

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11339–S11448

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1869–1880, and S. Res. 273–274. **Pages S11421–22**

Measures Reported:

S. 1871, to repeal the increased micropurchase threshold. **Page S11421**

Measures Passed:

Expressing Sympathy to South Asia Earthquake Victims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 274, expressing sympathy and pledging the support of the Senate and the American people to the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck South Asia and caused the severe loss of life and destruction on October 8, 2005, and pledging immediate United States assistance to save lives and help the region recover from this monumental tragedy. **Pages S11442–43**

Transportation/Treasury/HUD Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11350–S11410**

Adopted:

Bond/Murray Amendment No. 2060, to strike section 719, relating to Federal Election Campaign Act contribution requirements. **Pages S11401–03**

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 255), Bond Amendment No. 2061, to clarify the ability of HUD to recover assets used in violation of a regulatory agreement. **Pages S11403–04, S11407**

Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 2062, to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost-of-living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2006.

Pages S11404–07

Kennedy Amendment No. 2063, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, Senator Brownback be recognized to offer an amendment relative to appropriations for the District of Columbia; that there be 40 minutes of debate divided equally between Senators Brownback and Landrieu; that following the debate the amendment be agreed to and that there be no second-degree amendments to the amendment; provided further, that the time until 12:10 p.m. be equally divided between the Majority Leader, or his designee, and the Democratic Leader, or his designee, and at 12:10 p.m., Senate vote on, or in relation to, Kyl Amendment No. 2062, with no second-degree amendments to the amendment prior to the vote. **Page S11443**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2005. **Page S11443**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Sultanate of Oman; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–26)

Pages S11419–20

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2006.

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of

the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Jean B. Elshtain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2010.

Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2006.

Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

Eugene Hickok, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2008.

Two Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service. **Pages S11443–48**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring

August 13, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2005. **Page S11448**

Messages From the House: **Page S11420**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—255) **Page S11407**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, October 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11443.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4057–4069; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 267; and H. Res. 491–492, 495–497, were introduced. **Pages H8845–46**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8846–47**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2383, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant" (H. Rept. 109–247);

H. Res. 493, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 397) to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others (H. Rept. 109–248); and

H. Res. 494, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 554) to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity (H. Rept. 109–249). **Page H8845**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8811**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 317 yeas to 52 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 521. **Pages H8817–18**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet

at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2005, for Morning Hour Debate.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing the importance and positive contributions of chemistry to our everyday lives and supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week: H. Res. 457, to recognize the importance and positive contributions of chemistry to our everyday lives and supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week, by a yea-and-nay vote 366 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 522; and

Pages H8812–15, H8818

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month: H. Res. 491, to express the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, by a yea-and-nay vote 354 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 523.

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

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President consistent with the Trade Act of 2002 whereby he notifies the Congress of his intention to enter into a Free Trade Agreement with the Sultanate of Oman—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–60).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on page H8817–18, H8818 and H8819. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FOOD CONSUMPTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 554, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act of 2005, 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 recommended by the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Scott of Virginia.

PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on S. 397, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, 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. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Scott of Virginia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1008)

H.R. 3863, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for the reallocation rules in the Campus-Based Aid programs, and to extend the deadline by which funds have to be reallocated to institutions of higher education due to a natural disaster. Signed on October 7, 2005. (Public Law 109–86)

S. 1786, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make emergency airport improvement project grants-in-aid under title 49, United States Code, for repairs and costs related to damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Signed on October 7, 2005. (Public Law 109–87)

S. 1858, to provide for community disaster loans. Signed on October 7, 2005. (Public Law 109–88)

S. 1413, to redesignate the Crowne Plaza in Kingston, Jamaica, as the Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza. Signed on October 13, 2005. (Public Law 109–89)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 18 through October 22, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10:45 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3058, Transportation/Treasury/HUD Appropriations, and at 12:10 p.m., vote on, or in relation to Kyl Amendment No. 2062.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: October 19, business meeting to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine USDA Farm Service Agency Office consolidation plan known as FSA Tomorrow, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: October 18, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

October 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the potential of stem cell and nuclear transplantation research, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 18, business meeting to consider S. 1562, to provide for the merger of the bank and savings association deposit insurance funds, to modernize and improve the safety and fairness of the Federal deposit insurance system, and an original bill entitled "FHA Asset Disposition Act of 2005"; to be followed by a hearing on the future of the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 18, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine growth and development of the derivatives market, focusing on the role of derivatives as a part of risk management for corporations and financial entities, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

October 20, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the implementation of the Exon-Florio provision by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), Department of the Treasury, which seeks to serve U.S. investment policy through reviews that protect national security while maintaining the credibility of open investment policy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 20, to hold hearings to examine S. 1052, to improve

transportation security, including public and private sector actions taken since September 11, 2001, and the attacks on rail systems overseas, to enhance the security of passenger and freight rail transportation, 10 a.m., SD-562.

October 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider proposed DTV bill, S. 1753, to establish a unified national hazard alert system, 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, and S. 1063, to promote and enhance public safety and to encourage the rapid deployment of IP-enabled voice services, 2 p.m., SR-325.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the winter fuels outlook and the effect of high prices this coming winter, 10 a.m., SD-366.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine national capacity for producing innovation in energy technologies and the importance of this innovation to our global economic competitiveness, including the results of a related forthcoming National Academy of Sciences report, 3:30 p.m., SD-366.

