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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4613, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2443, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Authorization.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: VA, HUD and Independent Agencies; and the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8577–S8616

Measures Introduced: Fifty-seven bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2716–2772, S. Res. 415–419, and S. Con. Res. 131–135.

(See Book II.)

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3340, to redesignate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 and 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “James E. Worsham Post Office” and the “James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building”, respectively.

H.R. 4012, To amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to reauthorize for five additional years the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act.

H.R. 4222, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 550 Nebraska Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the “Newell George Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4327, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7450 Natural Bridge Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Vitalas ‘Veto’ Reid Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4427, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the “Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office”.

S. 2501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the “Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office”.

S. 2640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the “Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building” and to authorize the installation of a plaque at such site.

S. 2673, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Williams Street, Ignacio, Colorado, as the “Leonard C. Burch Post Office Building”.

S. 2682, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 222 West 8th Street, Durango, Colorado, as the “Ben Nighthorse Campbell Post Office Building”.

(See Book II.)

Measures Passed:

National Veterans Business Development Corporation Clarification: Senate passed S. 2724, to amend section 33(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657c(a)) to clarify that the National Veterans Business Development Corporation is a private entity.

(See Book II.)

FHA Mortgage Insurance: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2712, to preserve the ability of the Federal Housing Administration to insure mortgages under sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act, and the bill was then passed.

(See Book II.)

Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 663, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 720, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: (See Book II.)

Frist (for Gregg/Kennedy) Amendment No. 3568, in the nature of a substitute. (See Book II.)

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Gregg, Frist, Enzi, Alexander, Kennedy, Dodd, and Jeffords. (See Book II.)

Subsequently, S. 720 was returned to the Senate calendar. (See Book II.)

U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: Pursuant to the order of July 21, 2004, Senate passed H.R. 4842, to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement. (See Book II.)

Subsequently, the July 21, 2004 passage of S. 2677, Senate companion measure, was vitiated, and the bill was then returned to the Senate calendar. (See Book II.)

TEA-21 Extension: Senate passed H.R. 4916, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, clearing the measure for the President. (See Book II.)

Sudan Human Rights: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 133, declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan. (See Book II.)

Condemning Anti-Semitic Attack: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 126, condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994, and expressing the concern of the United States regarding the continuing, decade-long delay in the resolution of this case, and the resolution was then agreed to. (See Book II.)

Urging the Government of Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 106, urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the presidential

election on October 31, 2004, and the resolution was then agreed to. (See Book II.)

Iran Nuclear Safeguards Agreement: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons, and the resolution was agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: (See Book II.)

Frist (for Kyl/Feinstein) Amendment No. 3569, in the nature of a substitute. (See Book II.)

Frist (for Kyl) Amendment No. 3570, to amend the preamble. (See Book II.)

Frist (for Kyl) Amendment No. 3571, to amend the title. (See Book II.)

Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 398, expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons, and the resolution was then agreed to. (See Book II.)

Frist (for Kyl/Feinstein) Amendment No. 3572, in the nature of a substitute. (See Book II.)

Frist (for Kyl) Amendment No. 3573, to amend the preamble. (See Book II.)

Frist (for Kyl) Amendment No. 3574, to amend the title. (See Book II.)

Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office: Senate passed S. 2501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the "Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office". (See Book II.)

Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the "Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building" and to authorize the installation of a plaque at such site. (See Book II.)

Ben Nighthorse Campbell Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2682, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 222 West 8th Street, Durango, Colorado, as the "Ben Nighthorse Campbell Post Office Building". (See Book II.)

James E. Worsbam facilities: Senate passed H.R. 3340, to redesignate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 and 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "James E. Worsbam Post Office" and the "James E. Worsbam Carrier Annex Building", respectively, clearing the measure for the President. (See Book II.)

Newell George Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4222, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 550 Nebraska Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the “Newell George Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. (See Book II.)

Vitilas ‘Veto’ Reid Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4327, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7450 Natural Bridge Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Vitilas ‘Veto’ Reid Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. (See Book II.)

Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4427, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the “Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. (See Book II.)

National Museum of the American Indian: Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 41, commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (See Book II.)

Record Production Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 415, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (See Book II.)

Congratulating California State University Fullerton baseball team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 416, congratulating the California State University, Fullerton baseball team on winning the 2004 College World Series. (See Book II.)

Congratulating UCLA Women’s Softball team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 417, congratulating the University of California at Los Angeles women’s softball team on winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship. (See Book II.)

National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 418, designating September 2004 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.” (See Book II.)

Authorizing Printing of Commemorative Document: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 135, authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan. (See Book II.)

Recognizing AMVETS: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 308, recognizing the members of AMVETS for their service to the Nation and supporting the goal of AMVETS National Charter Day. (See Book II.)

Commending U.S. Institute of Peace: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 109, commending the United States Institute of Peace on the occasion of its 20th

anniversary and recognizing the Institute for its contribution to international conflict resolution.

(See Book II.)

National Veterans Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 401, designating the week of November 7 through November 13, 2004, as “National Veterans Awareness Week” to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country. (See Book II.)

Smokey Bear’s 60th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 404, designating August 9, 2004, as “Smokey Bear’s 60th Anniversary”. (See Book II.)

National Mammography Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 407, designating October 15, 2004, as “National Mammography Day”. (See Book II.)

SUTA Dumping Prevention Act: Senate passed H.R. 3463, to amend titles III and IV of the Social Security Act to improve the administration of unemployment taxes and benefits, clearing the measure for the President. (See Book II.)

Recognizing Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 221, recognizing National Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the importance and accomplishments of historically Black colleges and universities, and the resolution was then agreed to. (See Book II.)

Recognizing Gold Medal Recipients: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 400, recognizing the 2004 Congressional Awards Gold Medal Recipients, and the resolution was then agreed to. (See Book II.)

Service Activities to Assist Seniors: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 409, encouraging increased involvement in service activities to assist senior citizens, and the resolution was then agreed to. (See Book II.)

National Purple Heart Recognition Day: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 112, supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. (See Book II.)

Honoring WWII Army Motor Transport Brigade: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 439, honoring the members of the Army Motor Transport Brigade who during World War II served in the trucking operation known as the Red Ball Express

for their service and contribution to the Allied advance following the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France, and the resolution was then agreed to.

(See Book II.)

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 479, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

(See Book II.)

Tamper-Resistant Entry/Exit Documents: Senate passed H.R. 4417, to modify certain deadlines pertaining to machine-readable, tamper-resistant entry and exit documents.

(See Book II.)

Department of Defense Appropriations—Conference Report: By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 163), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

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Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the United States Coast Guard, clearing the measure for the President.

(See Book II.)

Signing Authority Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, Assistant Majority Leader, and Senator Warner, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

(See Book II.)

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the Senate's adjournment, all committees be authorized to file legislative and executive reports of the Senate on Wednesday, August 25, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

(See Book II.)

Appointment Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Democratic Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

(See Book II.)

Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 160), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 161), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 162), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nominations of Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Michael H. Schneider, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, September 7, 2004, and that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary; after which Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations respectively; following which, Senate will consider and vote on the nomination of Michael H. Watson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

(See Book II.)

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all nominations remain in status quo, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, and the provisions of rule XXXI, Paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with certain exceptions.

(See Book II.)

Appointments:

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the

Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–170, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Thomas P. Golden of Tennessee. (See Book II.)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Charles L. Kolbe, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 14, 2004.

Jerald S. Paul, of Florida, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration. (New Position)

Tina Westby Jonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Larry C. Kindsvater, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management.

John O. Colvin, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment)

Captain Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O–8), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, NOAA Corps and Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 3028(d)(1).

Captain Richard R. Behn, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O–7), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Marine and Aviation Operations Centers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 3028(d)(1).

