

## SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2006

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf, Mollohan and Obey.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the benefits and future developments in agriculture and food biotechnology, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2:30 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the role of financial markets in social security reform, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine six-party talks and matters related to the resolution of the North Korean nuclear crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) initiative, established to stop trade in pirated and counterfeit goods, focusing on activities undertaken by STOP! to date, its effectiveness in coordinating federal government efforts to combat intellectual property theft at home and abroad, and the federal government's ability to recruit, train and retain the workforce necessary to implement STOP!, also the Administration's long-term strategic plan for STOP! and ways the initiative assists small business protect its intellectual property rights, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine accountability and results in Federal budgeting, focusing on the specific metrics and tools used by the Office of Management and Budget to determine the effectiveness of Federal programs, the advantages and disadvantages of using these metrics, and how information provided by these metrics is being used to increase effectiveness and accountability in Federal budgeting, 2 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine injunctions and damages relating to patent law reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

#### House

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Threat Convergence Along the Border: How Does Drug Trafficking Impact Our Borders?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, to consider H.R. 2385, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; followed by a hearing entitled "Revitalizing Communities: Are Faith-Based Organizations getting the Federal Help They Need?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Elusive Antidotes: Progress Developing Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Countermeasures," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Reducing the Paperwork Burden on the Public: Are Agencies Doing All They Can?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, executive, briefing on Chemical Plant Security, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the United States and South Asia, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider H.R. 2745, United Nations Reform Act of 2005, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Space, hearing on Live from Space: The International Space Station, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled “Are Skyrocketing Medical Liability Premiums Driving Doctors Away from Underserved Areas?” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing and markup of The Design, Alteration and Construction Portions of The General Services Administration’s Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue oversight hearings on Financing Water Infrastructure Projects, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the implementation of the State Unemployment Tax Act (SUTA) Dumping Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–295), 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security, 2 p.m., B–318 Rayburn.