

Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S1570**

**Helmick Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey J. Helmick, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S1569**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 nomination of John J. Tharp, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S1570**

**Lewis Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary Geiger Lewis, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S1569**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 nomination of Jeffrey J. Helmick, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S1570**

**Hillman Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Timothy S. Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Page S1569**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 nomination of Mary Geiger Lewis, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S1570**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Dorothea-Maria Rose, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Arthur Bienenstock, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

Suravi Gangopadhyay, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2016.

Luis Herrera, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2014.

Suzanne E. Thorin, of New York, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2015.

Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2016.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Carla M. Leon-Decker, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2017, which was sent to the Senate on October 20, 2011.

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**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S1576, S1581**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S1576**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1581.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in pro forma session.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D158)

H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code. Signed on March 8, 2012. (Public Law 112–98)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,  
MARCH 13, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* To hold hearings to examine U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* To hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Consultant's Review with Respect to the Department of Energy Loan and Loan Guarantee Portfolio, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, and William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, both of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aveli, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* To hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act, focusing on safeguarding critical infrastructure information and the public's right to know, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

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**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of March 13 through March 16, 2012**

**Senate Chamber**

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, and vote on or in relation to DeMint Amendment No. 1756 and Bingaman Amendment No. 1759, at 12 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to up to 20 amendments and passage of the bill.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 14, to hold hearings to examine risk management and commodities in the 2012 farm bill, 10 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 14, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal onshore and offshore energy development programs in the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

March 14, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD–226.

March 14, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Labor, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

March 14, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

March 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Transportation, 9 a.m., SD–138.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD–124.

March 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SH–219 following the open session, 10 a.m., SD–192.

March 15, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 13, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 14, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR–232A.