

Lieberman Amendment No. 763, to protect the American people from potential spillover violence from Mexico by providing \$550 million in additional funding for the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice and supporting the Administration's efforts to combat drug, gun, and cash smuggling by the cartels, by providing: \$260 million for Customs and Border Protection to hire, train, equip, and deploy additional officers and canines and conduct exit inspections for weapons and cash; \$130 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to hire, train, equip and deploy additional investigators; \$50 million to Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to hire, train, equip, and deploy additional agents and inspectors; \$20 million for the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center; \$10 million for the Office of International Affairs and the Management Directorate at DHS for oversight of the Merida Initiative; \$30 million for Operation Stonegarden; \$10 million to the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program, to support state and local law enforcement participation in the HIDTA program along the southern border; \$20 million to DHS for tactical radio communications; and \$20 million for upgrading the Traveler Enforcement Communications System. **Pages S4030–33**

Alexander Amendment No. 747, to create run-away debt point of order against consideration of a budget resolution that projects the ratio of public debt to GDP for any fiscal year in excess of 90% to ensure the continued viability of US dollar and prevent doubling or tripling the debt burden on future generations. **Pages S4033–37**

Sessions Amendment No. 772, to restore the budget discipline of the Federal Government by freezing nondefense discretionary spending for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, and limiting the growth of nondefense discretionary spending to one percent annually for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014. **Pages S4037–55**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Monday, March 31, 2009, with respect to Senator Conrad, or his designee, to offer a side-by-side to Amendment No. 735 (listed above), remain in effect. **Page S4037**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, and that the statutory time remaining be 20 hours, with each side controlling 10 hours; provided further, that for the duration of the debate, all time during quorum calls be charged equally to both sides. **Page S4106**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

Lawrence E. Strickling, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S4109**

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

Jonathan Z. Cannon, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on March 11, 2009. **Page S4109**

Messages from the House: **Page S4060**

Measures Referred: **Page S4060**

Executive Communications: **Pages S4060–61**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S4103–04**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S4104**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—118) **Pages S4029, S4030**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4106.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal school meal programs, focusing on nutrition for kids in schools, after receiving testimony from Pat Cooper, Early Childhood and Family Learning Foundation, New Orleans, Louisiana; Nancy Huehnergath, New York State Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Alliance, Chappaqua; Byron V. Garrett, National Parent Teacher Association, Chicago, Illinois; Reginald M. Felton, National School Boards Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Karen Ehrens, North Dakota Dietetic Association, Bismarck, on behalf of the

American Dietetic Association; Miriam Erickson Brown, Anderson Dairy Company, Des Moines, Iowa; Hank Izzo, Mars, Snackfood US, Hackettstown, New Jersey; and Susan K. Neely, American Beverage Association, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 414, to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act, to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures, protect underage consumers, with amendments.

LESSONS FROM THE NEW DEAL

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine lessons from the New Deal, after receiving testimony from Christina D. Romer, Chair, President's Council of Economic Advisers; James K. Galbraith, University of Texas at Austin Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs; J. Bradford DeLong, University of California Berkeley; Allan M. Winkler, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; and Lee E. Ohanian, University of California Los Angeles Ettinger Family Program in Macroeconomic Research.

HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY PRACTICES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health insurance industry practices, after receiving testimony from Stephen J. Hemsley, UnitedHealth Group, Washington, D.C.; and Andy Slavitt, Ingenix, Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

PROMOTING WATER USE EFFICIENCY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine Environmental Protection Agency's role in promoting water use efficiency, after receiving testimony from Michael Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Martha Davis, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Chino, California; Mary Ann Dickinson, Alliance for Water Efficiency, Chicago, Illinois; Mark A. Shannon, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Center of Advanced Materials for the Purification of Water with Systems, Urbana; and

G. Tracy Mehan, III, Cadmus Group, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

TARP OVERSIGHT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine a six month update on the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), after receiving testimony from Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program Department of the Treasury; Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; and Elizabeth Warren, Chair, Congressional Oversight Panel.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 384, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide assistance to foreign countries to promote food security, to stimulate rural economies, and to improve emergency response to food crises, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, with an amendment;

S. 705, to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation;

S. Res. 90, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Fifth Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from April 17–19, 2009;

S. Con. Res. 11, condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and reaffirming the support of Congress for the mandate of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with an amendment;

S. Res. 9, commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world;

S. Res. 20, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

S. Res. 56, urging the Government of Moldova to ensure a fair and democratic election process for the parliamentary elections on April 5, 2009; and

The nominations of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Fund, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and Esther Brimmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Karl Winfrid Eikenberry, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Rose Eilene

Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and Melanne Verveer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues, all of the Department of State.

RETURN AND RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED IRAQIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the return and resettlement of displaced Iraqis, after receiving testimony from Ellen Laipson, The Stimson Center, and Nancy A. Ossey, International Medical Corps, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nabil Al-Tikriti, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

D.C. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the Dis-

trict of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, focusing on the progress it has made since the financial crisis of the 1990s, the financial management challenges in the years ahead, and the steps that are being taken to address those challenges, after receiving testimony from Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer, and Charles J. Willoughby, Inspector General, both of the Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Robert J. Dole and Senator Roberts, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

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: 30 public bills, H.R. 1803–1832; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 90; and H. Res. 302–304, 308–311 were introduced. **Pages H4249–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4251–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 303, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the First Congressional District of Hawaii (H. Rept. 111–68);

Oversight Plans for All House Committees (H. Rept. 111–69);

H. Res. 305, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 85) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014 (H. Rept. 111–70);

H. Res. 306, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1664) to amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to prohibit unreasonable and

excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards (H. Rept. 111–71); and

H. Res. 307, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1256) to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products (H. Rept. 111–72). **Page H4249**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4131**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4136**

Suspensions— Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, March 30th:

Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2009: H.R. 1259, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 167; **Page H4144**

Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel: H. Res. 282,