

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5647.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine funding and oversight of the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Navy military construction programs, after receiving testimony from B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Major General Eugene G. Payne, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installation and Logistics, and Rear Admiral Mark A. Handley, Deputy Commander, Navy Installations Command, all of the Department of the Navy, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, and Wayne Army, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Army proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Pete Geren, Secretary of the Army, and General George W. Casey Jr., USA, Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 2,425 nominations in the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and John D. Porcari, of Maryland, to be

Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, both of the Department of Transportation, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Lawrence E. Strickling, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, both of the Department of Commerce, and Aneesh Chopra, of Virginia, to be Chief Technology Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND CLIMATE POLICY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine business opportunities and climate policy, after receiving testimony from Chad Holliday, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Mark W. Stiles, Trinity Industries Inc., Dallas, Texas; Cynthia J. Warner, Sapphire Energy, San Diego, California; Tim Healey, Lange-Stegmann Company, St. Louis, Missouri; Richard Lowenthal, Coulomb Technologies, Campbell, California; Wayne F. Krouse, Hydro Green Energy, LLC, Houston, Texas; Richard W. Taylor, ImbuTec Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Jack Armstrong, BASF Corporation, Florham Park, New Jersey.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Philip J. Crowley, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, and Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, both of the Department of State, and Daniel Benjamin, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

### GREEN GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pathways to a green global economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Nicholas Stern, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom; and James E. Rogers, Duke Energy, Charlotte, North Carolina.

### PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine public health challenges in our nation's capital, after

receiving testimony from Pierre N.D. Vigilance, Director, and Shannon L. Hader, Senior Deputy Director, HIV/AIDS Administration, both of the District of Columbia Department of Health, and Raymond Catarino Martins, Whitman-Walker Clinic, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee began markup of S. 982, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

### HOLDING FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS ACCOUNTABLE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine protecting Americans, focusing on holding foreign manufacturers accountable, after receiving testimony from Louise Ellen Teitz, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island; Thomas L. Gowen, Locks Law Firm, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Chuck Stefan, The Mitchell Company, Mobile, Alabama; and Victor E. Schwartz, Shook, Hardy, and Bacon, LLP, Washington, D.C.,

on behalf of the United States Chamber Institute for Legal Reform.

### DISCOUNT PRICING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Discount Pricing Consumer Protection Act, focusing on a ban on vertical price fixing, after receiving testimony from Pamela Jones Harbour, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Tod Cohen, eBay Inc., San Jose, California; Stacy Haigney, Burlington Coat Factory, Burlington, New Jersey; and James A. Wilson, American Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Priscilla E. Guthrie, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 2472–2507; 1 private bill, H.R. 2508; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 458–459 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 466, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination and acts of reprisal against persons who receive treatment for illnesses, injuries, and disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in the uniformed services, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–118);

H.R. 915, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–119, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 456, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 627) to

amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan (H. Rept. 111–120);

H. Res. 457, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2352) to amend the Small Business Act (H. Rept. 111–121);

Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (H. Rept. 111–122); and H.R. 2200, to authorize the Transportation Security Administration's programs relating to the provision of transportation security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–123).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tonko to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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