

Driehaus amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–36), as modified, that increases from \$1.8 billion to \$2.5 billion the authorization level for the grant program that makes funds available for combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows.

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Rejected:

Mack amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that sought to remove all Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions from the bill (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 122).

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H. Res. 235, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 218, H. Res. 219, and H. Res. 229 are laid on the table.

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, March 11th:

*Supporting the designation of Pi Day:* H. Res. 224, to support the designation of Pi Day, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 124.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16th for morning hour debate.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3350.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One ye-a-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3374, H3375, and H3376. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMITTEE BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES FY 2010

*Committee on Agriculture:* Approved the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### DOMESTIC NUTRITION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture held a hearing on Domestic Nutrition Programs. Testimony was heard from Thomas O'Connor, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutri-

tion, and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

### WHAT WORKS FOR SUCCESSFUL PRISONER REENTRY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on what Works for Successful Prisoner Reentry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army and Marine Corps Force Protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department Army: GEN Ross Thompson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisitions, Logistics, and Technology); GEN James D. Thurman, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, (G–3/5/7) of the Army; and GEN James Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Securing the Nation's Rail and Transit Systems. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration; and W. Ross Ashley, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs, FEMA; Bill Morange, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Security, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York; Jack Eckles, Deputy Executive Officer, System Safety and Security, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Review of VA Challenges. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Randall B. Williamson, Director, Health Care; and Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John D. Daigh, Jr., M.D., CPA, Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections; Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and Maureen T. Regan, Counselor to the Inspector General.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related

Agencies held a hearing Family and Troop Housing. Testimony was heard from Wayne Army, Deputy Undersecretary, Installations and Environment, Department of Defense; Keith Eastin, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Army; B. J. Penn, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy; and Kevin Billings, Acting Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment, and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

#### **STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Africa: Great Lakes, Sudan and the Horn. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **TRANSPORTATION, HUD APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Transportation Challenges of Rural America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **DOD AT HIGH RISK RECOMMENDATIONS—IMPROVING DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Department of Defense at High Risk: Recommendations of the Comptroller General for Improving Department Management. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, GAO.

#### **MILITARY RESALE, AND MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION OVERVIEW**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on military resale and morale, welfare and recreation overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Arthur Myers, Principal Director, Military Community and Family Policy, Office of the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; RADM. Robert J. Bianchi, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; MG. Keith L. Thurgood, USAR, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Timothy R. Larsen, Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Philip E. Sakowitz, Jr., Director and CEO, Defense Commissary Agency; Richard Gorman, Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command; John B. Baker, Director, Fleet and Family Readiness, Commander, Navy Installations Command; and

Charles E. Milam, Director, Air Force Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Department of Education Fiscal Year 2010 Budget. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

#### **LOST EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN ALTERNATIVE SETTINGS**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, and the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security of the Committee on the Judiciary held a joint hearing on Lost Educational Opportunities in Alternative Settings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **UNIVERSAL SERVICE: REFORMING THE HIGH-COST FUND**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on Universal Service: Reforming the High-Cost Fund. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **CONSUMER PROTECTION POLICIES FOR CLIMATE LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Consumer Protection Policies for Climate Legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **COMMITTEE BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES FY 2010; SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported the following: S. 383, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act of 2009; and a Committee Print, as amended, entitled "Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010."

#### **MARK-TO-MARKET ACCOUNTING**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on Mark-to-Market Accounting: Practices and Implications. Testimony was heard from James Kroeker, Acting Chief Accountant, SEC; Robert Hertz, Chairman, Financing Accounting Standards Board; Kevin Bailey, Deputy Comptroller, Regulatory Policy, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

**IRAN SANCTIONS ENABLING ACT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing on H.R. 1327, Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Ted Deutch, Senator, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

**U.S. FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY IN THE GLOBAL CRISIS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on U.S. Foreign Economic Policy in the Global Crisis. Testimony was heard from C. Fred Bergsten, former Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

