

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6263–S6343

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3651–3659, S.J. Res. 36, and S. Res. 595. **Page S6302**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers. (S. Rept. No. 111–233)

H.R. 1454, to provide for the issuance of a Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–234) **Page S6302**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 304, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 725. **Page S6263**

Independent Living Centers Technical Adjustment Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5610, to provide a technical adjustment with respect to funding for independent living centers under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure stability for such centers, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6278**

Schumer (for Harkin) Amendment No. 4518, to extend a date. **Page S6278**

United States Manufacturing Enhancement Act: Senate passed H.R. 4380, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty. **Page S6341**

Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act: Senate passed H.R. 5849, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. **Page S6341**

National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 595, designating the week beginning September 12, 2010, as

“National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”. **Page S6341**

Measures Considered:

Disclose Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3628, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign influence in Federal elections, to prohibit government contractors from making expenditures with respect to such elections, and to establish additional disclosure requirements with respect to spending in such elections. **Pages S6278–85**

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

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 220), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6285**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6285**

Small Business Lending Fund Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 5297, to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S6285–96**

Withdrawn:

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4499, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6285–93**

Reid (for LeMieux) Amendment No. 4500 (to Amendment No. 4499), to establish the Small Business Lending Fund Program. **Pages S6285–93**

Reid Amendment No. 4501 (to Amendment No. 4500), to change the enactment date. **Pages S6285–93**

Reid Amendment No. 4502 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4499), to change the enactment date. **Pages S6285–93**

Reid Amendment No. 4503 (to Amendment No. 4502), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6285–93**

Cloture Motion on Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4499 (listed above). **Page S6293**

Cloture Motion on the bill. **Page S6293**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4519, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6293**

Reid Amendment No. 4520 (to Amendment No. 4519), to change the enactment date. **Page S6293**

Reid Amendment No. 4521 (to Amendment No. 4520), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6293**

Reid Amendment No. 4522 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4519), to change the enactment date. **Page S6293**

Reid Amendment No. 4523 (to Amendment No. 4522), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6293**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4524 (the instructions on the motion to commit), to provide for a study. **Page S6293**

Reid Amendment No. 4525 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4524) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6293–94**

Reid Amendment No. 4526 (to Amendment No. 4525), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6294**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid (for Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4519 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 29, 2010. **Page S6293**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the Reid (for Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4519 (listed above). **Page S6293**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. **Pages S6341–42**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anthony Bryk, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Julie A. Reiskin, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2013.

45 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Page S6343**Messages from the House: Page S6300****Measures Referred: Page S6300****Measures Read the First Time: Page S6300****Enrolled Bills Presented: Page S6300****Executive Communications: Pages S6300–02****Additional Cosponsors: Pages S6302–03****Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S6303–08****Additional Statements: Pages S6296–S6300****Amendments Submitted: Pages S6308–40****Notices of Intent: Page S6340****Notices of Hearings/Meetings: Page S6340****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Pages S6340–41****Privileges of the Floor: Page S6341****Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—220) **Page S6285**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6342.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full committee consideration of an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2011.

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration of an original bill making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2011.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine independent analyses of the New START treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111–05), after receiving testimony from Steven Pifer, Center on the United States

and Europe; Keith B. Payne, Missouri State University Graduate Department of Defense and Strategic Studies; Franklin C. Miller; and John S. Foster, Jr.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James N. Mattis, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CONSUMER ONLINE PRIVACY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer online privacy, after receiving testimony from Jonathan D. Leibowitz, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Guy Tribble, Apple Inc., Bret Taylor, Facebook, Alma Whitten, Google, Inc., Jim Harper, Cato Institute, and Dorothy Attwood, AT&T, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Joseph Turow, University of Pennsylvania Annenberg School for Communication, Philadelphia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 3597, to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, response, restoration, and research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BP DEEPWATER HORIZON DISASTER

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine assessing natural resource damages resulting from the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, after receiving testimony from Cynthia Dohner, Regional Director, Southeast Region, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Tony Penn, Deputy Chief, Assessment and Restoration Division, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Eva J. Pell, Under Secretary for Science, Smithsonian Institution; Robert B. Spies, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, Livermore, California; Stanley Senner, Ocean Conservancy, Washington, D.C.; Erik Rifkin, National Aquarium Conservation Center, Baltimore, Maryland; and John F. Young, Jr., Jefferson Parish Council, Jefferson, Louisiana.

