

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1923–S2068

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3159–3163, and S. Res. 468. **Page S2019**

Measures Considered:

Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4872, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to Title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010 (S. Con. Res. 13), taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1923–S2012**

Rejected:

Gregg/Coburn Modified Amendment No. 3567, to prevent Medicare from being used for new entitlements and to use Medicare savings to save Medicare. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 64), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1923, S1993**

McCain Amendment No. 3570, to eliminate the sweetheart deals for Tennessee, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, Connecticut, and frontier States. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 65), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1923, S1993–94**

Crapo Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 66), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S1923, S1994**

Enzi Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 67), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S1923, S1994–95**

Barrasso Amendment No. 3582, to ensure that Americans can keep the coverage they have by keeping premiums affordable. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 68), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1923, S1995–96**

Alexander Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 70), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S1923–34, S1996–97**

Hatch Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S1937–42, S1997–98**

Coburn Amendment No. 3556, to reduce the cost of providing federally funded prescription drugs by eliminating fraudulent payments and prohibiting coverage of Viagra for child molesters and rapists and for drugs intended to induce abortion. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 73), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1942–44, S1998**

Hutchison Amendment No. 3608, to protect the right of States to opt out of a Federal health care takeover. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 74), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1944–57, S1998–99**

Collins Amendment No. 3638, to improve the bill by waiving the \$40,000 penalty on hiring previously unemployed individuals. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 75), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1957, S1999**

Thune Amendment No. 3639, to ensure that no State experiences a net job loss as a result of the enactment of the SAFRA Act. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 76), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1957, S1999–S2000**

Cornyn Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 78), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S1959–65, S2000–01**

Roberts Amendment No. 3579, to strike the medical device tax. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 79), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1965, S2001**

Inhofe Amendment No. 3588, to exclude pediatric devices and devices for persons with disabilities from the medical device tax. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 80), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1965–66, S2001–02**

Hatch Amendment No. 3644, to protect access for America's wounded warriors. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1966–72, S2002**

Burr Amendment No. 3652, to protect the integrity of Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense health care programs for veterans, active-duty service members, their families, widows

and widowers, and orphans who have sacrificed in defense of our Nation. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 83), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S1975–78, S2003–04

Vitter Amendment No. 3553, to repeal the government takeover of health care. (By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 84), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S1978–80, S2004

Roberts Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (By 59 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 86), Senate tabled the motion.)

Pages S1980–93, S2005–06

Bunning Amendment No. 3681, to allow individuals to elect to opt out of the Medicare part A benefits. (By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 87), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S2006–07

Risch/Crapo Amendment No. 3645, to repeal the limitation on itemized medical expense deductions. (By 55 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 90), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S2009–10

Vitter Amendment No. 3668, to increase women's access to breast cancer screenings. (By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 92), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S2010–12

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 69), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 313 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Grassley/Roberts Amendment No. 3564, to make sure the President, Cabinet Members, all White House Senior staff and Congressional Committee and Leadership Staff are purchasing health insurance through the health insurance exchanges established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S1923, S1996

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 71), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to LeMieux Amendment No. 3586, to enroll Members of Congress in the Medicaid program. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S1934–37, S1997

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 77), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Thune Amendment No. 3640, to repeal the CLASS Act. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment violates section 310(d)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S1957–59, S2000

By 42 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 82), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Gregg Amendment No. 3651, to provide for a long-term fix to the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula in order to improve access for Medicare beneficiaries. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment violates section 310(d)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S1972–75, S2002–03

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 85), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Roberts Amendment No. 3577, to protect Medicare beneficiary access to hospital care in rural areas from recommendations by the Independent Payment Advisory Board. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment violates section 313(d)(1)(D) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S1980, S2004–05

By 40 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 88), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Grassley Amendment No. 3699, to provide a temporary extension of certain programs. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment violates section

313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S2007–08

By 36 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 89), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Bennett Amendment No. 3568, to protect the democratic process and the right of the people of the District of Columbia to define marriage. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S2008–09

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 91), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Hutchison Amendment No. 3635, to repeal the sunset on marriage penalty relief and to make the election to deduct State and local sales taxes permanent. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(c) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2010, and that it be in order to offer amendments to and make points of order on the measure until 2 p.m.; provided further, that at 2 p.m., Senate vote on passage of the bill.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carl Wieman, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Rafael Moure-Eraso, of Massachusetts, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Rafael Moure-Eraso, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Mark A. Griffon, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Robert M. Orr, of Florida, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Arthur Allen Elkins, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on November 18, 2009, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2067**

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Record Votes: Twenty-nine record votes were taken today. (Total—92) **Pages S1993–S2006, S2008–12**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 and adjourned at 2:56 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2010, until 9:45 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2067–68.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010", with amendments.

