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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:15 a.m. and recessed, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Howard Metzenbum, in accordance with S. Res. 485, at 2:36 a.m., until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2194.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,614 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Simon Charles Gros, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governmental Affairs, and promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps.

Prior to this action, committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FOREST MANAGEMENT IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine old-growth forest science, focusing on policy and management in the Pacific Northwest region, after receiving testimony from Linda Goodman, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service; James Caswell, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Marvin D.

Brown, Oregon Department of Forestry, Salem; David A. Perry, and John Tappeiner, both of Oregon State University Department of Forest Engineering, Corvallis; Paul H. Beck, Herbert Lumber Company, Riddle, Oregon; and Randi Spivak, American Lands Alliance, Washington, D.C.

U.S. ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine customs reauthorization relative to the activity of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on strengthening United States economic interests and security, after receiving testimony from Samuel H. Banks, Sandler and Travis Trade Advisory Services, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Charlene N. Stocker, Procter and Gamble Distributing, LLC, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the American Association of Exporters and Importers; Greg P. Brown, Ford Global Technologies, Dearborn, Michigan; and Antoinette M. Tease, Antoinette M. Tease, P.L.L.C., Billings, Montana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2731, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, with amendments; and

The nominations of William Raymond Steiger, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Department of State, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatal and postnatal diagnosed conditions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 999, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1042, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jan Cellucci, of Massachusetts, William J. Hagenah, of Illinois, Mark Y. Herring, of South Carolina, and Julia W. Bland, of Louisiana, each to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Jamsheed K. Choksy, of Indiana, Gary D. Glenn, of Illinois, David Hertz, of Indiana, Marvin Bailey Scott, of Indiana, Carol M. Swain, of Tennessee, and Dawn Ho Delbanco, of

New York, each to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Jonathan Baron, of Maryland, Sally Epstein Shaywitz, of Connecticut, and Frank Philip Handy, of Florida, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Javid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, Neil Romano, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, and Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 5602–5639; 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 78–79; and H. Res. 1045–1050 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 183 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 136.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of in honor of all those serving in the military, past and present, during the war in Iraq.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent To Offer: Representative Price (GA) announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution.

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Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Price (GA) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 135.

Pages H1625–26

Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013: The House

passed H. Con. Res. 312, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013, by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 141. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, March 12th.

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Rejected:

Kilpatrick amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–548), submitted on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, that sought an alternative budget that would balance the budget in FY 2012. The CBC budget would have funded programs and services in the areas of health care, education, veterans benefits and services for low-income families. It also provided for additional services for the administration of justice and funded the recommendations of the House Committee on Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 137);

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Lee amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–548), submitted on behalf of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, that sought to provide at least \$551.7 billion for domestic, non-military discretionary spending in FY09; provide a \$118.9 billion economic stimulus package; extend unemployment insurance, food stamp benefits, and Medicaid payments to states; and, spend \$468.3 billion on defense. The Progressive Caucus budget balances by FY12 and rebalances again in FY18, upon completion of the Reinvest and Rebuild