John Ripin Miller, of Washington, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Valerie Lynn Baldwin, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

9 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

26 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Navy. (See Book II.)

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sharon Brown-Hruska, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2009. (Reappointment)

James S. Simpson, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Karen Alderman Harbert, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy).

Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years. (Reappointment)

Christopher A. Boyko, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Lisa Godbey Wood, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Richard B. Roper III, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Gregory Franklin Jenner, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Yousif B. Ghafari, of Michigan, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Jane Dee Hull, of Arizona, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

John S. Shaw, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environment, Safety and Health).

Anna Escobedo Cabral, of Virginia, to be Treasurer of the United States.

Routine lists in the Air Force. (See Book II.)

Nominations Returned to the President: The following nominations were returned to the President failing of confirmation under Senate rule XXXI at the time of the adjournment of the 108th Congress:

Deborah P. Majoras, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 26, 2001; and

Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years from September 26, 2003. (See Book II.)

Messages From the House: (See Book II.)

Measures Referred: (See Book II.)

Measures Placed on Calendar:	(See Book II.)
Executive Communications:	(See Book II.)
Petitions and Memorials:	(See Book II.)
Executive Reports of Committees:	(See Book II.)
Additional Cosponsors:	(See Book II.)
Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:	(See Book II.)
Additional Statements:	(See Book II.)
Amendments Submitted:	(See Book II.)
Notices of Hearings/Meetings:	(See Book II.)
Authority for Committees to Meet:	(See Book II.)
Privilege of the Floor:	(See Book II.)
Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—163)	

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and, in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 479, adjourned at 11:46 p.m., until 12 noon, on Tuesday, September 7, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in Book II of today's Record.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL/WORKING FOR AMERICA INSTITUTE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine contract renewal issues relative to the Appalachian Council and future funding issues relative to the Working for America Institute, focusing on vocational training, job placement and career transition services to Job Corps students and graduates, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Dowd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Administration; Mayor Bobby Baker, Batesville, Mississippi; Richard C. Trigg, Job Corps, and Nancy Mills, Working for America Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Jim Bowen, West Virginia AFL–CIO, Gary Darlington and Herb Mabry, both of the Appalachian Council, all of Charleston, West Virginia; Bill George, Pennsylvania AFL–CIO, Harrisburg; and William Burga, Ohio AFL–CIO, Columbus.

ARMY INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Army Inspector General Report on detention operation doc-

trine and training, after receiving testimony from Les Brownlee, Acting Secretary of the Army; General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army; Lieutenant General Paul T. Mikolashek, USA, Inspector General of the Army; and Lieutenant General Keith B. Alexander, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–2.

SEC PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Regulation NMS (National Market System) relative to trade-throughs, intermarket access, sub-penny pricing, and market data, and market structure developments, after receiving testimony from Davi M. D'Agostino, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; David Colker, National Stock Exchange, Chicago, Illinois; Kevin Cronin, AIM Investments, Houston, Texas; Scott DeSano, Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts; Phylis M. Esposito, Ameritrade Holding Corporation, Omaha, Nebraska; Charles Leven, AARP, Washington, D.C.; and Bernard L. Madoff, Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, Robert H. McCooley Jr., Griswold Company, Inc., Kim Bang, Bloomberg Tradebook, LLC, Robert B. Fagenson, Van der Moolen Specialists, John C. Giesea, Security Traders Association, all of New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2295, to authorize appropriations for the Homeland Security Department's Directorate of Science and Technology, establish a program for the use of advanced technology to meet homeland security needs;

H.R. 2608, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program;

S. 2603, to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227) relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions;

S. 2644, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to the carriage of direct broadcast satellite television signals by satellite carriers to consumers in rural areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2281, to provide a clear and unambiguous structure for the jurisdictional and regulatory treatment for the offering or provision of voice-over-Internet-protocol applications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2505, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to

the Congress regarding low power FM service, with an amendment;

S. 2645, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize appropriations for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting;

S. 2488, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities;

S. 2280, to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

The nominations of David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration), Albert A. Frink, Jr., of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Brett T. Palmer, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Benjamin H. Wu, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy, Scott Kevin Walker, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Enrique J. Sosa, of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), Captain Richard R. Behn, NOAA, for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-7), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Marine and Aviation Operations Centers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Captain Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA, for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-8), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, NOAA Corps and Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and sundry nominations for promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard.