October 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1016, to direct the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate the facilities, and S. 1860, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve energy production and reduce energy demand through improved use of reclaimed waters, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 18, business meeting to consider a proposed bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1772, to streamline the refinery permitting process, 2:35 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James S. Halpern, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, and Karan K. Bhatia, of Maryland, each to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Clay Lowery, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 18, to hold a briefing and hearing to examine prospects for United Nations reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States foreign policy relating to Iraq, 10 a.m., SD-106.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David M. Hale, of New Jersey,

to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Benson K. Whitney, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Norway, Roland Arnall, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Susan Rasinski McCaw, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and Nicholas F. Taubman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

October 20, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S. foreign policy, petroleum, and the Middle East, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 18, business meeting to consider title VII to proposed 2005 Spending Reconciliation Bill, proposed National Biodefense Act of 2005, the nominations of Mark Hofflund, of Idaho, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, Naomi Churchill Earp, of Virginia, and Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Jan Cellucci, of Massachusetts, Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, and Diane Rivers, of Arkansas, each to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Bertha K. Madras, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Mark S. Schneider, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics, Department of Education, Bruce Cole, of Indiana, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

October 19, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine enhancing cooperation between employers and guardsmen/reservists, 2 p.m., SD-430.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Federal employment programs for persons with disabilities, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 20, to hold hearings to examine the response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 18, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform II, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James F. X. O'Gara, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Emilio T. Gonzalez, of Florida, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues and implications regarding reporters' privilege legislation, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 19, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine video competition in 2005, 2 p.m., SD-226.

October 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 20, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the constitutional amendment on marriage, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 18, business meeting to consider the nominations of William F. Tuerk, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, Robert Joseph Henke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Management, John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning, Lisette M. Mondello, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, and George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine IT Management by the VA, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 19, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 20, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, October 20, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on VA Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES), 10:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, October 19, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the defense health program overview, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, joint hearing on the Aerial Common Sensor Program, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 19, to mark up amendments to the Social Security Act, Welfare Reform regarding the Committee's Instructions pursuant to the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, and H.R. 240, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Thoroughbred Horse Racing Jockeys and Workers: Examining On-Track Injury Insurance and Other Health and Welfare Issues," 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Protecting Property Rights After Kelo," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "EIA's Report on Short-term Energy Outlook and Winter Fuels Outlook," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, joint hearing entitled "Comprehensively Combating Methamphetamines: Impacts on Health and the Environment," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 18, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 3505, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Management and Oversight of the National Flood Insurance Program," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, October 18, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, hearing entitled "Iraq: Perceptions, Realities and Cost to Complete," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "Petroleum Refineries: Will Record Profits Spur Investment in New Capacity?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

October 20, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Critical Role of the National Guard at Home and Abroad," 10 a.m., and to hold a business meeting, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 18, executive, briefing on the recent subway terror threat warnings and related actions, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 18, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, joint hearing entitled "SCADA and the Terrorist Threat: Protecting the Nation's Critical Control Systems," 4 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 18, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, executive, briefing on Homeland Security Presidential Directive-10, "Biodefense for the 21st Century," 5 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 19, full Committee, hearing entitled "Federalism and Disaster: Response: Examining the Rules and Responsibilities of Local, State, and Federal Agencies," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 19, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, joint hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security Second Stage Review: The Role of the Chief Intelligence Officer," 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, October 19, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Pol-

icy Overview of the Caribbean Region, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on African Growth and Opportunity Act: A Five-Year Assessment, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on South Asia Earthquake: Impact and Humanitarian Response, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 18, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "To Examine the Impact and Effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "An Examination of the Scope and Criteria for Coverage under the Special Provisions of the Voting Rights Act," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, October 19, to mark up the following: a resolution Expressing the sense of the Congress upholding the Makah Tribe treaty rights; H.R. 323, To redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library;" H.R. 326, To amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act; H.R. 679, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver Count, Utah; H.R. 1096, "Act Commemorating the LITE;" H.R. 1183, To require the Secretary of the Interior to provide public access to Navassa National Wildlife Refuge and Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 1436, To remove certain use restrictions on property located in Navajo County, Arizona; H.R. 1564, Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2005; H.R. 1972, Franklin National Battlefield Study Act; H.R. 3443, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; H.R. 3818, Forest Service Partnership Enhancement Act of 2005; and S. 229, Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 20, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing entitled "The National Park Service Organic Act and Its Implementation Through Daily Park Management," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 20, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "Water Supply Vulnerabilities in the Sacramento/San Joaquin River System," 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, October 20, hearing on Science, Technology, and Global Economic Competitiveness, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 18, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, joint hearing entitled "A Vision and Strategy for Rebuilding New Orleans," 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Rebuilding Highway and Transit Infrastructure on the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing entitled "Expert Views on Hurricane and Flood Protection and Water Resources Planning for a Rebuilt Gulf Coast," 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, October 20, to mark up the following: H.R. 3665, Veterans Housing Improvement Act of 2005; the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facilities Act of 2005; H.R. 1691, To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Appleton, Wisconsin, as the "John H. Bradley Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic;" and the Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Management Improvement Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

October 20, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, oversight hearing on variances in

disability compensation claims decisions made by the VA regional offices, factors affecting claims decisions, and recommendations for standardizing the adjudication process, 10:30 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Status of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence," 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 20, full Committee, executive, Briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol, and executive, Briefing on Aerial Common Sensor Program, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, October 19, to continue hearings on Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: October 20, to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 10 a.m., Room to be announced.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, October 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3058, Transportation, Treasury, HUD, Judiciary, DC Appropriations, and at 12:10 p.m., vote on, or in relation to Kyl Amendment No. 2062, following which, Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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