RECONCILIATION OPTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on reconciliation options in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Texas A&M University George Bush School of Government and Public Service, College Station; and Zainab Salbi, Women for Women International, and David J. Kilcullen, Center for a New American Security, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Pamela E. Bridgewater Awkard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, and Phyllis Marie Powers, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HIGH-RISK LOGISTICS PLANNING

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 high-risk logistics planning, focusing on progress on improving Department of Defense supply chain management and challenges in strategic spending, after receiving testimony from Alan F. Estevez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness; and Jack E. Edwards, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

PROTECTING VICTIMS OF MAJOR OIL SPILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Exxon Valdez to Deepwater Horizon, focusing on protecting victims of major oil spills, after receiving testimony from Senator Begich; Lieutenant General Thomas G. McInerney, USAF (Ret.), Clifton, Virginia; Brian B. O'Neill, Faegre & Benson LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Joseph W. Banta, Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, Anchorage, Alaska.

DEEPWATER DRILLING MORATORIUM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the deepwater drilling moratorium, after receiving testimony from Charlotte Randolph, President, Lafourche Parish, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana; Ethane Treese, Dun

& Bradstreet, Washington, D.C.; Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, and Don Briggs, Louisiana Oil & Gas Association, both of Baton Rouge; Leslie Bertucci, R and D Enterprises of LA, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana; Kimberly Nastasi, Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi; and Troy Lillie, Maurice, Louisiana.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5865–5889; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 305; and H. Res. 1560–1564, were introduced. **Pages H6162–63**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6163–64**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5629, to ensure full recovery from responsible parties of damages for physical and economic injuries, adverse effects on the environment, and clean up of oil spill pollution, to improve the safety of vessels and pipelines supporting offshore oil drilling, and to ensure that there are adequate response plans to prevent environmental damage from oil spills, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–567, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5138, to protect children from sexual exploitation by mandating reporting requirements for convicted sex traffickers and other registered sex offenders against minors intending to engage in international travel, providing advance notice of intended travel by high interest registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, and requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child sex offender is seeking to enter the United States (H. Rept. 111–568, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5682, to improve the operation of certain facilities and programs of the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 111–569);

H. Res. 1559, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5822) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–570);

H.R. 2480, to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–571);

H.R. 5156, to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–572, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 1796, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet the applicable ANSI/UL standard by treating that standard as a consumer product safety rule, to encourage States to require the installation of such detectors in homes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–573). **Page H6162**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tonko to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6045**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H6046**

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

Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010: Agreed to recede from the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4899, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and concur in the Senate amendment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 308 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 474; **Pages H6052–68, H6124–25**

Surface Transportation Earmark Rescission, Savings, and Accountability Act: H.R. 5730, to rescind earmarks for certain surface transportation projects, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 471; **Pages H6068–71, H6112–13**

Congratulating the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and its staff: H. Con. Res. 258, to congratulate the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and its staff for 100 years of operation of the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut;

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Expressing gratitude for the contributions of air traffic controllers of the United States: H. Res. 1401, amended, to express gratitude for the contributions that the air traffic controllers of the United States make to keep the traveling public safe and the airspace of the United States running efficiently; **Pages H6074–78**

Recognizing and honoring the freight rail industry: H. Res. 1366, to recognize and honor the freight rail industry, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay” and 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 472; **Pages H6078–81, H6113–14**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing and honoring the freight railroad industry and its employees.”. **Page H6114**

Multi-State Disaster Relief Act: H.R. 5825, to review, update, and revise the factors to measure the severity, magnitude, and impact of a disaster and to evaluate the need for assistance to individuals and households; **Pages H6081–83**

Condemning the July 11, 2010, terrorist attacks in Kampala, Uganda: H. Res. 1538, amended, to condemn the July 11, 2010, terrorist attacks in Kampala, Uganda; **Pages H6086–87**

