

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, President, St. Luke Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the employment situation for March 2008, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 7 through April 12, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security and Consumer Protection Act, and at 2:15 p.m. Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387. Also, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2739, Consolidated National Resources Act.

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 Appropriations: April 8, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 9, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the De-

partment of State and foreign operations, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 9, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine cyber warfare programs, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 10, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Housing Administration's role in addressing the housing crisis, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 10, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-124.

April 10, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Crandall Canyon mine accident, 2 p.m., SD-138.

April 10, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the status of efforts to improve mine safety and health, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: April 8, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq and progress made by the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

April 8, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on Navy force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on progress made by the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 9, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on Air Force and Navy aviation programs, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on the progress made by the Government in Iraq meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, the future U.S. military presence in Iraq, and the situation in Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 10, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on proposals to mitigate foreclosures and restore liquidity to the mortgage markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 8, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Trade Commission reauthorization, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 8, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the digital television transition, focusing on consumers, broadcasters, and converter boxes, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 9, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine coal gasification technologies, focusing on the need for large scale projects, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 10, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety oversight, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 8, to hold hearings to examine S. 2259 and H.R. 813, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, H.R. 31, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects, H.R. 716, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan, H.R. 786, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, H.R. 1140, to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, H.R. 1503, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project, H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project, H.R. 1737, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California, and H.R. 2614, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1633, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefield and related sites of the Battle of Shepherdstown in Shepherdstown,

West Virginia, as part of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park or Antietam National Battlefield, S. 1993 and H.R. 2197, bills to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, S. 2207, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Green McAdoo School in Clinton, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2254, to establish the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, S. 2262, to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, S. 2329 and H.R. 2627, bills to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site, S. 2502 and H.R. 3332, bills to provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, S. 2512, to establish the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, and H.R. 3998, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures, 2:30 p.m. SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 9, to hold hearings to examine S. 1870, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-406.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 8, to hold hearings to examine S. 970, to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine covering uninsured children, focusing on the provisions and regulations in the current Children's Healthcare Insurance Program (CHIP) directive, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine identity theft, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Yousif Boutrous Ghafari, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Kurt Douglas Volker, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iraq after the surge, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, for

the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, Scot A. Marciel, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Affairs, D. Kathleen Stephens, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, and William E. Todd, to be Ambassador to the State of Brunei Darussalam, all of the Department of State, 3:15 p.m., SD-419.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine negotiating a long-term relationship with Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 10, to hold hearings to examine climate change, focusing on a challenge for public health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 10, business meeting to consider pending legislation, and the nomination of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew Saul, of New York, Alejandro Modesto Sanchez, of Florida, and Gordon James Whiting, of New York, all to be Members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 8, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine the adequacy of representation in capital cases, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 9, to hold an oversight hearing to examine making the Department of Veterans Affairs the workplace of choice for health care providers, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 8, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 9, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on USTR, 9:30 a.m., on ITA 11 a.m., and on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 9, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Smithsonian Institution, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on U.S. Capitol Police Budget, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 9, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on Army Budget, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on NOAA, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn, and on EEOC, 3 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy—Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Waste, 9 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secretary of DHS, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Government Accountability Office, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on European Command, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on U.S. Policy and Program in Iraq, 11 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn, and on U.S. Treasury International Assistance Programs and U.S. Contributions to International Financial Institutions, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: April 9, hearing on the status of the war and political developments in Iraq, 9 a.m., and on the current status of U.S. ground forces, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 10, hearing on Contingency Contracting: Implementing a Call for Urgent Reform, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army acquisition programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, April 9, to mark up H.R. 5522, Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Workplace Protections, hearing on the 15th Anniversary of the Family Medical Leave Act: Achievements and Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 10, hearing entitled "Strengths and Weaknesses of Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Using Existing Clean Air Act Authorities," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 9 and 10, hearings entitled "Using FHA for Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 8, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on Central Asia: An Overview, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 9, full Committee, hearing on Report on Iraq, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on War Power for the 21st Century: The Constitutional Perspective, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing and briefing on the Crisis in the Andes: The Border Dispute Between Columbia and Ecuador, and Implications for the Region, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 9, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Ensuring FEMA's Ability to Respond and Recover in the Wake of a National Catastrophe," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 9, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Solving the Department of Homeland Security's Management Challenges", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, April 9, hearing on the 2008 Presidential Primaries and Caucuses: "What we've learned so far," 11:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 8, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on S. 2135, Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2007, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Reauthorization and Improvement of DNA Initiatives of the Justice For All Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 9, hearing on the following: H.R. 5608, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments Act, H.R. 3522, To ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, H.R. 3490, Tuolumme Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007, S. 2457, to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe, and a measure to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans to make certain adjustments, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 10, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5541, Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act; and H.R. 5648, Emergency Wildland Fire Response Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 9, to consider the following bills: H.R. 5687, To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees; H.R. 5683, Government Accountability Act of 2008; H.R. 4791, Federal Agency Data Protection Act; H.R. 752, Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of 2007; H.R. 1734, To designate the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office;" H. Res. 1073, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to

the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008; and H. Res. 1026, Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 9, full Committee, and the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, joint hearing on 2010 Census, Progress on the Development of the Field Data Collection Automation (FDCA) Program and the Decennial Response Integration System (DRIS), 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Federal Security: ID Cards and Background Checks, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Investigation into the Sale of Sensitive, In-Demand Military Equipment and Supplies on the Internet, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, April 8, to consider the following: H.R. 2016, National Landscape Conservation System Act; and H.R. 2537, Beach Protection Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, April 9, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Impact of Increasing Gas Prices on Small Businesses," 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

April 10, full Committee, hearing entitled "Modernizing the Tax Code: Updating the Internal Revenue Code To Help Small Businesses Stimulate the Economy," 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 9, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Delays and Consumer Issues, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Transportation Challenges of Metropolitan Areas, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Cosco Busan and Marine Casualty Investigation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, April 9, hearing on Ending Homelessness for Our Nation's Veterans, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 10, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 10, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on extending unemployment insurance, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 9, hearing on Assessing the Fight Against al-Qaeda, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

April 10, executive, briefing on Colombia, 8:30 a.m., and, executive, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Cyber Initiative, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, April 9, hearing entitled "Healthy Planet, Healthy People: Global Warming and Public Health," 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: April 10, to hold hearings to examine the Organization for Se-

curity and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on the displacement of Iraqi citizens in Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Turkey, and other surrounding countries in the region, 2:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth Building.