

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9489–S9573*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1679–1689, and S. Res. 273–274. **Pages S9554–55**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1679, to make quality, affordable health care available to all Americans, reduce costs, improve health care quality, enhance disease prevention, and strengthen the health care workforce. **Page S9553**

#### Measures Passed:

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:** By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate passed H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, agreeing to the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9532–41**

#### Adopted:

Landrieu Amendment No. 2365, to amend the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008. **Page S9532**

#### Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No.283), Vitter Modified Amendment No. 2359, to prohibit the use of funds for households that include convicted drug dealing or domestic violence offenders or members of violent gangs that occupy rebuilt public housing in New Orleans. **Pages S9532–33**

By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 284), DeMint Amendment No. 2410, to limit the use of funds for the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport. **Pages S9532–34**

By 37 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 285), McCain Modified Amendment No. 2403, to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S9532, S9534**

By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 286), Kyl motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith with Kyl Amendment No. 2421 (to the instructions on Kyl motion to commit the bill), relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. **Pages S9532, S9534–35**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Murray, Byrd, Mikulski, Kohl, Durbin, Dorgan, Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson, Lautenberg, Specter, Inouye, Bond, Shelby, Bennett, Hutchison, Brownback, Alexander, Collins, Voinovich, and Cochran. **Page S9541**

**Commemorating Dr. Norman Borlaug:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 273, commemorating Dr. Norman Borlaug, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Congressional Gold Medal, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and founder of the World Food Prize. **Page S9571**

**Peace Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 274, supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Day. **Pages S9571–72**

#### Measures Considered:

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9499–S9532, S9541–45**

#### Adopted:

By 85 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 289), Johanns Amendment No. 2394, prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Pages S9517–20, S9541–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill

at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2009. **Page S9572**

### Appointments:

**National Museum of the American Latino:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 110–229, the appointment of the following to be members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Dr. Emma Sepulveda, of Nevada, and Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado.

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**Senate National Security Working Group:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Minority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 21, 2004), the appointment of the following Senator as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: Senator Graham (co-chairman). **Page S9572**

**Southers Nomination—Nomination:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Erroll G. Southers, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, that upon the reporting out or discharge of the nomination, it then be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days; that if the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has not reported the nomination at that time, then the Committee be discharged and the nomination be placed on the Executive Calendar.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 94 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 288), Gerard E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

**Pages S9521–32, S9541, S9573**

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

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Michael J. Moore, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Carmen Milagros Ortiz, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Edward J. Tarver, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S9572–73**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S9571**

**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—289) **Page S9533, S9534, S9535, S9541, S9542**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9572.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AFGHANISTAN

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering the threat of failure in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General John Craddock, United States Army (Ret.), Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Ryan C. Crocker, former United States Ambassador to Iraq and Afghanistan, United States Charge d'Affaires to Afghanistan, Department of State, Spokane, Washington; Clare Lockhart, Institute of State Effectiveness (ISE), Washington, D.C.; and Khaled Hosseini, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), San Jose, California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael H.

Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund, United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank, and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, David C. Jacobson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway, all of the Department of State.

#### SECURITIES VIOLATIONS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine S. 1551, to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a

person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act, after receiving testimony from John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, and Robert J. Giuffra, Jr., Sullivan and Cromwell LLP, both of New York, New York; Patrick J. Szymanski, Change to Win, and Tanya Solov, Director, Illinois Securities Department, Illinois Secretary of State, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators, both of Washington, D.C.; and Adam C. Pritchard, University of Michigan Empirical Legal Studies Center, Ann Arbor.

#### VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION REVIEW

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' disability compensation, focusing on benefits in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Patrick W. Dunne, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Lieutenant General James Terry Scott, USA (Ret.), Chairman, Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; George Kettner, Economic Systems Inc., Falls Church, Virginia; Katy Neas, Easter Seals, Chicago, Illinois; Susan Prokop, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Washington, D.C.; and John L. Wilson, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Springs, Kentucky.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 3590–3606; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 748–756 were introduced. **Pages H9729–30**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9730–31**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 3221, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 719. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, September 16th. **Pages H9675–H9702**

Agreed to the Issa motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 345 ayes to 75 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 718. Subsequently, Representative George Mil-

ler (CA) reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

**Pages H9699–H9701**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the Chair may reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any question that otherwise could be subjected to 5-minute voting under clause 8 or 9 of rule 20 or under clause 6 of rule 18. **Page H9675**

Agreed to:

Reyes amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that encourages community colleges to use grant money to increase the provision of training for members of the National Guard and Reserves, and men and women returning from active duty;

**Pages H9675–76**

Etheridge amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that clarifies that borrower services, including delinquency prevention, default aversion, and loan counseling, are allowed uses of grant funds.

