

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1722–1726, and S. Res. 290–293. **Page S9930**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, FY 2010”. (S. Rept. No. 111–83)

S. 1451, to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide for modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–82) **Page S9930**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party’s Membership on Certain Committees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 290, to constitute the majority party’s membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S9910**

Radio Free Asia Extension: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3593, to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to extend by one year the operation of Radio Free Asia, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9941**

United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy Reauthorization: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2131, to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9941**

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 285, supporting the goals and ideals of national cy-

bersecurity awareness month and raising awareness and enhancing the state of cybersecurity in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Honoring Former Senator Henry Louis Bellmon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 293, relative to the death of Henry Louis Bellmon, former United States Senator for the State of Oklahoma. **Page S9942**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9906–10, S9910–18**

Adopted:

Johanns Amendment No. 2484, prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Page S9912**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 2558, to strike amounts available for procurement of C–17 aircraft in excess of the amount requested by the President in the budget for fiscal year 2010 and to make such amounts available instead for operation and maintenance in accordance with amounts requested by the President in that budget and for Operation and Maintenance, Army, for overseas contingency operations. **Pages S9906–07, S9916–18**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010; that all debate time until 4:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between Senators Nelson (NE) and Murkowski, or their designees; provided that if points of order are raised, any vote on the motions to waive occur beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, and that no amendments be in

order to the motions; provided further, that following disposition of the points of order, and if the motions to waive are successful, Senate then vote on adoption of the conference report, with two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled prior to each vote.

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Department of Defense Authorization Act Conferees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to the conferees on the Department of Defense Authorization Act, Senators Kirk and LeMieux be added to replace the late Senator Kennedy and recently retired Senator Martinez.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 299), Jeffrey L. Viken, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota.

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Jenny A. Durkan, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

Florence T. Nakakuni, of Hawaii, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii for the term of four years.

Deborah K. R. Gilg, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gladys Commons, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Harris D. Sherman, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

Harris D. Sherman, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Steven L. Jacques, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Alan D. Bersin, of California, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Adele Logan Alexander, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

Victoria Angelica Espinel, of the District of Columbia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Harris D. Sherman, of California, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and

Environment, which was sent to the Senate on September 10, 2009.

Harris D. Sherman, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, which was sent to the Senate on September 10, 2009.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—299) Page S9921

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Res. 293, at 6:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9942.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PRIMARY EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine the use, impact, and accomplishments of Federal appropriations provided to improve the education of children in the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Mary M. Levy, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, Robert Cane, Friends of Choice in Urban Schools, Patricia Weitzel-O'Neill, Archdiocese of Washington, and Gregory M. Cork, Washington Scholarship Fund, all of Washington, D.C.

PRUDENTIAL BANK SUPERVISION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening and streamlining Prudential Bank supervision, focusing on how regulation has evolved and varying regulatory systems used during the financial crisis, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hillman,

Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Eugene A. Ludwig, Promontory Financial Group, and Martin Neil Baily, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Richard S. Carnell, Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROTECTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Children's Health concluded a hearing to examine promoting and improving children's health protections, after receiving testimony from Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, Environmental Protection Agency; Linda S. Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Mary Story, University of Minnesota School of Public Health, Minneapolis, on behalf of Healthy Eating Research National Program Office; and Reid Ewing, University of Utah Department of City and Metropolitan Planning, Salt Lake City.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed consideration of an original bill entitled, "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

FEDERAL CONTRACTING DATABASES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine improving transparency and accessibility of federal contracting databases, focusing on the correct diagnoses of the

problems with contracting data systems, after receiving testimony from William T. Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Adam Hughes, OMB Watch, Washington, D.C.; and Trey Hodgkins, TechAmerica, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Richard Serino, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and Daniel I. Werfel, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

