

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate and House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1308, Working Families Tax Relief Act.
- Senate passed H.R. 4818, Foreign Operations Appropriations.
- The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency, Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq.
- The House passed H.R. 2028, Pledge Protection Act of 2004.
- House Committees ordered reported 12 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9539–S9597*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2832–2845, and S. Res. 433–434. (See next issue.)

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2005”. (S. Rept. No. 108–356)

S. 2484, to amend title 38, United States Code, to simplify and improve pay provisions for physicians and dentists, to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–357)

S. 2840, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government. (See next issue.)

#### Measures Passed:

**Foreign Operations Appropriations:** Pursuant to the order of September 23, 2004, Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2812, Senate companion measure, which was considered as original text for the purpose of

further amendment, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

Corzine/DeWine Modified Amendment No. 3671, to make available to the Department of State for the purpose of providing support for the rapid expansion of the African Union mission in Darfur, Sudan, \$75,000,000, to be designated as an emergency requirement. Pages S9581–85

McConnell Amendment No. 3680, of a technical nature. Page S9588

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3681, of a technical nature. Page S9588

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 3682, regarding USAID operating expenses. Page S9588

McConnell (for Frist) Amendment No. 3683, regarding affordable housing. Page S9588

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3684, regarding assistance for Liberia. Page S9588

McConnell (for Grassley/Daschle) Amendment No. 3685, to limit the extension of certain credit. Pages S9588, S9590–91

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3686, to express the sense of the Senate on the need for international support for the interim government of Haiti. Pages S9588–89

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3687, regarding medically accurate information on condom use. Page S9589

McConnell (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3688, regarding assistance for Greece. Page S9589

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3689, relating to obligations under the United States-Colombian treaty on extradition. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 3690, regarding a report on global poverty and national security. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3691, regarding assistance for Nepal. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3692, to provide that \$10,000,000 should be made available to reduce the threat that man-portable air defense systems could be acquired by terrorists or by state sponsors of terrorism. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3693, to provide \$10 million in election related assistance to Haiti through the OAS. **Pages S9589, S9591**

McConnell (for Biden) Amendment No. 3694, to require a report on reform of the education sector in Pakistan. **Pages S9589, S9591-92**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3695, of a technical nature. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Coleman) Amendment No. 3696, to urge the President, the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and other appropriate United States officials to work to dissuade member states of the United Nations from supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3697, to express the sense of Congress on actions of the President to address violations of religious freedom in Saudi Arabia. **Pages S9580-90**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3698, of a technical nature. **Page S9590**

McConnell (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3699, regarding property taxes owed by foreign countries. **Page S9590**

McConnell (for Ensign) Amendment No. 3700, to express support for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of Lebanon. **Page S9590**

McConnell (for Bingaman/Leahy) Amendment No. 3701, making funds available for UNFPA. **Page S9590**

Withdrawn:

Dayton/Reid Amendment No. 3672, to provide an additional \$500,000,000 for economic development in Afghanistan. **Page S9586**

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: Senators McConnell, Specter, Gregg, Shelby, Bennett, Campbell, Bond, DeWine,

Stevens, Leahy, Inouye, Harkin, Mikulski, Durbin, Johnson, Landrieu, and Byrd. **Page S9594**

*U.S. Marshals Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 433, commemorating the 215th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service. **(See next issue.)**

*U.S. Civic Awareness:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 434, recognizing and supporting all efforts to promote greater civic awareness among the people of the United States. **(See next issue.)**

*Olympic Games Congratulations:* Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 427, congratulating the citizens of Greece, the members of the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2004 United States Olympic Team, athletes from around the world, and all the personnel who participated in the 2004 Olympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece, and the resolution was then agreed to. **(See next issue.)**

*John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program:* Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 428, reauthorizing the John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program, and the resolution was then agreed to. **(See next issue.)**

*Organization for Security and Cooperation In Europe (OSCE):* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 110, expressing the sense of Congress in support of the ongoing work of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in combating anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, discrimination, intolerance, and related violence, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **(See next issue.)**

McConnell (for Campbell) Amendment No. 3677, in the nature of a substitute. **(See next issue.)**

McConnell (for Campbell) Amendment No. 3678, to propose a substitute to the preamble. **(See next issue.)**

*Suicide Prevention:* Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 119, recognizing that prevention of suicide is a compelling national priority, and the resolution was then agreed to. **(See next issue.)**

*Nonprofit Organization Awards:* Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3389, to amend the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm Baldrige National

Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

**Comprehensive Peace In Sudan Act:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 2781, to express the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Darfur, Sudan, to provide assistance for the crisis in Darfur and for comprehensive peace in Sudan, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

McConnell (for Lugar/Biden) Amendment No. 3679, in the nature of a substitute. (See next issue.)

**Working Families Tax Relief Act—Conference Report:** By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 188), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for working families, clearing the measure for the President.

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**National Intelligence Reform Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, September 27, 2004, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of S. 2845, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government; that all amendments be related to the subject matter of the bill or related to the 9/11 Commission recommendations. (See next issue.)