SATURN

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Cassini-Huygens mission to Saturn, focusing on the planet's rings, and its moon Titan, after receiving testimony from Orlando Figueroa, Solar System Exploration Division Director, Office of Space Science, and Denis Bogan, Scientist, and Mark Dahl, Executive, both of the Cassini Program, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded an oversight

hearing to examine the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (Title VIII, Public Law 106-181), after receiving testimony from William C. Withycombe, Regional Administrator (Western Pacific Region), Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Roy Resavage, Helicopter Association International, Alexandria, Virginia; David J. Chevalier, Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, Kahului, Hawaii; Charles W. Maynard, Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Jonesboro, Tennessee; and Don Barger, National Parks Conservation Association (Southeast Region), Knoxville, Tennessee.

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCING

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the role of higher education financing in strengthening United States competitiveness in a global economy, receiving testimony from Randall Edwards, Oregon State Treasurer, Salem; Susan Dynarski, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Peter B. Corr, Pfizer, New York, New York; Watson Scott Swail, Education Policy Institute, Stafford, Virginia; Robert Paxton, Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge; David Forbes, University of Montana School of Pharmacy, Missoula; Chuck Toth, Merrill Lynch and Company, Princeton, New Jersey; and James Fadule, UPromise Investments, Needham, Massachusetts.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

IRAQ—POST-TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current situation in Iraq post-transition, focusing on U.S. activities in Iraq since the transfer of sovereignty to the new Interim Iraqi Government, including increasing security in Iraq, improving the economy, affirming the place of Iraq as a member of the international community, and laying the groundwork for national elections in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Ronald L. Schlicher, Iraq Coordinator, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and David C. Gompert, National Defense University Center for Technology and National Security Policy, Washington, D.C.

INTERNET PHARMACIES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine the extent to which consumers can purchase pharmaceuticals over the Internet without a medical prescription, the importation of pharmaceuticals into the United States, and whether pharmaceuticals from

foreign sources are counterfeit, expired, unsafe, or illegitimate, focusing on the extent to which U.S. consumers can purchase dangerous and often addictive controlled substances from Internet pharmacy websites and the procedures utilized by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Postal Service, and the Food and Drug Administration, as well as the private sector to address these issues, after receiving testimony from Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Karen P. Tandy, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Lee R. Heath, Chief Postal Inspector, United States Postal Service; Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; John M. Taylor, III, Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs, and William K. Hubbard, Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning, both of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; John Scheibel, Yahoo! Inc., Washington, D.C.; Sheryl Sandberg, Google, Inc., Mountain View, California; Joshua L. Peirez, Mastercard International Incorporated, Purchase, New York; Steve Ruwe, Visa U.S.A. Inc., Foster City, California; Robert A. Bryden, FedEx Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; and Daniel J. Silva, United Parcel Service, Atlanta, Georgia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing examine the nomination of Allen Weinstein, of Maryland, to be Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MILITARY FAMILIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: On Wednesday, July 21, Subcommittee on Children and Families held a joint hearing with the Committee on Armed Services' Subcommittee on Personnel to examine how states have responded to military families' unique challenges during military deployments and what the Federal Government can do to support states in this important work, receiving testimony from Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Florida Governor John Ellis Bush, Tallahassee; Indiana Governor Joseph E. Kernan, Indianapolis; Nolan Jones, National Governors Association, Washington, D.C.; General Dennis J. Reimer, USA, (Ret.), Edmond, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Military