International Megan’s Law of 2010: H.R. 5138, amended, to protect children from sexual exploitation by mandating reporting requirements for convicted sex traffickers and other registered sex offenders against minors intending to engage in international travel, providing advance notice of intended travel by high interest registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, and requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child sex offender is seeking to enter the United States; **Pages H6087–97**

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: H.R. 5849, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958; **Page H6097**

Improving certain administrative operations of the Library of Congress: H.R. 5681, amended, to improve certain administrative operations of the Library of Congress; **Pages H6097–98**

Improving the operation of certain facilities and programs of the House of Representatives: H.R. 5682, amended, to improve the operation of certain facilities and programs of the House of Representatives; **Page H6098**

Fallen Heroes Flag Act: H.R. 415, to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and other rescue workers who are killed in the line of duty; **Pages H6099–H6100**

Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2010: H.R. 5810, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes; **Pages H6100–01**

Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy Act of 2010: H.R. 4748, amended, to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 to require a northern border counternarcotics strategy, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 475; **Pages H6104–06, H6125–26**

Securing the Protection of our Enduring and Established Constitutional Heritage Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2765, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments and certain foreign judgments against the providers of interactive computer services; **Pages H6126–29**

National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2010: H.R. 5143, amended, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission; **Pages H6129–33**

Removal Clarification Act of 2010: H.R. 5281, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts; **Pages H6133–34**

Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act: H.R. 2780, amended, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code; and **Pages H6134–35**

Simplifying the Ambiguous Law, Keeping Everyone Reliably Safe Act of 2010: H.R. 5662, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the offense of stalking. **Pages H6135–36**

Directing the President to remove the United States Armed Forces from Pakistan: The House disagreed to H. Con. Res. 301, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Pakistan, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 38 yeas to 372 nays with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 473. **Pages H6114–24**

H. Res. 1556, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 470,

after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H6106–12, H6112

Commission on International Religious Freedom—Correction to Appointment: The Chair announced the following correction to the Speaker's appointment of June 23, 2010, of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom: Upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Mr. Ted Van Der Meid of Rochester, NY, for a two-year term ending May 14, 2012, to succeed Ms. Felice Gaer.

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Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom: Upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Ms. Nina Shea of Washington, DC, for a two-year term ending May 14, 2012, to succeed herself.

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

Expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO): H. Con. Res. 266, to express the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);

Pages H6083–85

Senior Financial Empowerment Act: H.R. 3040, amended, to prevent mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting seniors in the United States, to promote efforts to increase public awareness of the enormous impact that mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud have on seniors, and to educate the public, seniors, their families, and their caregivers about how to identify and combat fraudulent activity; and

Pages H6101–04

Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act of 2010: H.R. 5827, amended, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate.

Pages H6137–39

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6087.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6112, H6113, H6113–14, H6124, H6125, and H6125–26. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee action the FY 2011 Defense Appropriations bill.

JAPAN'S RECENT SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Japan: Recent Security Developments. Testimony was heard from Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Wallace C. Gregson, Assistant Secretary, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs; and Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary, Energy, Installations, and Environment, Department of the Navy.

CLOSING YUCCA MOUNTAIN BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budget Implications of Closing Yucca Mountain. Testimony was heard from Kristina M. Johnson, Under Secretary, Department of Energy; Michael F. Hertz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

BP'S OIL SPILL'S TOURISM IMPACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "The BP Oil Spill and Gulf Coast Tourism: Assessing the Impact." Testimony was heard from Kenneth Feinberg, Administrator, Gulf Coast Claims Facility; and public witnesses.

HEALTH IT IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Implementation of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical (HITECH) Act." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Blumenthal, M.D., National Coordinator, Health Information Technology; and Anthony Trenkle, Director, Office of E-Health Standards and Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5814, Public Housing Reinvestment and Tenant Protection Act of 2010; and H.R. 4868, Housing Preservation and Tenant Protection Act of 2010.

FOREIGN CLIMATE FINANCE ASSISTANCE CHANGE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on Climate Change Finance: Providing Assistance for Vulnerable Countries. Testimony was heard from Lael Brainard, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Department of State: Jonathan Pershing, Deputy Special Envoy, Climate Change, and Maura O'Neill, Senior Counselor to the Administrator and Chief Innovation Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development; RADM David W. Titley, USN, Oceanographer and Navigator, Department of the Navy; and public witnesses.