The amendment also explicitly authorizes the Department of Education to contract directly with guaranty agencies for funded services; **Pages H9676–77**

Driehaus amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that requires that states receiving State Innovation Completion Grants have plans to increase postsecondary enrollment and completion among dislocated workers; **Pages H9677–78**

Cuellar amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that requires the Secretary of Education to conduct outreach activities to educate students and their families about the transition to Federal Direct Lending; **Pages H9678–79**

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that clarifies that states may use funds awarded as Quality Pathways Grants under Section 403(a) of Title IV of H.R. 3221 to establish or support partnerships with institutions of higher education that support effective education and training for early learning providers; **Pages H9679–80**

Childers amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that requires the campus Veterans Resource Officer to act as a link between student veterans and mental health care providers at the Department of Veterans Affairs, in order to help improve college completion rates for veterans; **Pages H9680–81**

Adler (NJ) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that gives priority for State Innovation Completion grants to entities that promote activities to increase degree or certificate completion for students who are veterans; **Pages H9681–82**

Kilroy amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 111–256), as modified, that gives priority to “dislocated workers” for community college and state grants; **Pages H9683–84**

Perriello amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that requires states to evaluate and report disparities by geographic area (rural and urban) of available high-quality early learning programs for low-income children, and steps the state will take to address the disparity; **Pages H9585–86**

Teague amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that adds veterans to the list of priority grantees in Title V. Also adds to the allowable uses of funds programs that prepare students to enter careers in the Veterans Administration, and occupations in energy-related fields; **Pages H9687–88**

Flake amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that prohibits funds appropriated under the bill to be used for Congressional earmarks as defined by clause 9(d) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives; **Page H9689**

Himes amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that makes five minor language adjustments to strengthen the financial literacy provisions

of the State Innovation Completion Grants, Innovation in College Access and Completion National Activities, and contracting requirements related to private student loan servicers (by a recorded vote of 428 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 713); **Pages H9682–83, H9695–96**

Minnick amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that allows servicemen and women to transfer academic credits earned while serving in the Armed Forces between institutions of higher education (by a recorded vote of 428 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 714); **Pages H9684–85, H9696–97**

Schauer amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that gives priority in awarding Federal grants to schools, states, and non-profits to encourage dislocated workers to complete their degrees (by a recorded vote of 425 ayes to 5 noes, Roll No. 715); and **Pages H9686–87, H9697**

Teague amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that clarifies that all savings in the bill not otherwise allocated go towards deficit reduction (by a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 716). **Pages H9688–89, H9697–98**

Rejected:

Hoekstra amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that was debated on September 16th that sought to strike Title III of the bill, which authorizes \$6.6 billion in new mandatory spending to create three Federal school construction programs for elementary and secondary public schools and institutions of higher education, and apply the savings to reduce the Federal deficit (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 710); **Page H9663**

McMorris Rodgers amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that was debated on September 16th that sought to limit the ability of certain schools that received funding under the economic stimulus package for school construction from receiving additional money through the new Federal school construction program authorized under this bill (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 711); **Pages H9663–64**

Foxx amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that was debated on September 16th that sought to strike the entire American Graduation Initiative (but maintain the privacy provisions that apply to the whole Act) and put the savings toward deficit reduction. These privacy provisions ensure that student information is protected from individuals not authorized to view it and that students cannot be identified by any unique identifier (by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 301 noes, Roll No. 712); and **Pages H9664–65**

Guthrie amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that sought to extend the ECASLA programs through 2014 and create a commission to develop a new private sector model for student lending (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 717).

Pages H9689, H9698–99

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 746, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, September 16th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 21st; and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd for morning hour debate.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9673.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1677 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and S. 1494 was held at the desk.

Pages H9673, H9726–27

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9693, H9694, H9695, H9695–96, H9696–97, H9697, H9697–98, H9698–99, H9700–01, H9701–02. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKET REGULATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review proposed legislation by the U.S. Department of the Treasury regarding regulation of over-the-counter derivatives markets, Part One. Testimony was heard from former Representative Glenn L. English, Jr., State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE ACQUISITION STRATEGIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on the Department of Defense and Industry: Does DOD Effectively Manage Its Industrial Base and Match its Acquisition Strategies to the Marketplace? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FCC OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Com-

munications Commission.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Julius Genachowski, Chairman; Michael J. Copps; Robert M. McDowell; Mignon Clyburn and Meredith Attwell Baker, all Commissioners.

### TARP/FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Utilizing Technology to Improve TARP and Financial Oversight.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### U.S.-IRAQ BILATERAL AGREEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Relations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on the United National Chapter VII Mandates and the U.S.-Iraq Bilateral Agreement. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Stephen G. Rademaker, former Assistant Secretary, International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; and a public witness.

### SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE REVIEW

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “The Secure Border Initiative: SBInet Three Years Later.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U. S. Customs Office and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security: David Aguilar, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol; and Mark Borkowski, Executive Director, Secure Border Initiative; Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

### CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Concluded hearings on H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Stephen B. Smith, Mayor, Pinedale, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

### PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE BUREAURACY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy concluded hearings entitled “Between You and Your Doctor: The Bureaucracy of Private Health Insurance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS/HYPOXIA

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Harmful

Algal Blooms and Hypoxia: Formulating an Action Plan. Testimony was heard from Robert Magnien, Director, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Suzanne E. Schwartz, Acting Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; and public witnesses.

