trade benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–501); and

H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government (H. Rept. 108–502).

H.J. Res. 83, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives, adversely (H. Rept. 108–503). **Page H3390**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Latham to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3231**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Pete Wall, Pastor, Jackson Baptist Church in Sylvania, Georgia. **Page H3231**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Honoring past and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces: H. Con. Res. 424, honoring past and current members of the Armed Forces of the United States and encouraging Americans to wear red poppies on Memorial Day, by a ²/₃ ye-a-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 195.

Pages H3251–56, H3259

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005: The House began consideration of H.R. 4200, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2005. Further consideration will continue on Thursday, May 20.

Pages H3241–45, H3257–H3358, H3369–77

The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H3281–H3346**

Pursuant to section 4 of H. Res. 648, it was agreed that the Slaughter amendment (no. 14 printed in H. Rept. 108–499) be considered out of the order printed in H. Rept. 108–499. **Page H3375**

Pursuant to H. Res. 648, it was agreed that certain amendments be placed in order as though printed in H. Rept. 108–499 and numbered 29, 30, 31, and 32; that amendment numbered 13 in H. Rept. 108–499 be modified in the form that was placed at the desk; and that the amendments and the modification placed at the desk be considered as read.

Pages H3376–77

Agreed to:

Goode amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–499) that authorizes the Secretary of Defense to assign members of the Armed Forces, under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions, to assist the Department of Homeland Security in the performance of border protection functions (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 196);

Pages H3346–50, H3357

Hunter amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–499) that expresses the sense of Congress concerning the abuse of persons in custody in Iraq (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 199);

Pages H3354–57, H3370

Meek amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–499) that moves mission-critical information from the commissioning authority up to the highest levels in short order when that information portends events or situations detrimental to our strategic plan; and

Pages H3372–73

Hastings of Florida amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 108–499) that expresses the sense of Congress that no funds available to any department or agency of the United States Government may be used to provide assistance for the reconstruction of Iraq unless the President certifies to Congress that the United States has entered into an agreement with the Iraqi Governing Council or a transitional government in Iraq under which Iraq agrees that it will expend a significant portion of its revenues generated from oil production for reconstruction activities in Iraq.

Pages H3373–74

Rejected:

Davis of California amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–499) that sought to repeal the prohibition on servicewomen and female military dependents from using their own funds for abortions at overseas military hospitals (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 197).

Pages H3350–54, H3357

Proceedings Postponed:

Weldon of Pennsylvania (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–499) amendment that seeks to express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should assist the Iraqi Government in destroying the Abu Gharib prison and replacing it with a modern detention facility; and

Pages H3370–72

Skelton amendment (no. 14 printed in H. Rept. 108–499) that seeks to require the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive policy for the Department of Defense on the prevention of and response to sexual assaults involving members of the Armed Forces and requires the DoD to take related measures to address sexual assaults involving members of the Armed Forces.

Pages H3374–76

H. Res. 648, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 194, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 193.

Pages H3257–59

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2005—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on S. Con. Res. 95, original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 198.

Pages H3358–69

H. Res. 649, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 192, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 191.

Pages H3256–57

Budget Resolution for FY 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Subsequent to the filing of the conference report on S. Con. Res. 95, the chair announced the motion to instruct conferees offered by Representative Stenholm, which was debated on Tuesday, May 18 and the notice of intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees by Representative Price of North Carolina had been vitiated.

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Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004—Order of Business: Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 649, H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, was laid on the table.

Pages H3236–41, H3377

Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut and Robert B. Blancato of Virginia to the Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3231.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3256–57, H3257, H3257–58, H3258–59, H3259, H3357, H3357–58, H3358–69, and H3369–70. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Agricultural Trade Negotiations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO ASSISTIVE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4278, Improving Access to Assistive Technology for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004.