**BORDER VIOLENCE—STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Border Violence: An Examination of DHS Strategies and Resources”. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: VADM Roger T. Rufe, Jr., (USCG Ret.), Director, Office of Operations Coordination; Alonzo Pena, Department of Homeland Security Attache, U.S. Embassy, Mexico City; John Leech, Acting Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement; Salvador Nieto, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Intelligence and Operations Coordination, Customs and Border Protection; and Kumar Kibble, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

**VIOLENCE ON THE U.S.-MEXICAN BORDER**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Money, Guns, and Drugs: Are U.S. Inputs Fueling Violence on the U.S.-Mexican Border? Testimony was heard from Jonathan Paton, Senator, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES FY 2010 BUDGET**

*Committee on Rules:* On March 11, the Committee adopted its Budget Views and Estimates of the President’s Fiscal Year Budget for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**ATSDR: PROBLEMS IN THE PAST, POTENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on ATSDR: Problems in the Past, Potential for the Future? Testimony was heard from Howard Frumkin, Director, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry,

Department of Health and Human Services; the following former officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Salvador Mier, former Director, Prevention, Center for Disease Control; and Ronnie Wilson, former Ombudsman, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry; and public witnesses.

**ENSURING STIMULUS CONTRACTS—SMALL AND VETERANS OWNED BUSINESSES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on Ensuring Stimulus Contracts for Small and Veteran-owned Businesses. Testimony was heard from Calvin Jenkins, Acting Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA; Joel Szabat, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; Gail Wegner, Acting Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs; Brenda DeGraffenreid, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Energy; Linda Oliver, Acting Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; PROTECTING LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES WHILE FIGHTING GLOBAL WARMING**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support met for organizational purposes.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Protecting Lower-Income Families While Fighting Global Warming. Testimony was heard from Terry Dinian, Senior Advisor, Climate Issues, CBO; and public witnesses.

**INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES BRIEFING**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Activities. Testimony was heard from Leon Panetta, Director, CIA.

**Joint Meetings****VETERANS’ SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

*Joint Hearing:* Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine legislative presentations of veterans’ service organizations, after receiving testimony from John Chad Hapner, American Veterans (AMVETS), Lanham, MD; Robert H. Price, Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, MD; Joseph L. Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association, and Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, both of Alexandria, VA; Gene

Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America (NCOA), San Antonio, TX; Jeff Roy, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Annandale, VA; Charlie L. Flowers, USAF (Ret.), The Retired Enlisted Association, Aurora, CO; Charlie F. Smith, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Charlotte, NC; and John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Cold Creek, NY.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 242)

H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. Signed on March 11, 2009. (Public Law 111-8)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 16 through March 21, 2009

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 146, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

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 Armed Services:* March 17, to hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command, United States Northern Command, United States Africa Command, and United States Transportation Command, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 18, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the incidence of suicides of United States Servicemembers and initiatives within the Department of Defense to prevent military suicides, 2:45 p.m., SR-232A.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Strategic Command, and United States Forces Korea, with

the possibility of a closed session following in SR-222, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 17, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on modernizing insurance regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine risk management oversight at Federal financial regulations, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine bank supervision and regulators, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

March 19, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine current issues in deposit insurance, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 19, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on assessing our vulnerabilities and developing an effective defense, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 17, to hold oversight hearings to examine energy development on public lands and the outer Continental Shelf, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nuclear energy development; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Appliance Standards Improvement Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* March 17, to hold hearings to examine tax issues related to fraud schemes and an update on offshore tax evasion legislation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 18, Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine what is health care quality and who decides, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 16, to hold closed hearings to receive a briefing on global counterterrorism efforts, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 18, business meeting to consider S. 277, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 17, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, with the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, to hold joint hearings to examine law enforcement responses to Mexican drug cartels, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the National Academy of Science's report Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, and the nomination of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* March 19, to hold hearings to examine perspectives from main street on small business lending, 10 a.m., SR-428A.