

Norwood amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that requires DHS to provide to the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice information on three categories of illegal aliens; **Pages H3152–53**

Goodlatte amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that adds five years to any sentence for violent crimes or drug trafficking offenses when the violator is an illegal alien (by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 159 noes, Roll No. 165); and

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Norwood amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that requires a study to be conducted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security on the link of illegal aliens and gang membership (by a recorded vote of 395 ayes to 31 noes, Roll No. 166). **Pages H3153–54, H3158–59**

Withdrawn:

Waters amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike all sections of the bill that sets mandatory minimum sentences. **Page H3154**

H. Res. 268, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 164.

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**Emergency Recess:** The Speaker announced an emergency recess at 12:05 p.m. The House reconvened at 1:35 p.m., and the chair announced that the roll call vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 268 would remain open for an additional 15 minutes. **Page H3133**

**Statement regarding the Emergency Recess:** The Majority Leader addressed the House regarding the emergency recess. **Pages H3133–34**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3133, H3158, H3158–59, H3160–61, H3161. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on the Treasury Department. Testimony was heard from Randal Quarles, Acting Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

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

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D., Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator, Department of Transportation.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Projection Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

### SCHOOL READINESS ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2123, School Readiness Act of 2005.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

### SECURITY CONSUMER DATA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Security Consumers' Data: Options Following Security Breaches." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the Committee's investigation into the marketing, distribution, and sale of masking agents and/or other substances designed to subvert drug test results.

**STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING FLEXIBILITY ACT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on H.R. 1999, State and Local Housing Flexibility Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Alphonso R. Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

**BASEL II: BANKING SYSTEM CHANGES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a joint hearing entitled "Basel II: Capital Changes in the U.S. Banking System and the Results of the Impact Study." Testimony was heard from Susan Schmidt Bies, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Richard M. Riccobono, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Julie Williams, Acting Director, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Thomas J. Curry, Director, FDIC; and public witnesses.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled "Information Policy in the 21st Century—A Review of the Freedom of Information Act. Testimony was heard from Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; Carl Nichols, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Federal Programs Branch, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

**PLAN COLOMBIA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing entitled "Plan Colombia: Major Successes and New Challenges." Testimony was heard from Speaker Hastert; John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; the following officials of the Department of State: Roger F. Noriega, Assistant Secretary, Bureau

of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Jonathan D. Farrar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Ralph D. Utley, Acting Counternarcotics Officer and Interdiction Coordinator, Department of Homeland Security.

**U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled "The State of U.S.-Turkish Relations." Testimony was heard from Mark Parris, former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—PUBLIC PERFORMANCE RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Oversight of Public Performance Rights Organizations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 38, Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; H.R. 517, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 539, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005; and H.R. 1905, To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land. Testimony was heard from Representative Baird; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; the following officials of Puerto Rico: Jose L. Rivera Guerra, member, House of Representatives; and Jose Garriga Pico, member, Senate; and public witnesses.

**INTERNATIONAL USE OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS AS TRADE BARRIERS**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on Europe, China and the Use of Technical Standards as Trade Barriers: How should the U.S. Respond? Testimony was heard from Hratch Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENDORSEMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Hazardous Materials Endorsement Background Checks. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of

Transportation: Annette M. Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration; and Todd J. Zinser; Deputy Inspector General; Tom Blank, Chief Support Systems Officer for the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; D. B. Smit, Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—GETTING ACELA BACK ON TRACK

*Committee on Transportation:* Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Getting Acela Back on Track. Testimony was heard from Robert D. Jamison, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; the following officials of AMTRAK: Fred E. Weiderhold, Jr., Inspector General; and William Crosbie, Director, Operations; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Physical Infrastructure Issues Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

### SERVICEMEMBERS' HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2046, Servicemembers' Health Insurance Protection Act of 2005.

### PATRIOT ACT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on the PATRIOT Act. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of State and foreign operations, 2 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine S. 967, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that prepackaged news stories contain announcements that inform viewers that the information within was provided by the United States Government, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the committee's rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rachel Brand, of Iowa, Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, and Regina B. Schofield, of Virginia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 4 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the planning, providing, and paying for veterans' long-term care, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the threat of HIV affecting people over fifty, 3 p.m., SH-216.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Saint Lawrence Seaway, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 2 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.