

**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

Michael Brunson Wallace, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, 3:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert T. Howard, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology); to be followed by a business meeting off the floor after the first roll call vote, to consider the nomination of Mr. Howard, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review federal farm policy affecting the specialty crop industry, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on Alternative Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs of the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing entitled "The Internet and the College Campus: How the Entertainment Industry and Higher Education Are Working To Combat Illegal Piracy," 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Editing Hollywood's Editors: Cleaning Flicks for Families, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: The Face of a Child Predator and Other Issues," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Medical Device Safety: How FDA Regulates the Reprocessing of Supposedly Single-Use Devices," 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Weapons of Mass Destruction: Reviving Disarmament," 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "H.R. 5242, Small Business Paperwork Amnesty Act," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security: Major Initiatives for 2007 and Beyond," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, briefing and hearing on Enhancing the Global Fight To End Human Trafficking, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 6101, Legal Services Corporation Improvement Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5110, More Water and More Energy Act of 2006; H.R. 5786, South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act; and H.R. 5987, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 6166, Military Commissions Act of 2006, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to continue hearings on The National Academy of Sciences' Decadal Plan for Aeronautics: A Blueprint for NASA? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the National Academy of Science Icebreaker Report, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Member Proposals on Tax Issues Introduced in the 109th Congress, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on the DNI's Intelligence Collection Architecture, 1:45 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and its impact on United States interests in Central Asia, 3 p.m., SD-538.