

section 512 of the Senate amendment. The rule further provides that if either portion of the divided question fails of adoption, then the House shall be considered to have made no disposition of the Senate amendment. The rule provides that House Resolution 450 is laid on the table. Testimony was heard by Chairman Frank (MA), and Representative Bachus.

NASA BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Christopher Scolese, Acting Administrator, NASA.

SCIENCE OF INSOLVENCY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the Science of Insolvency. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEVEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Recommendations of the National Committee on Levee Safety. Testimony was heard from Eric Halpin, Special Assistant, Dam and Levee Safety, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

VA MEDICAL CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Medical Care: The Crown Jewel and Best Kept Secret. Testimony was heard from Paul J. Hutter, Chief Officer, Legislative, Regulatory, and Intergovernmental Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

GULF WAR ILLNESS RESEARCH

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Gulf War Illness Research: Is Enough Being Done? Testimony was heard from R. Craig Postlewaite, DVM, Deputy Director, Force Readiness and Health Assurance, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Robert D. Walpole, former Special Assistant, Gulf War Illness Issues, Office of the Assistant Director, Central Intelligence, CIA; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

SSA'S EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security Administration's (SSA's) employment support programs for disability beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Sue Suter, Associate Commissioner, Employment Support Programs, SSA; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—OVERHEAD ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Overhead Architecture. The Committee was briefed by Betty Sapp, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Joint Meetings

WEAPON SYSTEMS ACQUISITION REFORM ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for military space programs; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold a closed meeting to examine financing comprehensive health reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine developing a coordinated and sustainable strategy for Somalia, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine developments on the ground in Pakistan and Afghanistan, 11 a.m., SVC-217.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine foreign policy priorities in the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for international affairs; to be followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, and Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, both of the Department of State, 1:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to continue consideration of S. 982, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, and the nominations of Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, John Q. Easton, of Illinois, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education, and Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 599, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, S. 629, to facilitate the part-time reemployment of annuitants, S. 707, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, proposed Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act, S. 920, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to improve the transparency of the status of information technology investments, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal information technology investment projects, to improve the processes agencies implement to manage information technology investments, to reward excellence in information technology acquisition, S. 942, to prevent the abuse of Government charge cards, S. 469, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the computation for part-time service under the Civil Service Retirement System, S. 692, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances, H.R. 918, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building", H.R. 1595, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building", H.R. 663, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building", H.R. 987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsyl-

vania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office", H.R. 1284, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office", and the nominations of David Heyman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, Marisa J. Demeo, of the District of Columbia, and Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine the role of Community Development Block Grant Program in disaster recovery, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine securing the border and America's points of entry, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine criminal prosecution as a deterrent to health care fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine pension plans, 2 p.m., SR-432.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on Department of Defense, 12:30 p.m., 210 HVC.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies, on OMB, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on U.S. Agency for International Development, 9:30 a.m.; on Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10:30 a.m.; and on Office of Global AIDS Coordinator, 11:30 a.m., B308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Member Requests, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Air Force Modernization Programs, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Another Crossroads? Professional Military Education Twenty Years after the Goldwater-Nichols Act and the Skelton Panel, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Military Services' Operations and Maintenance Funding, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of

Defense Science and Technology Programs, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on the Obama Administration's Education Agenda, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue markup of H.R. 2454 American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "H.R. 2351, Credit Union Share Insurance Stabilization Act," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1886, Pakistan Enduring Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2410, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and to complete action on the following bills: H.R. 1741, Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2009; and H.R. 2247, Congressional Review Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on advance of the 61st meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to be held in Madeira, Portugal June 22–26, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled "State and Local Pandemic Preparedness," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on "Nip and Tuck: The Impact of Current Cost Cutting Efforts on Postal Service Operations and Network," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 915, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Heroes of Small Business," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Consumer Issues: Emergency Contingency Planning and Outlook for Summer Travel, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Piracy Against U.S.-Flagged Vessels: Lessons Learned, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview, 4 p.m., 304 HVC.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Management, executive, briefing on Information Sharing, 2:30 p.m., 304–HVC.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine oil and the economy, focusing on the impact of rising global demand on the United States recovery, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon Building.