

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12743–S12834*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2852–2862, and S. Res. 373. **Pages S12804–05**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 574, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 111–102)

S. 1288, to authorize appropriations for grants to the States participating in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–103)

Report to accompany S. 1261, to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and amend title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to better protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personally identifiable information collected by States when issuing driver's licenses and identification documents. (S. Rept. No. 111–104) **Page S12804**

#### Measures Considered:

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12745**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2793 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Pages S12745, S12753–99**

Crapo motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12745**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 10, 2009, that following Leader remarks the time until

1 p.m., be for debate only and equally divided, with the time until 11 a.m. controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; with the remaining time until 1 p.m. controlled in alternating 30-minute blocks of time with the Majority controlling the first block and the Republicans controlling the next block. **Page S12833**

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

Patricia A. Hoffman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

Larry Persily, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects for the term prescribed by law.

Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

10 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Page S12834**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S12803–04**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S12804**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S12804**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S12805–06**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S12806–18**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12833.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CREATING JOBS DURING RECESSION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine creating jobs in the recession, after receiving testimony from Ray Leach, JumpStart Inc., Cleveland, Ohio; Rick L. Weddle, Research Triangle Park, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina; and Bruce Katz, Brookings Institution, and Heather Boushey, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.

### RESEARCH PARKS AND JOB CREATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine research parks and job creation, focusing on innovation through cooperation, after receiving testimony from John R. Fernandez, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Administration; Charles W. Wessner, National Research Council of the National Academies, Washington, D.C.; Brian Darmody, University of Maryland, College Park, on behalf of the Association of University Research Parks; Anthony Townsend, Institute for the Future, Palo Alto, California; and Jonathan Sallet, Centreville, Maryland.

### EXPORTS' ROLE IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine exports' role in economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar and LeMieux; Rochelle Lipsitz, Deputy Director General, Foreign Commercial Service, Department of Commerce; Alexandre Mas, Chief Economist, Department of Labor; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Howard Rosen, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; Bob Beisner, SolarWorld Industries America, Hillsboro, Oregon; and Tamara Harney, HMI Worldwide, Grandville, Michigan.

### NEW AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the new Afghanistan strategy, focusing on the view from the ground, after receiving testimony from General David H. Petraeus, Commander, United States Central Command; and Karl Eikenberry, Ambassador to Afghanistan, and Jacob J. Lew, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State.

### STRENGTHENING THE TRANSATLANTIC ECONOMY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the transatlantic economy, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs; Frances G. Burwell, Atlantic Council, and Michael Maibach, European-American Business Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charlie Howland, Warwick Mills, Inc., New Ipswich, New Hampshire.

### INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORIST PREVENTION ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine five years after the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, focusing on stopping terrorist travel, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and David Heyman, Assistant Secretary of Policy, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Janice L. Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, Bureau of Consular Affairs; and Timothy J. Healy, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### DIPLOMATIC SECURITY TODAY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the diplomat's shield, focusing on diplomatic security today, operating domestic and international activities with adequate staff, providing security for facilities that do not meet all security standards, staffing foreign missions with officials who have appropriate language skills, operating programs with experienced staff, at the commensurate grade levels, and balancing security needs with State's need to conduct its diplomatic mission, after receiving testimony from Eric J. Boswell, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, Director, Office of Foreign Missions; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Ronald E. Neumann, American Academy of Diplomacy, and Susan Rockwell Johnson, American Foreign Service Association, both of Washington, D.C.

