

Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act: H.R. 18, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California; and

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Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act: H.R. 794, to correct the south boundary of the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Arizona.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:53 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page 1857.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 25 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1867–68, H1868. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Pandemic Preparedness and Influenza Vaccine Supply. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Bruce Gellin, M.D., Director, National Vaccine Program; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Judiciary and on the Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from Julia S. Gibbons, Chair, Committee on the Budget, Judicial Conference of

the United States; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; and the following Supreme Court Justices: Anthony M. Kennedy, and Clarence Thomas, both Associate Justices.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued markup of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL CREDIT AGENCIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Reforming Credit Rating Agencies: The SEC’s Need for Statutory Authority,” Testimony was heard from Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC.

NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled “NSPS: The New Department of Defense Civilian Personnel System—Reaching Readiness.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense; George Nesterczuk, Senior Policy Advisor on the Department of Defense, OPM; Neil A. G. McPhie, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; and public witnesses.

U.N. OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Oil-for-Food: The Inevitable Failure of U.N. Sanctions.” Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Schweich, Chief of Staff, U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Department of State; and public witnesses.

U.S. MANUFACTURING—IMPACT OF REGULATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturing.” Testimony was heard from Al Frink, Assistant Secretary, Manufacturing and Services, Department of Commerce; John Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

FIRST RESPONDERS FUNDING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Need for Grant Reform

and The Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005.” Testimony was heard from J. Richard Berman, Assistant Inspector General, Audits, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary, Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Secretary, State of North Carolina; Michael Chapman, Director, Office of Homeland Security, State of Missouri; David L. Miller, Administrator, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, State of Iowa; and a public witness.

DEFENDING AMERICA’S MOST VULNERABLE: SAFE ACCESS TO DRUG TREATMENT AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT; GANG DETERRENCE AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, approved for full Committee the following bills: H.R. 1528, Defending America’s Most Vulnerable Safe Access to Drug Treatment and Child Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 1279, Gang Deterrence and Community Protection Act of 2005.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 1528. Testimony was heard from Jodi L. Avergun, Chief of Staff, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL PARKS/SNOWMOBILES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on Snowmobile Use in the National Park System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Simpson, Peterson of Minnesota, and Holt; Michael D. Snyder, Acting Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DEATH TAX REPEAL PERMANENCY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 8, Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Pomeroy or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit

with or without instruction. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hulshof and Pomeroy.

BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Watt, Scott of Virginia, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Delahunt, Schiff, Maloney, Woolsey, Hastings of Florida and Emanuel, but action was deferred on S. 256, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Act of 2005.

CIA BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Central Intelligence Program (CIAP) Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of the Chief Economist, the Office of Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, the Office of Natural Resources and the Environment, the Office of Rural Development, and the Office of Research, Education, and Economics, all of the Department of Agriculture, 12:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine high risk areas in the management of the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 1:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Federal Home Loan Bank System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine S. 714, to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Luis Luna, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, John Paul Woodley, Jr., of