UN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on Achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals: Progress through Partnerships. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FIRST RESPONDER INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response held a hearing entitled "Interoperable Emergency Communications: Does the National Broadband Plan Meet the Needs of First Responders?" Testimony was heard from RADM James Arden Barnett, Jr., (ret.) Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, FCC; Greg Schaffer, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cyber Security and Communications, Department of Homeland Security; Deputy Chief Charles F. Dowd, Communications Division, Police Department, New York City; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RULEMAKING AND THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administration Law held a hearing on Federal Rulemaking and the Regulatory Process. Testimony was heard from Cass R. Sunstein, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Executive Office of the President, OMB; Curtis Copeland, Specialist in American National Government, Government and Finance Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

FTC AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S ANTITRUST DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition and

the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. Testimony was heard from Christine A. Varney, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust, Department of Justice; and Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, FTC.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on In-sular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3850, Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2009; H.R. 3910, Longline Catcher Processor Subsector Single Fishery Cooperative Act; H.R. 4914, Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010; H.R. 5180, National Marine Fisheries Service Ombudsman Act of 2010; H.R. 5331, To revise the boundaries of John H. Chaffee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pony Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 5380, Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2010; and H.R. 5482, Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hirono, Jones, and Larsen of Washington; Greg Siekaniec, Assistant Director, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Jonathan McKnight, Associate Director, Habitat Conservation Wildlife and Heritage Program, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

FEMALE DC CODE FELONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled "Female D.C. Code Felons: Unique Challenges in Prison and at Home." Testimony was heard from Harley Lappin, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Adrienne Poteat, Court Systems and Offender Supervision Agency; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5822, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011." The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 63, line 4. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order

only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered 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 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without division of the question.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that after consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill.

Finally, the rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the calendar day of August 1, 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 rule. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas, Peters, Crenshaw, Bilirakis, Roe of Tennessee and Djou.

RECOVERY ACT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Recovery Act: Progress Report for Transportation Infrastructure Investments. Testimony was heard from Ray H. LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3787, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 4541, amended, Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2010; H.R. 5064, Fair Access to Veterans Benefits Act of 2010; and H.R. 5549, RAPID Claims Act.

GULF WAR ILLNESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Gulf War Illness: The Future for Dissatisfied Veterans. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Charles L. Cragin, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans; and John R. Gingrich, Chief of Staff; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

ENHANCING U.S.-EU TRADE RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Enhancing the U.S.-EU Trade Relationship. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Eizenstat, former Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DIA PROGRAM

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

INFORMATION SHARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to hold a hearing on Information Sharing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Robert S. Litt, General Counsel; David R. Shedd, Deputy Director, National Intelligence, Policy, Plans, and Requirements; and Priscilla Guthrie, Intelligence Community Chief Information Officer.

Joint Meetings

PROMOTING CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting a clean energy economy, after receiving testimony from Michael Greenstone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Anthony E. Malkin, Malkin Holdings, New York, New York; and E.G. Ward, Texas A&M University Offshore Technology Research Center, College Station.

INSTABILITY IN KYRGYZSTAN

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine instability in Kyrgyzstan, focusing on the international response, prospects for stability, democracy, interethnic reconciliation, and implications for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia; Arslan Anarbaev, Embassy of the

Kyrgyz Republic, and Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Bakyt Beshimov, Arlington, Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, all to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Osvaldo Luis Gratacós Munet, of Puerto Rico, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank, and Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: To hold hearings to examine protecting America's water treatment facilities, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Michele Thoren Bond, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, and Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Subra Suresh, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Science Foundation, and Mary Minow, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Business meeting to consider H.R. 2868, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to enhance the security of public water systems, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, S. 3335, to require Congress to establish a unified and searchable database on a public Web site for congressional earmarks as called for by the President in his 2010 State of the Union Address to Congress, S. 2991, to amend title 31, United States Code, to enhance the oversight authorities of the Comptroller General, S. 3243, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to administer polygraph examinations to all applicants for law enforcement positions with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to complete all periodic background reinvestigations of certain law enforcement personnel, S. 2902, to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute, H.R. 3980, to provide for identifying and elimi-