BODY BUILDING PRODUCTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine body building products and hidden steroids, focusing on enforcement barriers, after receiving testimony from Michael Levy, Director, Division of New Drugs and Labeling Compliance, Office of Compliance, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, United States Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Travis T. Tygart, United States Anti-Doping Agency, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Daniel Fabricant, Natural Products Association, and Richard Kingham, Covington & Burling LLP, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3659–3674; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 192; and H. Res. 782–784, were introduced. **Pages H10069–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10070–71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 685, to require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–267);

H.R. 2442, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program (H. Rept. 111–268);

H.R. 2950, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–269);

H.R. 905, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–270);

H.R. 1771, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–271);

H.R. 1053, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–272, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1881, to enhance the transportation security functions of the Department of Homeland Security by providing for an enhanced personnel system for employees of the Transportation Security Administration (H. Rept. 111–273, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1881, to enhance the transportation security functions of the Department of Homeland Security by providing for an enhanced personnel system for employees of the Transportation Security Administration (H. Rept. 111–273, Pt. 2);

H.R. 2711, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation of the dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees who die while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–274); and

H.R. 2092, to amend the National Children's Island Act of 1995 to expand allowable uses for Kingman and Heritage Islands by the District of Columbia, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–275).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clay to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

United States Civil Rights Trail System Act of 2009: H.R. 685, amended, to require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System;

Pages H10003–04

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States Civil Rights Trail, and for other purposes."

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Directing the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District: H.R. 2950, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of re-

payment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District;

Pages H10006–07

Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2009: H.R. 3123, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado;

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Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act: H.R. 905, amended, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 740;

Pages H10007–09, H10040

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month: H. Res. 16, to support the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 741;

Pages H10013–14, H10040–41

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Jim Johnson: H. Res. 693, to honor the life and accomplishments of Jim Johnson and to extend the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on the occasion of his death;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 186, to support the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month;

Pages H10016–18

Congratulating the Chula Vista Park View Little League team of Chula Vista, California, for winning the 2009 Little League World Series Championship: H. Res. 725, to congratulate the Chula Vista Park View Little League team of Chula Vista, California, for winning the 2009 Little League World Series Championship;

Pages H10018–19

Expressing the support for and honoring September 17, 2009 as "Constitution Day": H. Res. 734, amended, to express the support for and to honor September 17, 2009 as "Constitution Day"; and

Pages H10019–20

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing support for the goals and ideals of Constitution Day".

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Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:56 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. **Page H10021**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Expansion Act of 2009: H.R. 2442, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program; **Pages H10004–06**

Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009: H.R. 1771, amended, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and **Pages H10009–12**

Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009: H.R. 1053, amended, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan. **Pages H10012–13**

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the DeLauro motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages H10021–23**

Agreed to the Kingston motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 742. **Pages H10021–23, H10041–42**

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives DeLauro, Farr, Boyd, Bishop (GA), Davis (TN), Kaptur, Hinchey, Jackson (IL), Obey, Kingston, Latham, Emerson, Alexander, and Lewis (CA). **Page H10042**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Oberstar wherein he transmitted copies of 11 resolutions to authorize appropriations for the General Services Administration's FY 2010 Capital Investment and Leasing Program adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 24, 2009. **Pages H10023–40**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H10020.

Senate Referrals: S. 1717 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10040, H10040–41, and H10041–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on Crime Victims Rights Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Eileen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Mary Lou Leary, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, and Laurence E. Rothenberg, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S FLU VACCINE PROGRAM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Flu Vaccine Program: Health, Safety and Distribution." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; and Jesse Goodman, M.D., Acting Chief Scientist and Deputy Commissioner, Scientific Administration and Medical Programs, FDA.

