

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Jackie Speier, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 432. **Page H2175**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, April 9th:

*Recognizing the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security and honoring the Department's employees for their extraordinary efforts and contributions to protect and secure our Nation:* H. Res. 1038, to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security and honoring the Department's employees for their extraordinary efforts and contributions to protect and secure our Nation, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H2176–77**

**Relating to the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5724) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1092, relating to the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5724) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 195 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 181. **Pages H2177–90**

**Beach Protection Act of 2007:** The House began consideration of H.R. 2537, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H2169–76, H2190–H2207**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2199**

Accepted:

Flake amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2008) that adds a new paragraph prohibiting the use of funds for Congressional earmarks (by a recorded vote of 263 yeas to 117 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 182). **Pages H2202–07**

H. Res. 1083, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 179, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H2175–76**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14th for morning hour debate. **Page H2209**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 16th. **Page H2209**

**Reception of Former Members of Congress:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the House will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 17th, 2008, for the purpose of receiving in the Chamber former Members of Congress, and that the Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for such purpose. **Page H2209**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2219.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2739 was held at the desk. **Page S2219**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2174, H2175–76, H2176–77, H2189–90 and H2206–07. There were no quorum calls

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURE SERVICES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Keenum, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

### NOAA; EEOC

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on NOAA. Testimony was heard from Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the EEOC. Testimony was heard from Naomi C. Earp, Chair, EEOC.

### DOE—NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NUCLEAR WASTE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Department of Energy—Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Waste. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dennis R. Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy; and Edward F. Sproat III, Director, Office of Civilian Nuclear Waste.

**SBA**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Small Business Administration. Testimony was heard from Steven C. Preston, Administrator, SBA

**DHS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on the Secretary of Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

**GAO**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Government Accountability Office. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gene Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General; and Sallyanne Harper, Chief Administrative Officer.

**EUROPEAN COMMAND**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on the European Command. Testimony was heard from GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, Commander, U.S. European Command, Department of Defense.

**STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Policy and Program in Iraq. Testimony was heard from Ryan Crocker, Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing U.S. Treasury International Assistance Programs and on U.S. Contributions to International Financial Institutions. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

**CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING; IMPLEMENTING A CALL FOR REFORM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Contingency Contracting: Implementing a Call for Urgent Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director Army Contracting Command; and Jacques S. Gansler, Chairman, Army Commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in Expeditionary Operations.

**ARMY ACQUISITION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army acquisition programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense; LTG Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8; LTG N. Ross Thompson III, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), both with the Department of the Army; and Mary Ugone, Office of the Inspector General, Deputy Inspector General, Auditing; and the following officials of the GAO: Paul Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management; and Janet St. Laurent, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management.

**FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT ANNIVERSARY**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Workplace Protections held a hearing on the 15th Anniversary of the Family Medical Leave Act: Achievements and Next Steps. Testimony was heard from Victoria Lipnic, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards, Department of Labor; former Representative Pat Schroeder of Colorado; and public witnesses.

**REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Strengths and Weaknesses of Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Using Existing Clean Air Act Authorities. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Meyers, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office for Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

**HOUSING STABILIZATION AND HOMEOWNERSHIP RETENTION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Concluded hearings entitled "Using FHA for Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention." Testimony was heard from Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; and the following Mayors: Adrian M. Fenty, District of Columbia; Thomas M. Menino, Boston; and Oscar B. Goodman, Las Vegas; and public witnesses.

**WAR POWERS AND THE CONSTITUTION**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on War Power for the 21st Century: The Constitutional Perspective. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CRISIS IN THE ANDES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Crisis in

the Andes: The Border Dispute Between Columbia and Ecuador, and Implications for the Region. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Jose Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, OAS.

#### **REAUTHORIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF DNA INITIATIVES OF THE JUSTICE FOR ALL ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on the Reauthorization and Improvement of DNA Initiatives of the Justice for All Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Representatives Maloney of New York; and Reichert; David Hagy, Director, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5541, Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act; and H.R. 5648, Emergency Wildland Fire Response Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Representative Dicks; Janet Napolitano, Governor of Arizona; Jack Ward Thomas, former Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **INVESTIGATION OF INTERNET SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Investigation into the Sale of Sensitive, In-Demand Military Equipment and Supplies on the Internet. Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles W. Beardall, Deputy Inspector General, Investigations; Alan F. Estevez, Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Logistics and Materiel Readiness); and Sarah H. Finneccum, Director, Supply and Maintenance Directorate, U.S. Army G-4 (Logistics); and public witnesses.

#### **SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE TAX CODE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "Modernizing the Tax Code: Updating the Internal Revenue Code to Help Small Businesses Stimulate the Economy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **COSCO BUSAN AND MARINE CASUALTY INVESTIGATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transpor-

tation held a hearing on Cosco Busan and Marine Casualty Investigation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard; and Anne Richards, Inspector General, Audits.

#### **OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on the Old Post Office Building: The General Services Administration's Plans for Future Use. Testimony heard from David Winstead, Commissioner, Public Building Service, GSA.

#### **VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS**

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from William P. Greene, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### **EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on extending unemployment insurance. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **BRIEFING—COLOMBIA**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Colombia. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### **FY 2009 BUDGET—CYBER INITIATIVE**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on FY 2009 Budget—Cyber Initiative. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **DISPLACEMENT OF IRAQI CITIZENS**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) countries and refugees from Iraq, focusing on the impact of the displacement of Iraqi citizens on Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Turkey, and other surrounding countries in the region, after receiving testimony

from James Foley, Senior Coordinator for Iraqi Refugees, Department of State; Lori Scialabba, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security for Iraqi Refugees; Michael Gabaudan, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Washington, D.C.; Noel Saleh, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), Detroit, Michigan; and Mayor Anders Lago, Sodertalje, Sweden.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D341)

H.R. 1593, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation. Signed on April 9, 2008. (Public Law 110-199)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of April 14 through April 19, 2008

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m. Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1195, Highway Technical Corrections, and at approximately 5:30 p.m., vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* April 15, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 16, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense medical programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Education, focusing on teacher quality, 9:45 a.m., SD-138.

April 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-138.

April 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2 p.m., SD-124.

April 16, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Internal Revenue Service, 3 p.m., SD-192.

April 17, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) safety and modernization performance, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 17, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for Military Construction, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* April 16, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on military beneficiary organizations regarding the quality of life of Active, Reserve, and retired military personnel and their members, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* April 15, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on the impact on the cost and availability of student loans, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on proposals to mitigate foreclosures and restore liquidity to the mortgage markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 16, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine affordable housing opportunities, focusing on reforming the housing voucher program, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* April 15, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 570 and H.R. 1011, bills to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, S. 758 and H.R. 1311, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility, S. 1680, to provide for the inclusion of certain non-Federal land in the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Alaska, S. 2109, to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National