

Corinne Ann Beckwith, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

George Lamar Beck, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

David L. McNulty, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Roger W.

Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Office of Information and Technology, and W. Todd Grams, Acting Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Library of Congress (LOC) and Open World Leadership Center, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, and Robert Dizard, Jr., Chief of Staff, Office of the Librarian, both of the Library of Congress; and John O’Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army, and General George W. Casey Jr., Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

OPERATION ODYSSEY DAWN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Operation Odyssey Dawn and the situation in Libya, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

HYDROPOWER POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 629, to improve hydropower, S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, and Title I, subtitle D of the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Steven G. Chalk, Chief Operating Officer and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Jeff C. Wright, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; John Seebach, American Rivers, and Andrew Munro, National Hydropower Association, both of Washington, D.C., Sean O’Neill, Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition, Darnestown, Maryland; and Michael E. Webber, The University

of Texas at Austin Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy, Austin.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense.

ASIAN-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2011, focusing on breaking down barriers, creating economic growth, after receiving testimony from John K. Veroneau, Covington and Burling LLP, and Peter Scher, JPMorgan Chase, United States Representative to the APEC Business Advisory Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Bert Robins, Seacast, Inc., Butte, Montana; and Richard M. Hartvigsen, Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc., Provo, Utah.

COUNTERNARCOTICS AND CITIZEN SECURITY IN THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine counternarcotics and citizen security in the Americas, after receiving testimony from William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; William F. Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats; Vanda Felbab-Brown, The Brookings Institution, Cynthia J. Arnson, and Eric L. Olson, both of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and Stephen Johnson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

LIBYA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Libya, after receiving testimony from James Steinberg, Deputy Secretary of State.

DRUG GANGS' EVER EVOLVING TACTICS TO PENETRATE THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs concluded a hearing to examine drug gangs' ever-evolving tactics to pen-

etrate the border and the Federal government's ability to stop them, after receiving testimony from Donna Bucella, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Intelligence and Operations Coordination, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and James A. Dinkins, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Thomas M. Harrigan, Assistant Administrator and Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Kent Bitsko, Executive Director, Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Las Vegas; and Frances Flener, Arkansas State Drug Director, Little Rock.

MINE SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving safety at dangerous mines one year after Upper Big Branch, after receiving testimony from Joseph A. Main, Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and Elliot P. Lewis, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of the Inspector General, both of the Department of Labor.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures;

S. 216, to increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and international violations relating to food that is misbranded or adulterated, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Kevin Hunter Sharp, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Claire C. Cecchi, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND THE OFFICE OF ADVOCACY BUDGET

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Office of Advocacy, after receiving testimony from Karen G. Mills, Administrator, and Winslow Sargeant, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, both of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1277–1306; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 53; H. Con. Res. 32; and H. Res. 193, 195–196 were introduced. **Pages H2213–15**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2215–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 13, reaffirming “In God We Trust” as the official motto of the United States and supporting and encouraging the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools, and other government institutions (H. Rept. 112–47);

Report on Oversight Plans for All House Committees (H. Rept. 112–48); and

H. Res. 194, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1255) to prevent a shutdown of the government of the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–49). **Page H2213**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2111**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2116**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Charles Jackson, Sr., Brookland Baptist Church, West Columbia, South Carolina. **Page H2116**

Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics: The Chair announced that the Speaker named the following Members of the House of Representatives to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 112th Congress: Representatives Bishop (UT), Blackburn, Crenshaw, Latham, Simpson, Walden, Olson, Latta, Griffin (AR), and Grimm. **Page H2119**

Point of Personal Privilege: Representative Kucinich rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized. **Pages H2119–22**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, March 30th:

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011: H.R. 872, amended, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 292 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 206. **Pages H2129–30**

FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011: The House began consideration of H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, April 1st. **Pages H2122–29, H2130–H2212**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated March 22, 2011, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill. **Page H2141**

Agreed to:

Pierluisi amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that ensures that airports in Puerto Rico are apportioned amounts under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), while also remaining eligible for discretionary grants under the Program; **Pages H2176–77**

Hirono amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that exempts Hawaii’s large- and medium-hub airports from collecting PFCs from interisland travelers due to the unique everyday travel circumstances the island state presents. Changes the formula under which Hawaii’s annual Federal apportionments are reduced when the State’s large and