BILLION DOLLAR KATRINA INFRASTRUCTURE LOGJAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Final Breakthrough on the Billion Dollar Katrina Infrastructure Logjam: How is it Working? Testimony was heard from Stephen Daniels, Chairman, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, GSA; the following officials of FEMA, Department of Homeland Security: David Garratt, Acting Deputy Administrator; and Charles R. Axton, FEMA Lead, Unified Public Assistance Project Decision Team, Gulf Coast Recovery Office; Paul Rainwater, Executive Director, Recovery Authority, State of Louisiana; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

STABILITY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Western

Balkans, focusing on policy responses to today's challenges, including current United States and the European Union efforts to maintain stability in the Western Balkans and prepare the countries of the region for European and Euro-Atlantic integration, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; and Bjorn Lyrvall, Director-General for Political Affairs, Foreign Ministry of Sweden, Stockholm.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, Jill Sommers, of Kansas, and Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Edward M. Avalos, and Harris D. Sherman, of California, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine international cooperation to modernize financial regulation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine exploring United States policy options toward Zimbabwe's transition, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Burma, focusing on its impact and effectiveness, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009", and the nominations of Brenda Dann-Messier, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, and Alexa E. Posny, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, and George H. Cohen, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine eight years after 9/11, focusing on confronting the terrorist threat to the homeland, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine controlled substance abuse in Medicaid, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine advancing freedom of information in the New Era of Responsibility, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine responding to the growing need for federal judgeships, focusing on the Federal Judgeship Act of 2009, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs contracts for health services, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine how successful health systems keep costs low and quality high, 11 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review the implementation of the research title of the 2008 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the status of ongoing U.S. efforts in Iraq, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Teacher Equity: Effective Teachers for All Children, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2221, Data Accountability and Trust Act; H.R. 1319, Informed P2P User Act; and H.R. 2190, Mercury Pollution Reduction Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Perspectives on the Consumer Financial Protection Agency," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Reforming Credit Rating Agencies," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "The Future of the Registered Traveler Program," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Cyberbullying and other Online Safety Issues for Children, including the following bills: H.R. 1966, Megan Meier Cyberbullying Prevention Act; and H.R. 3630, Adolescent Web Awareness Requires Education Act, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2489, AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act; H.R. 1471, To expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Part, and for other purposes; H.R. 2213, To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation

Act; H.R. 3537, Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; 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; H.R. 1065, White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009; H.R. 3254, Taos Pueblo Indian Rights Settlement Act; and H.R. 3342, Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled "Credit Rating Agencies and the Next Financial Crisis," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3650, Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009; H.R. 3585, Solar Technology Roadmap Act; and H.R. 3598, Energy and Water Research Integration Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Expiring Tax Incentives: Examining Their Importance for Small Businesses on the Road to an Economic Recovery," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on A Review of the Coast Guard's Search and Rescue Mission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on This is NOT a Test: Will the Nation's Emergency Alert System Deliver the President's Message to the Public? 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on Energy Efficiency at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 4 p.m., 304 HVC.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, 3 p.m., S-127, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, with a series of at least 3 votes at approximately 4:30 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 30

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 731—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the employees of the Department of Homeland Security should be commended for their dedicated service on the Nation's front lines in the war against acts of terrorism; (2) H. Res. 517—Congratulating the University of

Washington women's softball team; (3) H. Res. 769—Recognizing the benefits of service-learning as a teaching strategy; (4) H. Res. 487—Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the State News at Michigan State University; (5) H. Res. 90—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month; (6) S. Con. Res. 41—A concurrent resolution providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller; (7) H. Res. 692—Supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month; (8) H. Res. 314—Honoring and saluting Hillerich & Bradsby Co.; (9) S. 1289—Foreign Evidence Request Efficiency Act; (10) H.R. 1727—Managing Arson Through Criminal History Act; (11) H. Res. 757—Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims; (12) H.R. 1333—Exempts the transportation, shipment, receipt, or importation of explosive materials for delivery to a federally recognized Indian tribe or an agency of such a tribe from various Federal criminal prohibitions relating to explosives; (13) H. Res. 739—Honoring the life of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug; (14) H. Con. Res. 151—Expressing the sense of Congress that China release democratic activist Liu Xiaobo from imprisonment; (15) H. Con. Res. 51—Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty; (16) S. 1707—Authorizing appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people.

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