Child Education Coalition; and Hollister K. Petraeus, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparations for possible future terrorist attacks, focusing on a concept of operations plan, tailored to each National Special Security Event, which establishes a framework for managing federal public health and medical assets and coordinating with state and local governments in an emergency, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Eric Tolbert, Director, Response Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Andrew T. Mitchell, Deputy Director, Office for Domestic Preparedness, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Susan C. Waltman, Greater New York Hospital Association, New York; Michael Sellitto, District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, Washington, D.C.; Ricardo Martinez, Medical Sports Group, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the National Football League; and George E. Thibault, Partners Healthcare, Boston, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began mark up of S. 1700, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, but did not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2560, to amend chapter 5 of title 17, United States Code, relating to inducement of copyright infringement, after receiving testimony from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Gary J. Shapiro, Consumer Electronics Association, Arlington, Virginia; Robert Holleyman, Business Software Alliance, Kevin S. McGuinness, NetCoalition, and Mitch Bainwol, Recording Industry Association of America, Washington, D.C.; and Andrew C. Greenberg, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-USA, New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee recessed subject to call.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: Measures introduced today will appear in Book II.

Additional Cosponsors: (See Book II.)

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 699, directing the Secretary of State to transmit to the House of Representatives documents in the possession of the Secretary of State relating to the treatment of prisoners and detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay, amended, adversely (H. Rept. 108-631);

H. Res. 689, a resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing certain other Federal officials to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President and those officials relating to the treatment of prisoners or detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Guantanamo Bay, amended, adversely (H. Rept. 108-632);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2005 (H. Rept. 108-633); and

H.R. 4501, to extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under section 119 of title 17, United States Code, and to amend the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to such transmissions (H. Rept. 108-634). (See Book II.)

Marriage Protection Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 3313, to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit Federal court jurisdiction over questions under the Defense of Marriage Act, by a yeand-nay vote of 233 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 410. (See Book II.)

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. (See Book II.)

H. Res. 734, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

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United States-Morocco Free Trade Implementation Act: The House passed H.R. 4842, to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agree-

ment, by a yeand-nay vote of 323 yeas to 99 nays, Roll No. 413. (See Book II.)

Agreed to extend time for debate on the bill.

(See Book II.)

H. Res. 738, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 345 yeas to 76 nays, Roll No. 407. (See Book II.)

Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY05—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a yeand-nay vote of 410 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 418. (See Book II.)

H. Res. 735, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a voice vote. (See Book II.)

Military Construction Appropriations Act for FY05: The House passed H.R. 4837, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a yeand-nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 417. The bill was also considered on Wednesday, July 21. (See Book II.)

A point of order was sustained against the Obey motion to recommit the bill back to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment. (See Book II.)

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill back to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yeand-nay vote of 201 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 416. (See Book II.)

Point of Order sustained against:

Section 129 of the bill regarding an increase in funds that is not subject to scoring for purposes of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. (See Book II.)

Agreed to H. Res. 732, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Wednesday, July 21. (See Book II.)

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were previously debated:

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004: Debated on Tuesday, July 20: H.R. 4175, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 408; **Page H6579**

Sense of the House regarding the postponement of Presidential elections due to terrorist actions: Debated on Tuesday, July 20: H. Res. 728, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the actions of terrorists will never cause the date of any Presidential election to be postponed and that no single individual or agency should be given the authority to postpone the date of a Presidential election, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 409; **Pages H6579–80**

Commercial Aviation MANPADS Defense Act of 2004: Debated on Wednesday, July 21: H.R. 4056, amended, to encourage the establishment of both long-term and short-term programs to address the threat of man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) to commercial aviation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 411; **Page H6613**

Urging the Government of the Republic of Belarus to ensure a democratic election process for its elections in the Fall of 2004: Debated on Wednesday, July 21: H. Res. 652, urging the Government of the Republic of Belarus to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for its parliamentary elections in the fall of 2004, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 412; **Pages H6613–14**

Celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa: Debated on Wednesday, July 21: H. Con. Res. 436, amended, celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of South Africa since the institution of democracy in that country, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 414; **(See Book II.)**