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Dan Arvizu, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Steven C. Beering, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010. (Re-appointment)

Gerald Wayne Clough, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Kelvin Kay Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Louis J. Lanzerotti, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Alan I. Leshner, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Jon C. Strauss, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

31 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

39 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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**Messages From the House:** (See next issue.)

**Measures Referred:** (See next issue.)

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** (See next issue.)

**Measures Read First Time:** (See next issue.)

**Executive Communications:** (See next issue.)

**Additional Cosponsors:** (See next issue.)

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** (See next issue.)

**Additional Statements:** (See next issue.)

**Amendments Submitted:** (See next issue.)

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings** Page S (See next issue.)

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** (See next issue.)

**Privilege of the Floor:** (See next issue.)

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—188) Page S9580

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 9:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, September 24, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9594.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine National Labor Relations Board issues, including whether graduate student assistants are considered employees under the National Labor Relations Act, and the purpose and need for the Board's recognition bar doctrine, after receiving testimony from Robert J.

Battista, Chairman, Arthur F. Rosenfeld, General Counsel, and Wilma B. Liebman, Member, all of the National Labor Relations Board; John B. Langel, Ballard Spahr Andrews and Ingersoll, and Christina Collins, on behalf of Graduate Employees Together—University of Pennsylvania, both of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Nancy Schiffer, AFL–CIO, Washington, D.C.; and William L. Messenger, National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Springfield, Virginia.

#### GLOBAL POSTURE REVIEW

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Global Posture Review of United States military forces stationed overseas, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commander, U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and General Leon J. LaPorte, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug abuse prevention issues, focusing on the role of prescription drug monitoring programs, and federal pri-

vacy standards for PMPs, after receiving testimony from Representative Whitfield; James W. Holsinger, Jr., Kentucky Secretary for Health and Family Services, Frankfort; Sherry Green, National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws, Alexandria, Virginia; Kenneth G. Varley, Alabama Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, Birmingham, on behalf of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians; Joy L. Pritts, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

#### MEDICARE DISCOUNT DRUG CARDS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee met to discuss the new Medicare-approved prescription drug cards and transitional assistance programs for seniors, with Mark McClellan, Administrator, and Sharman Stephens, Director, Planning and Policy Analysis Group, Office of Research, Development and Information, both of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and James Firman, National Council on the Aging, Mary R. Grealy, Healthcare Leadership Council, Robert B. Helms, American Enterprise Institute, and Julie James, Health Policy Alternatives, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 5130–5146; and; 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106; H. Con. Res. 497–499, and H. Res. 795–800 were introduced. **Pages H7574–75**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H7575**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4341, to reform the postal laws of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 108–672, Pt. 2);

Conference report on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification (H. Rept. 108–696);

H. Res. 745, of inquiry requesting the President of the United States to provide certain information to the House of Representatives respecting the National Energy Policy Development Group, adversely (H. Rept. 108–697);

H.R. 4661, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, amended (H. Rept. 108–698); and

H. Res. 794, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit (H. Rept. 108–699). **Pages H7573–74**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kirk to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7445**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Betsy Singleton, Pastor, Quapaw Quarter United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. **Page H7445**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.; and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Pages H7445, H7448**

**Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq:** The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq. He was escorted in the House Chamber by a Committee comprised of Representatives DeLay, Blunt, Cox, Kingston, Hunter, Ros-Lehtinen, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Skelton, Lantos, and Harman and Senators Frist, McConnell, Santorum, Hutchinson, Kyl, Allen, Lugar, Sessions, Daschle, Breaux, Stabenow, Clinton, and Corzine. **Pages H7445–46**

**Pledge Protection Act of 2004—Rule for Consideration:** The House passed H.R. 2028, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance, by yeas and nays vote of 247 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 467. **Pages H7451–78**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill and considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H7478**

Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner manager's amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–693) that clarifies that the local courts of the District of Columbia may consider cases relating to the Pledge of Allegiance. **Page H7478**

**Pages H7471–72**

Rejected:

Jackson-Lee amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–693) that sought to provide for an exception to the bill's preclusion from the federal courts of claims that involve allegations of coerced or mandatory recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, including coercion in violation of the First Amendment; and **Pages H7475–77**

Watt amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–693) that sought to preserve the authority of the United States Supreme Court to hear or decide any question pertaining to the interpretation of, or the validity under the Constitution of, the Pledge of Allegiance, as defined in section 4 of title 4, or its recitation (by a recorded vote of 202 yeas, to 217 noes, Roll No. 466). **Pages H7472–75, H7477**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance. **Page H7478**

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H. Res. 781, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, September 22. **Page H7451**

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**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, September 22.

**Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act:** H.R. 1057, to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs, by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 468. **Pages H7478–79**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2004—Conference Report:** The House agreed to H. Rept. 108–696, the conference report to accompany 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 recorded vote of 339 yeas to 65 noes, Roll No. 472. **Pages H7514–40**

**Pages H7514–40**

H. Res. 785, the rule waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee, was agreed to by a voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 211 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 469. **Page H7514**

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H. Res. 794, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 235 to 167, Roll No. 471, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 212 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 470. **Pages H7514–31**

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The Moore motion to instruct conferees on the bill, which was debated yesterday, was vitiated by the filing of the conference report on the bill. **Page H7509**

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened at 3:54 p.m. **Page H7514**

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow, September 24; and further that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H7542**

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 29. **Page H7542**

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**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 795, electing Representative Gerlach to the Committee on Financial Services and Representative Burgess to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H7542**

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**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Goss wherein he resigned as Representative of the 14th Congressional District of Florida, effective close of business today. **Page H7542**

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7563.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas and nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H7477, H7478, H7478–79, H7514, H7529–30, H7530, H7539–40. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 261, Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the efforts of organizations such as Second Harvest to provide emergency food assistance to hungry people in the United States, and encouraging all Americans to provide volunteer services and other support for local antihunger advocacy efforts and hunger relief charities, including food banks, food rescue organizations, food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency shelters; H. Res. 481, Recognizing the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs to efforts to decrease hunger and help feed those in need; H.R. 2119, amended, To provide for the use by the State of North Carolina of Federal lands, improvements, equipment, and resource materials at the Oxford Research Station in Granville County, North Carolina; H.R. 2984, To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to remove the requirement that processors be members of an agency administering a marketing order applicable to pears; H.R. 3372, To designate the facility of the Agriculture Research Service of the Department of Agriculture located at State Highway 26 West in Poplarville, Mississippi, as the “Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory;” H.R. 3514, amended, Pennsylvania National Forest Improvement Act of 2003; S. 33, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; H.R. 4569, To provide for the development of a national plan for the control and management of Sudden Oak Death, a tree disease caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*; H.R. 4620, amended, To confirm the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commodity Credit Corporation to enter into memorandums of understanding with a State regarding the collection of approved State commodity assessments on behalf of the State from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans; H.R. 5042, To amend the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944 to ensure that the dependents of employees of the Forest Service stationed in Puerto Rico receive a high-quality elementary and secondary education; and S. 1814, To transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.

### DIPLOMA MILLS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing entitled “Current Safeguards Protecting Taxpayers Against Diploma Mills.” Testimony was heard from Robert Cramer, Managing Director, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2004

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4940, Municipal Solid Waste Responsibility Act of 2004.

### PUBLIC HEALTH—FDA’S ROLE IN PROTECTING

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “FDA’s Role in Protecting the Public Health: Examining FDA’s Review of Safety and Efficacy Concerns in Anti-Depressant Use by Children.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Andrew Mosholder, M.D., Paul Seligman, M.D., Robert Temple, M.D., Thomas Laughen, M.D., Tarek Hammad, M.D., and James Knudsen, M.D.

### ENCOURAGING SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Encouraging Small Business Growth and Access to Capital.” Testimony was heard from Alan L. Beller, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, SEC; and public witnesses.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PIRACY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled “Intellectual Property Piracy: Are We Doing Enough to Protect U.S. Innovation Abroad?” Testimony was heard from Representative Simmons; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

### U.S. SECURITY POLICY IN AFGHANISTAN ON EVE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on United States Security Policy in Afghanistan on the Eve of National Elections. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and LTG Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, J–5, The Joint Staff; and Robert B. Charles, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills:

H.R. 4547, Defending America's Most Vulnerable Safe Access to Drug Treatment and Child Protection Act of 2004; S. 1194, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2003; and H.R. 4264, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2004.

#### OVERSIGHT—ENDANGERED SPECIES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Upcoming Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Testimony was heard from Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—WORKING FAMILIES TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2004

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1308, Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Weller.

#### RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY—REQUESTING HHS TO TRANSMIT TO THE HOUSE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE COST OF MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG LEGISLATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported adversely H. Res. 776, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to estimates and analyses of the cost of the Medicare prescription drug legislation.

#### SELECT TAX ISSUES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Select Tax

Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Capps, Isakson, Larson of (CT), Simmons, Wilson (SC), Turner (OH), McCarthy (MO), Neugebauer, Weldon (PA), Kucinich, Beauprez, Ryan (OH), Blackburn, Emanuel, Sessions and Lofgren.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### WORKING FAMILIES TAX RELIEF ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold oversight hearings to examine State and private programs for sage grouse conservation, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income (including exchange of notes with attached Understanding), signed at Washington on March 8, 2004 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 108-25), and the Second Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Barbados for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income Signed on December 31, 1984, signed at Washington on July 14, 2004; including an exchange of notes with attached Understandings (Treaty Doc. 108-26), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

##### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Iraq Reconstruction Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, September 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Friday, September 24

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** The House will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 24 in pro forma session and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28 for Morning Hour debate.

*(Senate proceedings for today will be continued in the next issue of the Record.)*



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