### UTAH DINEH CORPORATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1690, to amend the Act of

March 1, 1933, to transfer certain authority and resources to the Utah Dineh Corporation, after receiving testimony from Senator Bennett; and Ben Shelly, Window Rock, Arizona, John Billie, Montezuma Creek, Utah, and Kenneth Maryboy, White Rock, Utah, all of the Navajo Nation.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BACKLOGS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of the Interior backlogs, after receiving testimony from George Skibine, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Vicki Forrest, Deputy Bureau Director for Trust Services, both of the Department of the Interior; Carl J. Artman, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe; and Derek J. Bailey, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Peshawbestown, Michigan.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of

Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### MORTGAGE AND SECURITIES FRAUD

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine mortgage fraud, securities fraud, and the financial meltdown, focusing on prosecuting those responsible, after receiving testimony from Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, and Kevin L. Perkins, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; and Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, United States Security and Exchange Commission.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert A. Petzel, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary for Health, who was introduced by Senator Franken, and Raul Perea-Henze, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 4247–4258; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 959–960, 963 were introduced. **Pages H14445–46**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H14446**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3126, to establish the Consumer Financial Protection Agency, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–367, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 961, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (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 (H. Rept. 111–368); and

H. Res. 962, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 111–369). **Page H14445**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m. **Page H14383**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measure which was debated on Tuesday, December 8th:

**Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3951, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 941. **Page H14385**

**Tax Extenders Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 943. **Pages H14379–H14407**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Camp motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 251 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 942. **Pages H14405–06**

H. Res. 955, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of

237 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 940, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 939. **Pages H14384–85**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, December 7th:

**Renaming the Ocmulgee National Monument:** H.R. 3603, amended, to rename the Ocmulgee National Monument, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 944; and

**Pages H14407–08**

**Eliminating an unused lighthouse reservation, providing management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meeting the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands:** H.R. 86, amended, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 946.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes.”.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:26 p.m. and reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

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**Congressional Oversight Panel—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. J. Mark McWatters of Dallas, Texas to the Congressional Oversight Panel, pursuant to Section 125(c)(1) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–343).

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**Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009:** The House began consideration of H.R. 4173, to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, and to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H14408–18**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–365 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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H. Res. 956, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 945, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

**Pages H14416–17**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14384, H14384–85, H14385, H14406, H14406–07, H14407–08, H14416–17 and H14417–18. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:08 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the regulatory and legislative strategies in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Testimony was heard from Ann Mills, Deputy Under Secretary, National Resources and Environment, USDA; J. Charles Fox, Senior Advisor to the Administrator, EPA; Russell C. Redding, Acting Secretary, Department of Agriculture, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

### SOCIAL SAFETY NET: RECESSION/RECOVERY ACT

**Committee on the Budget:** Held a hearing on The Social Safety Net: Impact of the Recession and of the Recovery Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 390, amended, College Football Playoff Act of 2009.

### SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION REFORM

**Committee on Financial Services:** Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Additional Reforms to the Securities Investor Protection Act.” Testimony was heard from Michael Conley, Deputy Solicitor, SEC; and public witnesses.

### AEROSPACE EXPORTS STRATEGIC/ECONOMIC REVIEW

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, held a hearing on A Strategic and Economic Review of Aerospace Exports. Testimony was heard from Matthew S. Borman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Export

Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert S. Kovac, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Defense Trade, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### CARIBBEAN BASIN SECURITY INITIATIVE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on New Direction or Old Path? Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI). Testimony was heard from Julissa Reynoso, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### GUANTANAMO DETAINEES TRANSFERS SALAHIS SUBPOENAS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported, as amended, H. Res. 922, Directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the Department of Homeland Security relating to the Department's planning, information sharing, and coordination with any state or locality receiving detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on or after January 20, 2009; and the Committee authorized the issuance of subpoenas for Mr. Tareq Salah; and Mrs. Michaele Salah.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Adversely reported H. Res. 920, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession regarding certain matters pertaining to detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba who are transferred into the United States.

The Committee also met and considered the following measures: H.R. 3190, Discount Pricing Consumer Protection Act of 2009; and H.R. 569, Equal Justice for Our Military Act of 2009.

#### GLOBAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing entitled "Protecting Intellectual Property Rights in a Global Economy: Current Trends and Future Challenges." Testimony was heard from Stanford K. McCoy, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Intellectual Property and Innovation, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Robert L. Stoll, Commissioner, Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Jason Weinstein, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; William E. Craft, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economics, Energy and Business

Affairs, Department of State; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; former Representative Dan Glickman, of Kansas; and public witnesses.