Recognizing the importance in history of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Japan: Debated on Wednesday, July 21: H. Con. Res. 418, recognizing the importance in history of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic rela-

tions between the United States and Japan, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 415; **(See Book II.)**

Condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina in July 1994: Debated on Wednesday, July 21: H. Con. Res. 469, condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 419; and **(See Book II.)**

Declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan: Debated on Wednesday, July 21: H. Con. Res. 467, amended, declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 420. **(See Book II.)**

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Science have until 5 p.m. on Friday, August 27 to file a report on H.R. 3551, to authorize appropriations to the Department of Transportation for surface transportation research and development. **(See Book II.)**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Stenholm motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, by a ye-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 421. The motion was also considered on Tuesday, July 20. **(See Book II.)**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 741, electing Representative Butterfield to the Committees on Agriculture and Small Business. **(See Book II.)**

Summer District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 479, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **(See Book II.)**

Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the family and friends of Mattie Stepanek: The House agreed to H. Res. 695, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the family and friends of Mattie Stepanek on his passing, and honoring the life of Mattie Stepanek for his braveness, generosity of spirit, and efforts to raise awareness of muscular dystrophy. **(See Book II.)**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Bereuter wherein he announced his resignation from the House of Representatives, effective August 31, 2004. **(See Book II.)**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 10:25 p.m. **(See Book II.)**

Extending programs funded under the Highway Trust Fund: The House agreed to discharge from the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Science, and Resources and pass by unanimous consent H.R. 4916, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law re-authorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. (See Book II.)

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 8. (See Book II.)

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2004, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 479, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. (See Book II.)

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf, or if not available to perform this duty, Representative Tom Davis of Virginia to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 7, 2004. (See Book II.)

Preserving the ability of the FHA to insure mortgages under the National Housing Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2712, to preserve the ability of the Federal Housing Administration to insure mortgages under sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act. (See Book II.)

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today will appear in Book II.

Senate Referral: S. 2249 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services; S. Con. Res. 125 was held at the desk; S. Con. Res. 130 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. 2724 was referred to the Committee on Small Business. (See Book II.)

Quorum Calls—Votes: 15 yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6578–79, H6579, H6579–80, H6612, H6613, H6613–14 (continued in Book II). There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:57 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 479, stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Monday, July 26, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of the concurrent resolution, in which case the House shall stand

adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

Committee Meetings

FOOD PROMOTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported H.R. 4576, Food Promotion Act of 2004.

USDA'S NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review the USDA's National Animal Identification System. Testimony was heard from John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES AND THE TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: VA, HUD and Independent Agencies; and Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies.

ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE ATTACK

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Report of the Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Attack. Testimony was heard from William R. Graham, Chairman, Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack.

SPACE CADRE/SPACE PROFESSIONALS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Space Cadre/Space Professionals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary, Air Force, Space; GEN Lance Lord, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command; LTG Larry J. Dodgen, USA, Commander, Space and Missile Defense Command; and RADM James McArthur, USN, Commander, Navy Network Warfare Command; and public witnesses.

TAX CODE'S IMPACT ON REVENUE PROJECTIONS AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the U.S. Tax Code's Impact on Revenue Projections and the Federal Budget. Testimony was heard from Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

GENETIC NON-DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing entitled “Genetic Non-Discrimination: Examining the Implications for Workers and Employers.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DC—SAFE DRINKING WATER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Tapped Out? Lead in the District of Columbia and the Providing of Safe Drinking Water.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Water; and Don Welsh, Administrator, Region III; John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; Jerry N. Johnson, Executive Director, Water and Sewer Authority, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Health Information Technology: Improving Quality and Value of Patient Care.” Testimony was heard from Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Robert M. Kolodner, M.D., Acting Chief, Health Informatics Officer and Deputy Chief Information Officer, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

E-RATE PROGRAM INVESTIGATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation’s Schools to the Internet.” Testimony was heard from William Maher, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at the hearing, the following individuals: Thomas J. Burger, President and CEO, NEC Unified Solutions, Inc.; William Holman, former Vice President of Sales, NEC Business Network Solutions; and George Marchelos, former E-rate Consultant and Salesperson, Video Network Communications, Inc., invoked Fifth Amendments privileges.