APPROPRIATIONS: GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from General Craig R. McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Major General Raymond W. Carpenter, Director, Army National Guard, Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt III, Director, Air National Guard, Lieutenant

General Jack Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve, Vice Admiral Dirk Debbink, Chief, Navy Reserve, Lieutenant General John F. Kelley, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North, and Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Chief, Air Force Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Office of Personnel Management, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management.

MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine Military Health System programs, policies, and initiatives in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; and Charles L. Rice, President, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, and Acting Director, and Rear Admiral C.S. Hunter, USN, Deputy Director, both of TRICARE Management Activity, Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General of the United States Army, and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., MC, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Rear Admiral Richard R. Jeffries, USN, Medical Officer of the United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 773, to ensure the continued free flow of commerce within the United States and with its global trading partners through secure cyber communications, to provide for the continued development and exploitation of the Internet and intranet communications for such purposes, to provide for the development of a cadre of information technology specialists to improve and maintain effective cybersecurity defenses against disruption, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2881, to provide greater technical resources to FCC Commissioners, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1252, to promote ocean and human health and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2870, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes;

S. 2871, to make technical corrections to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act; and

The nominations of Robert J. Papp, Jr., to be Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, Larry Robinson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Earl F. Weener, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Michael F. Tillman, of California, and Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Jeffrey R. Moreland, of Texas, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, and a promotion list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps and the U.S. Coast Guard.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities to improve energy security and the environment through transportation policy, after receiving testimony from John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; Regina A. McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Larry F. Greene, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Sacramento, California; and Deron Lovaas, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Douglas V. Siglin, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and Richard Kolodziej, Natural Gas Vehicles for America (NVGAmerica), all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Major General Robert A. Harding, United States Army (Retired), of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs plan for ending homelessness among veterans, after receiving testimony from Pete Dougherty, Director, Homeless Programs, and Lisa Pape, Acting Director, Mental Health Homeless and Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs, both of the Department of

Veterans Affairs; Raymond Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Mark Johnston, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development; Sandra A. Miller, The

Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Sam Tsemberis, Pathways to Housing, Inc., New York, New York; and Arnold Shipman, Baltimore, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4919–4937; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 257; and H. Res. 1213–1218 were introduced. **Pages H2317–18**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2318–19**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1212, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1586) to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients (H. Rept. 111–456).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Speier to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2263**

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

Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010: H.R. 4915, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Major Charles R. Soltes, Jr., O.D. Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Center Designation Act: H.R. 4360, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs blind rehabilitation center in Long Beach, California, as the “Major Charles R. Soltes, Jr., O.D. Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Center”. **Pages H2267–68**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 257, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses, by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 178. **Page H2279**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measures which were debated on Tuesday, March 23rd:

Recognizing the Florida Keys Scenic Highway: H. Res. 917, amended, to recognize the Florida Keys Scenic Highway on the occasion of its designation as an All-American Road by the U.S. Department of Transportation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 180; **Pages H2280–81**

Secure Federal File Sharing Act: H.R. 4098, amended, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on the use of peer-to-peer file sharing software to prohibit the personal use of such software by Government employees, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 13 nays, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 183; and **Page H2299**

Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Federal Building Designation Act: H.R. 3562, amended, to designate the Federal building under construction at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Federal Building.”

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the ‘James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building’.” **Page H2311**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, March 22nd:

National Guard Employment Protection Act: H.R. 1879, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for employment and reemployment rights for certain individuals ordered to full-time National Guard duty, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with 1 voting “nay”, Roll No. 184.

Pages H2299–H2300

Small Business and Infrastructure Jobs Tax Act of 2010: The House passed H.R. 4849, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, extend the

Build America Bonds program, and provide other infrastructure job creation tax incentives, by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 182.

Pages H2281, H2298–99

Rejected the Camp motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 181.

Pages H2295–98

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–455, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1205, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, March 23rd.

Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Act of 2010: The House passed H.R. 4899, making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 175 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 186.

Pages H2300–11

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 185.

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H. Res. 1204, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 179, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H2273–78, H2279–80

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2279, H2279–80, H2280–81, H2297–98, H2298–99, H2299, H2299–H2300, H2309–10, H2310–11. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1586—Aviation Safety and Investment Act of 2010 (Subject to a Rule).

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on NSF FY 2011 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, NSF.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Gates, Secretary; ADM Michael Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Hales, Under Secretary (Comptroller).

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on CBP—Balancing Security with Legitimate Trade and Travel. Testimony was heard from David Aguilar, Acting Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on FY 2011 Budget of the U.S. Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Capitol Police: Philip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police; and Gloria Jarmon, Chief Administrative Officer.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Robert F. Willard, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and GEN Walter Sharp, USA, Commander, Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command, and Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Army Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN George W. Casey, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Housing and Transportation Challenges within Native American Communities and the FY 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of

the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing; and Rodger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Native American Programs; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Gregory G. Nadeau, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and John R. Baxter, Associate Administrator, Federal Lands Highway Programs, and Jefferson Keel, President, National Congress of the American Indian.

NAVY AND AIR FORCE COMBAT AVIATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on Department of the Navy and Air Force combat aviation programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ashton Carter, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Christine H. Fox, Director, Cost, Assessment and Program Evaluation; J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary; Sean Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; LTG George Trautman, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps, Aviation; RADM Deke Philman, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, U.S. Navy; David Van Buren, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition; and LTG Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3993, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act; and H.R. 3655, Bereaved Consumer's Bill of Rights Act of 2009.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action the following: as amended, the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010, as amended, the Grid Reliability and Infrastructure Defense (Grid) Act; and H.R. 4451, Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act.

CREDIT SCORES, CREDIT REPORTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON CONSUMERS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Keeping Score on Credit Scores: An Overview of Credit Scores, Credit Reports and

their Impact on Consumers." Testimony was heard from Sandra Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; David Vladeck, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

HOUSING AND TENANT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "H.R. 4868, Housing and Tenant Protection Act of 2010." Testimony was heard from Carol Galante, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Multi-Family Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Tammye Trevino, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERVIEW—U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on An Overview of U.S. Policy in Africa. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs; and Earl Gast, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; Princeton N. Lyman, former U.S. Ambassador to South Africa and Nigeria; and public witnesses.

SHARING AND ANALYZING INFORMATION TO PREVENT TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Sharing and Analyzing Information to Prevent Terrorism. Testimony was heard from Russ Travers, Deputy Director, Information Sharing and Knowledge Development, National Counterterrorism Center; Timothy Healy, Director, Terrorism Screening Center, FBI, Department of Justice; Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State; and Patricia Cogswell, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1722, amended, Telework Improvements Act of 2009; H.R. 3913, amended, To direct the Mayor of the District of Columbia to establish a District of Columbia National Guard Educational Assistance Program to encourage the enlistment and retention of persons in the District of Columbia National Guard by providing financial assistance to enable members of the National Guard of the District of Columbia to attend undergraduate, vocational, or technical courses; H.R. 4489, amended, To amend chapter 89

of title 5, United States Code, to ensure program integrity, transparency, and cost savings in the pricing and contracting of prescription drug benefits under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; and H.R. 4865, Federal Employees and Uniformed Services Retirement Equity Act of 2010.

FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing entitled “Federal Information Security: Current Challenges and Future Policy Considerations.” Testimony was heard from Vivek Kundra, Chief Information Officer, OMB; Gary Guissanie, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Cyber, Identity, and Information Assurance, Department of Defense; John Streufert, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Information Security, Bureau of Information Resource Management, Department of State; Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO AVIATION SAFETY AND INVESTMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1586, the “Aviation Safety and Investment Act of 2010”. The rule makes in order a single motion by the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the title and that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the text with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motion or demand for division of the question. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read.

The rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the calendar day of March 28, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this authority. The resolution waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of March 29, 2010. The rule provides that on any legislative day specified, the Speaker may at any time declare the

House adjourned. When the House adjourns on a motion pursuant to this subsection or a declaration of the Speaker on the legislative day of (1) Thursday, March 25, 2010, it shall stand adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2010; (2) Monday, March 29, 2010, it shall stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2010; (3) Thursday, April 1, 2010, it shall stand adjourned until 4 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2010; (4) Monday, April 5, 2010, it shall stand adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010; (5) Thursday, April 8, 2010, it shall stand adjourned until noon on Monday, April 12, 2010.

