

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act of 2006: H.R. 5092, amended, to modernize and reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; **Pages H6953–61, H6993**

Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2006: H.R. 4772, amended, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges under the United States Constitution have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law;

Pages H6965–71, H6993

Urging the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan: H. Res. 992, amended, to urge the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan; **Pages H6988–93**

Calling on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection: H. Res. 723, amended, to call on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection; **Pages H7309–13**

Commending the United Kingdom for its efforts in the War on Terror: H.R. 989, amended, to commend the United Kingdom for its efforts in the War on Terror; and **Pages H7324–25**

Affirming support for the sovereignty and security of Lebanon and the Lebanese people: H. Res. 1017, amended, to affirm support for the sovereignty and security of Lebanon and the Lebanese people.

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Correcting the enrollment of H.R. 3127: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 480, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 3127.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Barrow moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 998, providing for consideration of H.R. 5099, to provide disaster assistance to agricultural producers for crop and livestock losses.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7321.

Senate Referrals: S. 3679 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and S. Con. Res. 116, S. 2562 and S. 3850 were held at the desk. **Page H7346**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on

pages H6993–94, H6994–95, and H6995. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHILD INTERSTATE ABORTION NOTIFICATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on S. 403, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL, BOY SCOUTS, PUBLIC SEALS, AND OTHER PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF RELIGION PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 2679, to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to eliminate the chilling effect on the constitutionally protected expression of religion by State and local officials that results from the threat that potential litigants may seek damages and attorney's fees, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of Texas.

CREDIT RATING AGENCY REFORM ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Representative Baker of Louisiana but action was deferred on S. 3850, Credit Rating Agency Reform Act of 2006.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007—
CONFERENCE REPORT**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 5631, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative C.W. Bill Young of Florida.

Joint Meetings

**APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 908)

S. 3534, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for a YouthBuild program. Signed on September 22, 2006. (Public Law 109-281).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing on the situation in Afghanistan, 4:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine implications of the New Basel Capital Accord designed to bring order to international capital markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings to examine International Polar Year, 3:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider H.R.1463, to designate a portion of the Federal building located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building", and the nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Brigadier General Bruce Arlan Berwick,

United States Army, Colonel Gregg F. Martin, United States Army, Brigadier General Robert Crear, United States Army, and Rear Admiral Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA, each to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and other pending committee business, 2:15 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine health savings accounts, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a new initiative to combat child hunger, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold joint hearings to examine International Polar Year, 3:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Federal government's implementation of pay for performance systems for its senior executives, focusing on the regulatory structure for the systems, the agency certification process, and the effectiveness of the role of the Office of Personnel Management in evaluating and monitoring these systems, 10:45 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine uncollected taxes and issues of transparency relating to deconstructing the tax code, focusing on the 2006 updated estimate of the tax gap by the IRS, examine IRS efforts to close the tax gap as well as legislative solutions to increase taxpayer compliance, and explore the transparency of the tax code, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to illegal insider trading, focusing on the scope of the problem and is there adequate criminal enforcement, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, and William James Haynes II, of Virginia, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nora Barry Fischer, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Gregory Kent Frizzell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Marcia Morales Howard, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, John Alfred Jarvey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Sara Elizabeth Lioi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and Lisa Godbey Wood, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vanessa Lynne Bryant, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and