MARKET AND INVESTOR RECOVERY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Sarbanes-Oxley: Two Years of Market and Investor Recovery.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAQ—CONTRACTING AND REBUILDING

Committee on Government Reform: Continued hearings entitled “Contracting and the Rebuilding of Iraq:

Part IV.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DRUGS AND SECURITY IN POST-9/11 WORLD

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security of the Select Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled “Drugs and Security in a Post-9/11 World: Coordinating the Counternarcotics Mission at the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert Bonner, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; ADM Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Michael J. Garcia, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Roger Mackin, Counternarcotics Officer.

HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled “Balancing Act: The Health Advantages of Naturally-Occurring Hormones in Hormone Replacement Therapy.” Testimony was heard from Barbara Alving, M.D., Acting, Director, Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses

ESTABLISH—NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on H.R. 4863, To establish the Commission to Establish the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance within the Smithsonian Institution of the National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ros-Lehtinen and Becerra; Lawrence M. Small, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO PEACE ACCORDS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on The Democratic Republic of Congo Peace Accords: One Year Later. Testimony was heard from Constance Berry Newman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 822, Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2003; H.R.

4806, Pine Springs Land Exchange Act; and H.R. 4838, Health Forest Youth Conservation Corps Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Representative Larsen of Washington and Neugebauer; Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Small Business Liability Reform. Testimony was heard from Representative Chabot; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan—The First Major Projects. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; COL Robert M. Carpenter, Commander, Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Ernest Barnett, Director, Ecosystem Projects, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

VA-DoD COLLABORATION—CARE OF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the evolution of VA-DoD collaboration in research and amputee care for veterans of current and past conflicts, and needed reforms in VA blind rehabilitation services. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Health; Mindy L. Aisen, M.D., Deputy Chief, Research and Development Officer; and Frederick Downs, Jr., Chief Consultant, Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service Strategic Healthcare Group; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Brett P. Giroir, M.D., Deputy Director, Defense Sciences Office, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; LTC Paul Pasquina, M.D., USA, Chief, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Chuck Scoville, Program Manager, U.S. Amputee Patient Care, both with the Walter Reed Army Medical Center; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Electronic Prescribing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING: INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a Briefing: Technological Superiority in the Intelligence Community. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING: NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND OLYMPICS THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to receive a Briefing: Threats to the National Conventions and the Olympics. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING: PORT SECURITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to receive a Briefing: Port Security. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

POSTPONEMENT OF ILLNESS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine long-term trends in the health status and health spending levels of elderly Americans, focusing on evidence regarding declining rates of chronic disability and assess the best opportunities for further health promotion, after receiving testimony from James Lubitz, Acting Chief, Aging and Chronic Diseases, Statistics Branch, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Kenneth G. Manton, Duke University Center for Demographic Studies, Durham, North Carolina; James F. Fries, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California; and Judith Feder, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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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. Signed on July 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-276)

H.R. 218, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns. Signed on July 22, 2004. (Public Law 108–277)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,

JULY 23, 2004

Senate

No meetings/hearings are scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Regulatory Aspects of Voice Over the Internet Protocol (VoIP), 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider pending business, 1 p.m., and, executive, Briefing: Acting Director of Central Intelligence, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

July 23, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, Briefing: Counternarcotics: Mexico, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Tuesday, September 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, September 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday, September 7: After the transaction of morning business for statements only (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Michael H. Schneider, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, following which Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations respectively; following which, Senate will consider and vote on the nomination of Michael H. Watson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday, September 7: To be announced.

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