#### U.S. AID TO PAKISTAN

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "U.S. Aid to Pakistan: Planning and Accountability." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010—CONFERENCE REPORT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3288, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Olver and Latham.

#### SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 9–3, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of December 10, 2009, providing for further consideration or disposition of the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard by Representatives Gutierrez, Watt, Minnick, Peters, Maffei, Stupak, Inslee, Kucinich, Tierney, Corrine Brown (FL), Michaud, McMahon, Murphy (NY), Royce, Lance, Burgess, Sessions, Ryan (WI), Kingston, and Inglis.

#### MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Maritime Domain Awareness. Testimony was heard from RADM Brian M. Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

**TVA KINGSTON ASH SLIDE**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the One Year Anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Ash Slide: Evaluating Current Cleanup Progress and Assessing Future Environmental Goals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the TVA: Tom Kilgore, President and Chief Executive Officer; and Richard Moore, Inspector General; Stan Meiburg, Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4, EPA; and public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Afghanistan/Pakistan Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 10, 2009**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in overseeing the safety of public transportation systems, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine data-driven performance, focusing on using technology to deliver results, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety initiatives, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the role of grid-scale energy storage in meeting our energy and climate goals, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 373, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious animal, S. 1214, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, S. 1421, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp, S. 1519, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States, S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to

eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine, H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, 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, H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994, S. 1397, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for electronic device recycling research, development, and demonstration projects, S. 1660, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, a proposed resolution relating to Army Corps study for Espanola Valley, and a proposed resolution relating to the General Services Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-07), and Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-10), 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Jacqueline A. Berrien, of New York, Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, Chai Rachel Feldblum, of Maryland, all to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Patrick Alfred Corvington, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Adele Logan Alexander, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Lynnae M. Rutledge, of Washington, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education, and Sara Manzano-Diaz, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Grayling Grant Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, and Elizabeth M. Harman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine children and disasters, focusing on a progress report on addressing needs, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: business meeting to consider S. 448, 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. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 678, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, S. 1554, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to prevent later delinquency and improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the development of local Court Teams for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers and the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center to assist such Court Teams, S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, and the nominations of Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Paul R. Verkuil, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and John Gibbons, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts, Richard G. Callahan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, and John Leroy Kammerzell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Readiness, Air and Land Forces, and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, joint hearing on Status of Army and Marine Corps Reset Requirements, Part II, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled "Drinking Water

and Public Health Impacts of Coal Combustion Waste Disposal," 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, to continue hearings on U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan, Part II, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Moving More Effective Immigration Detention Management," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on Examining the State of Judicial Recusals after *Caperton v. A.T. Massey*, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 1924, Tribal Law and Order Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, to mark up the following measures: S. 303, Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 2009; H. Res. 708, Congratulating Nancy Goodman Brinker for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom; H. Res. 779, Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month; H. Res. 942, Commending the Real Salt Lake soccer club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup; H. Con. Res. 158, Expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month for breast cancer and all forms of cancer; H. Con. Res. 160, Honoring the American Kennel Club on its 125th Anniversary; H.R. 4095, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9727 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the "Congresswoman Jan Meyers Post Office Building"; H.R. 4139, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7464 Highway 503 in Hickory, Mississippi, as the "Sergeant Matthew L. Ingram Post Office"; and H.R. 4214, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, as the "Roy Wilson Post Office," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, hearing on Decisions on the Future Direction and Funding for NASA: What Will They Mean for the U.S. Aerospace Workforce and Industrial Base? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, hearing on Recovery Act: Progress Report for Transportation Infrastructure Investment, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine the challenge of creating jobs in the aftermath of the recession, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, December 10

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, December 10

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3590, Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Continued Consideration of H.R. 4173—Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009 (Subject to a Rule).



# Congressional Record

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