nating redundant reporting requirements and developing meaningful performance metrics for homeland security preparedness grants, H.R. 1517, to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service, S. 3650, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, S. 3567, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building", H.R. 5278, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the "President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building", and H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building", 10 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings to examine flood preparedness and mitigation, focusing on map modernization, levee inspection, and levee repairs, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathleen M. O'Malley, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Beryl Elaine Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: To resume hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on legislative proposals to change Senate procedures, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following: H.R. 5509, Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act; H.R. 3519, Veterinarian Services Investment Act; a measure reauthorizing mandatory price reporting; and other pending business, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Department of Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing to review quality control systems in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, oversight hearing on U.S. Civilian Assistance for Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Transformation in

Progress: The Services' Enlisted Professional Military Education Programs, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, joint hearing on surface fleet readiness, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on harnessing small business innovation for national security cyber needs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 903, Dental Emergency Responder Act; H.R. 1745, Family Health Care Accessibility Act; H.R. 3199, Emergency Medic Transition (EMT) Act; H.R. 5710, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Reauthorization Act of 2010; H.R. 5756, Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act of 2010; H.R. 5809, Safe Drug Disposal Act of 2010; H.R. 2923, Combat Methamphetamine Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 3470, Nationally Enhancing the Well-being of Babies through Outreach and Research Now Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2267, Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act; H.R. 3421, Medical Debt Relief Act of 2009; H.R. 4790, Shareholder Protection Act of 2010; H.R. 5823, United States Covered Bond Act of 2010; and H.R. 476, House Fairness Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Turkey's New Foreign Policy Direction: Implications for U.S.-Turkish Relations, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Lost in the Shuffle: Examining TSA's Management of Surface Transportation Security Inspectors," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Online Privacy, Social Networking, and Crime Victimization, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5023, Requirements, Expectations, and Standard Procedures for Executive Consultation with Tribes Act; H.R. 4384, To establish the Utah Navajo Trust Fund Commission; and H.R. 5468, Bridgeport Indian Colony Land Trust, Health, and Economic Development Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 5815, Inspector General Authority Improvement Act of 2010; H.R. 1507, Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 2853, All-American Flag Act; H.R. 5637, American Jobs Matter Act of 2010; S. 2868, Federal Supply Schedules Usage Act of 2009; H.R. 5366, Overseas Contractor Reform Act; H.R. 5616, National Historical Publication and Records Commission Act of 2010; H. Res. 1428, Recognizing Brooklyn Botanic Garden on its 100th anniversary as the preeminent horticultural attraction in the borough of Brooklyn and its longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship and education for the City of New York; H. Res. 1546, Congratulating the Washington

Stealth for winning the National Lacrosse League Championship; H.R. 3456, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1900 West Gray Street in Houston, Texas, as the "Hazel Hainsworth Young Post Office Building;" H.R. 4266, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the "George Thomas 'Mickey' Leland Post Office Building"; H.R. 5565, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5014 Gary Avenue in Lubbock, Texas, as the "Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office"; H.R. 5584, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building"; H.R. 5605, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 East Fayette Street in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as the "George C. Marshall Post Office"; H.R. 5606, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 South 7th Street in Indiana, Pennsylvania, as the "Jimmy M. 'Jimmy' Stewart Post Office Building"; H.R. 5655, To designate the Little River Branch facility of the United States Postal Service located at 240 NE 84th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 5721, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 335 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, as the "Frank F. Fasi Post Office Building"; H.R. 5758, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the "Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building"; and H.R. 5831, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1081 Elbel Road in Schertz, Texas, as the "Schertz Veterans Post Office"; 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing entitled "Are Superweeds an Outgrowth of USDA Biotech Policy?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "National Security, Interagency Collaboration, and Lessons from SOUTHCOM and AFRICOM," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 5850, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to mark H.R. 5866, Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Small Business Administration and Its Programs," 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to continue oversight hearings of Inadequate Cost Control at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Diversity Practices, 2 p.m., 304-HVC.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Somalia, 10 a.m., 304-HVC.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5297, Small Business Lending Fund Act, with a 1 p.m. filing deadline for all first-degree amendments.

House Chamber

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