If, during any adjournment addressed above, the House has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in an applicable concurrent resolution of adjournment, the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to such concurrent resolution. The Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Mica and Petri.

NASA’S EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Proposed Changes to NASA’s Exploration Program: What’s Known, What’s Not, and What are the Issues for Congress? Testimony was heard from Douglas Cooke, Associate Administrator, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, NASA; and a public witness.

SUPPORTING INNOVATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Supporting Innovation in the 21st Century Economy. Testimony was heard from Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL PROCUREMENT MARKETPLACE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Small Business Participation in the Federal Procurement Marketplace.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAPITAL ASSETS CRISIS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Capital Assets Crisis: Maintaining Federal Real Estate with the Dwindling Federal Building Fund. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and public witnesses.

EXAMINATION OF VA REGIONAL OFFICE DISABILITY CLAIMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Examination of VA Regional Office Disability Claims Quality Review Methods—Is VBA's Systematic Technical Accuracy Review (STAR) Making the Grade? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General; and Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Security Issues, GAO; and representatives of veterans organizations.

EXCHANGE RATE OF CHINA AND ITS IMPACT ON U.S. AND GLOBAL ECONOMIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the exchange rate policy of the Government of the People's Republic of China and its impact on the U.S. and global economies. Testimony was heard from C. Fred Bergsten, former Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, and former Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FBI AND DEA INTELLIGENCE BUDGET FY2011

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on FBI and DEA Intelligence Budgets for Fiscal Year 2011. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Art Cummings, Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch; and Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator and Chief of Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D283)

H.R. 3590, an act entitled The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Signed on March 23, 2010. (Public Law 111-148)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 War Supplemental Request, 2 p.m., S-127, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine doubling United States exports, focusing on United States seaports, 1 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine youth suicides and the need for mental health care resources in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2960, to exempt aliens who are admitted as refugees or granted asylum and are employed overseas by the Federal Government from the 1-year physical presence requirement for adjustment of status to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, S. 2974, to establish the Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict or natural disaster reconstruction, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 3111, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, S. 3031, to authorize Drug Free Communities enhancement grants to address major emerging drug issues or local drug crises, and the nominations of Sharon Johnson Coleman, and Gary Scott Feinerman, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, William Joseph Martinez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and David A. Capp, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, Anne M. Thompkins, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, Peter Christopher Munoz, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Michigan, and Kelly McDade Nesbit, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on U.S. Patent and Trademark Office FY 2011 Budget Overview, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Army and Marine Corps Ground Equipment, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, on FY 2011 Budget for the SBA, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Homeland Security Headquarters Facilities: St. Elizabeths and Beyond, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Issues from the Field: Members of Congress and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget Overview: Jobs, Training and Education, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on U.S. Department of the Treasury International Programs, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on FY Budget Request for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission: The National Broadband Plan," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Unwinding Emergency Federal Reserve Liquidity Programs and Implications for Economic Recovery," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Visa Overstays: Can They Be Eliminated?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals Resources, oversight hearing on the Presi-

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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled "Foreclosure Prevention: Is the Home Affordable Modification Program Preserving Homeownership?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled "The 2010 Census: An Assessment of the Census Bureau's Preparedness," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to consider a Committee Print that includes the following measures: Department of Energy Office of Science Authorization Act of 2010; ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2010; and the Energy Innovation Hubs Authorization Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 949, To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, H.R. 1075, RECOVER Act (Restoring Essential Care for Our Veterans for Effective Recovery); H.R. 2698, Veterans and Survivors Behavioral Health Awareness Act; H.R. 2699, Armed Forces Behavioral Health Awareness Act; H.R. 2879, Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3926, Armed Forces Breast Cancer Research Act; H.R. 4006, Rural American Indian Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 84, Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act, and 3 Discussion Drafts, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Internal Revenue Service operations and the 2010 tax return filing season, and FY 2011 budget proposals, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on National Security Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2011, 9:30 a.m., 304-HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Thursday, March 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4872, Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act, with a series of roll call votes on or in relation to amendments and motions, and complete action thereon around 2 p.m.

House Chamber

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