REGIONAL ENERGY RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Regional Energy Reliability and Security: DOE Authority to Energize the Cross Sound Cable.” Testimony was heard from Senator Schumer; Representatives DeLauro, King of New York and Shays; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Patrick Wood, III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Lee Otis, General Counsel; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE COMPETITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Competition in the Communications Marketplace: How Convergence Is Blurring the Lines Between Voice, Video, and Data Services.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROGRAM ASSESSMENT AND RESULTS ACT; OVERSIGHT—NASA’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3826, Program Assessment and Results Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing entitled “Mission Impossible? Fixing NASA’s Financial Management.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Gwendolyn Brown, Chief Financial Officer; Robert Cobb, Inspector General; and Greg Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

FEDERAL ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled “Federal Enterprise Architecture: A Blueprint for Improved Federal IT Investment and Cross-Agency Collaboration and Information Sharing.” Testimony was heard from Karen S. Evans, Administrator of E-Government and Information Technology, OMB; Randolph C. Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems, GAO; Daniel Matthews, Chief Information Office, Department of Transportation; Kim Nelson, Chief Information Officer, EPA, and public witnesses.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Implementation of the Millennium Challenge Act. Testimony was heard from Paul Applegarth, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ESTABLISH A COMMISSION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ASSIST PARLIAMENTS IN EMERGING DEMOCRACIES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action H. Res. 642, Providing for the establishment of a commission in the House of Representatives to assist parliaments in emerging democracies.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 646, amended, 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, amended, Kilauea Point National Wildlife Point National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2831, amended, Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act; H.R. 2909, amended, Utah Test and Training Range Protection Act; H.R. 3785, amended, 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, amended, Noxious Weed Control Act of 2003; and S. 1146, Three Affiliated Tribes Health Facility Compensation Act.

FEDERAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY R&D PROGRAMS IMPACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Federal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy R&D Programs." Testimony was heard from Peter Smith, Energy Research and Development Authority, State of New York; and public witnesses.

EPA—HOMELAND SECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing entitled "Homeland Security Research and Development at the EPA: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead." Testimony was heard from Paul Gilman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; Penrose C. Albright, Assistant Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

RED TAPE REDUCTION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Red Tape Reduction: Improving the Competitiveness of America's Small Manufacturers." Testimony was heard from John Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BIOMETRICS USE TO IMPROVE AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on The Use of Biometrics to Improve Aviation Security. Testimony was heard from Stewart Verdery, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security; Keith A. Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4231, amended, Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004; H.R. 4248, amended, Homeless Veterans Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2004; H.R. 3936, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the principal office of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to be at any location in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, rather than only in the District of Columbia, and expressing the sense of Congress that a dedicated Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center should be provided for that Court and those it serves and should be located, if feasible, at a site owned by the United States that is part of or proximate to the Pentagon Reservation; H.R. 4345, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the

Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1716, amended, Veterans Earn and Learn Act of 2004; and H.R. 4175, amended, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

VA'S ROLE—IN ELECTRONIC-MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' role in the development of interoperable Electronic-medical records systems in the Federal Government. Testimony was heard from Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; James C. Reardon, Chief Information Officer, Military Health System, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS—BRIEFING—DOD'S INTELLIGENCE REFORM INITIATIVE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Department of Defense Intelligence Reform Initiative (DoD HUMINT Reform). The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

2005 BUDGET

Conferees: On Tuesday, May 18, 2004, agreed to file a conference report on S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 468)

S. 2315, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering. Signed on May 18, 2004. (Public Law 108-228)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine intellectual property, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Extended Custodial Inventory Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and

Marketing Act (CAN-SPAM Act) (P.L. 108-187), 10:15 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: 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: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

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

Committee on Indian Affairs: 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: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by oversight hearings to examine the FBI, terrorism, and other related topics, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Pamela M. Iovino, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

House

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

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

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled

"EPA's Resource Conservation Challenge," 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Financial Services, 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, hearing entitled "Redundancy and Duplication in Federal Child Welfare Programs: A Case Study on the Need for Executive Reorganization Authority," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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

Committee on House Administration, oversight hearing on the Federal Election Commission and the 527 Rule-making Process, 4 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

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

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

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

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, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Great Lakes Water Quality and Restoration Efforts, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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

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10 a.m., Thursday, May 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond a period of 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2400, Department of Defense Reauthorization Act.

House Chamber

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