### SMALL/MINORITY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Doing Business with the Government: The Record and Goals for Small, Minority and Disadvantaged Businesses. Testimony was heard from Tamela Riggs, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Vendor Alliance and Acquisition, Public Building Service, GSA; Jacob Hansen, Director, Acquisition Division, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Rudy Watley, Supplier Diversity Program Manager, Office of Equal Employment and Minority Affairs, The Smithsonian Institution; Roger Mosier, Vice President of Facilities, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terrie Rouse, Chief Executive Officer, Visitor Services, Capital Visitor Center; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—NOTIFICATION UPDATE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Notification Update. The Committee was briefed by LTG Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Associate Director, Military Support and Military Affairs, CIA.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine federal tax treatment of health care benefits provided by tribal governments to their citizens, 10 a.m., SD-628.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 20 through  
September 26, 2009

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations 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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* September 24, to hold hearings to examine the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, focusing on one year later, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

September 24, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* September 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Cynthia L. Quarterman, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* September 22, business meeting to consider an original bill providing for health care reform, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* September 23, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009", and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* September 22, to hold hearings to examine the Weapons of Mass Destruction Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2009, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Contract Audit Agency, focusing on reform, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 24, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the government, focusing on performance, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 24, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of United States diplomatic readiness, focusing on the staffing and foreign language challenges facing the foreign service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 22, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform,

focusing on how the current immigration law impacts America's agricultural industry and food security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 22, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening security and oversight at biological research laboratories, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the USA PATRIOT Act, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Richard Seeborg and Edward Milton Chen, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 448, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1670, to reform and modernize the limitations on exclusive rights relating to secondary transmissions of certain signals, and the nominations of Paul Joseph Fishman, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Jenny A. Durkan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, Florence T. Nakakuni, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, and Deborah K. R. Gilg, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*, September 22, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

September 24, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, September 22, to continue hearings to review proposed legislation by the U.S. Department of Treasury regarding the regulation of over-the-counter derivatives markets, part two, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services*, September 24, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on DOD Supply Chain Management: Can the Department Identify and Meet its Supply Needs Efficiently? 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, September 23, hearing on H.R. 3017, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, September 22, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Federal Oversight of High Containment Bio-Laboratories," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing entitled "A Na-

tional Interoperable Broadband Network for Public Safety: Recent Developments," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, September 23, hearing entitled "The Administration's Proposals for Financial Regulatory Reform," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 24, full Committee, hearing entitled "Experts' Perspectives on Systemic Risk and Resolution Issues," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Recent Innovations in Securitization," 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, September 24, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "I&A Reconciled: Defining A Homeland Security Intelligence Role," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, September 22, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on the USA PATRIOT Act, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Reauthorization of the Innocence Protection Act, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on an Undue Hardship? Discharging Educational Debt in Bankruptcy, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, September 22, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1054, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 2213, To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 3433, To amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3537, Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 11, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3563, Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2009; H.R. 2288, Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2316, Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, September 22, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled "The Local Role of the United States Parole Commission (USPC): Increasing Public Safety, Reducing Recidivism, and Using Alternatives to Re-incarceration in the District of Columbia," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing entitled "The

Census 2010 Integrated Communications Campaign; Criteria for Implementation: Measurements for Success,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 23, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Silent Depression: How Are Minorities Faring In The Economic Downturn?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 24, hearing entitled “Credit Rating Agencies and the Next Financial Crisis,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, September 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to mark up the following measures: the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009; the Solar Technology Roadmap Act; and the Energy and Water Research Integration Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, to consider the Cybersecurity Research and Development Amendments Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Potential Need for Measurement Standards to Facilitate the Research and Development of Biologic Drugs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, September 23, hearing entitled “The Impact of Financial Regulatory Restructuring on Small Businesses and Community Lenders,” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 22, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the FAA’s Call to Action on Airline Safety and Pilot Training, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Risk-based Security in Federal Buildings: Targeting Funds to Real Risks and Eliminating Unnecessary Security Obstacles, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, September 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Is the VA Meeting the Pharmaceutical Needs of Veterans? An Examination of the VA National Formulary, Issues of Patient Safety, and Management of the Pharmacy Benefits Program, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

September 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing on the SES Bonuses and Other Administrative Issues at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 24, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Honoring the Fallen: How Can We Better Serve America’s Veterans and Their Families? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 24, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 294, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2009; H.R. 1169, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles and adapted equipment; H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residency Relief Act; H.R. 2416, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to use purchases of goods or services through the Federal supply schedules for the purpose of meeting certain contracting goals for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, including veterans with service-connected disabilities; H.R. 2461, Veterans Small Business Verification Act; H.R. 2614, Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2696, Servicemembers Rights Protection Act; H.R. 2874, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009; H.R. 2928, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an apprenticeship and on-job training program under the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program; H.R. 3223, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and references for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; H.R. 3554, National Guard Education Equity Act; H.R. 3561, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational assistance provided to certain veterans for flight training; H.R. 3577, Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2009; and other draft legislation, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, September 23, executive, briefing on Afghanistan/Pakistan, 2 p.m., 304–HVC.

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*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, September 24, hearing entitled “Solar Heats Up: Accelerating Widespread Deployment,” 1: 30 p.m., room to be announced.

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**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

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