

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. (The legislative vehicle entitled, "Jobs for Main Street Act".)

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S717-755

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3028-3037, S.J. Res. 28, and S. Res. 421. **Pages S742-43**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 404, supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan.

S. Res. 414, expressing the Sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of Haiti following the humanitarian crisis caused by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti. **Page S740**

Measures Passed:

Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act: Senate passed H.R. 3961, to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 until February 28, 2011, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S736-37**

Reid Amendment No. 3331, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S737**

Reid Amendment No. 3332, to amend the title. **Page S737**

National Guard Youth Challenge Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Guard Youth Challenge Day". **Page S753**

House Messages:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 70 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 25), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with Reid Amendment No. 3310 (to the House

amendment to the Senate amendment), in the nature of a substitute, after taking action on the following motion and amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S718-25**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 3311 (to Amendment No. 3310), to change the enactment date. **Page S725**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action: By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 24), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3310 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment), in the nature of a substitute. The point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained. **Pages S724-25**

United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1299, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, taking action of the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S725-32**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S726**

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3326 (to to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S726**

Reid Amendment No. 3327 (to Amendment No. 3326), of a perfecting nature. **Page S726**

Reid motion to refer in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the Committee on Rules and Administration, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3328, to provide for a study. **Page S726**

Reid Amendment No. 3329 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 3328) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature. **Page S726**

Reid Amendment No. 3330 (to Amendment No. 3329), of a perfecting nature. **Page S726**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, February, 26, 2010. **Page S726**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 25, 2010. **Page S753**

Appointments:

National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Executive Order No. 13531, the appointment of the following to the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform: Senators Durbin, Baucus, and Conrad. **Page S753**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

William Joseph Martinez, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Gary Scott Feinerman, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Sharon Johnson Coleman, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Wifredo A. Ferrer, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Laura E. Duffy, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for a term of four years.

Alicia Anne Garrido Limtiaco, of Guam, to be United States Attorney for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

John B. Stevens, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

John Dale Foster, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Gary Michael Gaskins, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Paul Ward, of North Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Deborah Loewenberg Ball, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Eduardo M. Ochoa, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

Margaret R. McLeod, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Bridget Terry Long, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Stephen T. Ayers, of Maryland, to be Architect of the Capitol for the term of ten years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, and Foreign Service. **Pages S753–55**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—25) **Pages S724–25, S725**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S753.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of State and foreign operations, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

COUNTERINSURGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine contracting in a counterinsurgency, focusing on an examination of Blackwater-Paravant contract and the need for oversight, after receiving testimony from Steven M. Ograyensek, Contracting Officer, and James T. Blake, Program Executive Officer and Head of Contracting Activity, both of the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation, U.S. Army, and Colonel Bradley V. Wakefield, USA, (Ret.), former Chief of Training and Education, Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan, all of the Department of Defense; John R. Walker, former Program Manager, Paravant, Gilbert, Arizona; Brian C. McCracken, Raytheon Technical Services Company, Washington, D.C.; and Fred Roitz, Xe Services LLC, Moyack, North Carolina.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and opportunities in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) fiscal year 2011 budget proposal, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Miles O'Brien, "This Week in Space", New York, New York; Robert Gibson, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Michael J. Snyder, Friendswood, Texas; and A. Thomas Young, Onancock, Virginia.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

LAKE TAHOE BASIN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee with the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a joint hearing to examine S. 2724, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, Cantwell, Reid and Ensign; Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Harris Sherman, Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Patrick Wright, California Tahoe Conservancy, South Lake Tahoe; David D. Dicks, Puget Sound Partnership, Olympia, Washington; Alexander B. Grannis, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner, and John R. Tausel, New York Farm Bureau, both of Albany; Debrah Marriott, Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership, Portland, Oregon; and David Naftzger, Council of Great Lakes Governors, and David A. Ullrich, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, both of Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 414, expressing the Sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of Haiti following the humanitarian crisis caused by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti;

S. 2961, to provide debt relief to Haiti;

S. Res. 400, urging the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to address instability in Yemen, with amendments;

S. Res. 404, supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan; and

The nominations of Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Walter Crawford Jones, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of

New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, David Adelman, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, and to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Allan J. Katz, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Ian C. Kelly, of Maryland, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, and Judith Ann Stewart Stock, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, all of the Department of State, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2011 International Affairs budget, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a stronger workforce investment system for a stronger economy, after receiving testimony from Anthony P. Carnevale, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, Washington, D.C.; Cheryl Feldman, Training and Upgrading Fund, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Paul Stalknecht, Air Conditioning Contractors of America, Arlington, Virginia; Joseph M. Carbone, The WorkPlace, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut; and Robert G. Templin, Jr., Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, Virginia.

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND SEX TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine child prostitution and sex trafficking in the United States, including S. 2925, to establish a grant program to benefit victims of sex trafficking, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; Luis CdeBaca, Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking In Persons, Department of State; Beth Phillips, United States Attorney, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City; Anita Alvarez, Cook County State Attorney, Chicago, Illinois; and Rachel Lloyd, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian Anthony Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, and Elizabeth Erny Foote, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, who were both introduced by Senator Landrieu, Marc T. Treadwell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, who was introduced by Senator Chambliss, Josephine Staton Tucker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Mark A. Goldsmith, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, who was introduced by Senators Levin and Stabenow, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4674–4688; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 239; and H. Res. 1103–1104, 1106–1108 were introduced. **Pages H832–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H833–34**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1105, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–419). **Page H832**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, February 23rd:

Honoring the life of Miep Gies: H. Res. 1074, to honor the life of Miep Gies, who aided Anne Frank's family while they were in hiding and preserved her diary for future generations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 61; **Pages H769–70**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on religious minorities in Iraq: H. Res. 944, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives on religious minorities in Iraq, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 415 yeas to 3 noes, Roll No. 62; and **Pages H770–71**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the protection of members of vulnerable religious and ethnic minority communities in Iraq." **Page H771**

Honoring and celebrating the contributions of African-Americans to the transportation and infrastructure of the United States: H. Res. 1085, to honor and celebrate the contributions of African-Americans to the transportation and infrastructure of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 65. **Page H791**

Health Insurance Industry Fair Competition Act: The House passed H.R. 4626, to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and con-

sumers, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 64. **Pages H761–69, H771**

Rejected the Smith (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 170 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 63. **Pages H787–90**

H. Res. 1098, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 60, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H761–69**

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

Recognizing the difficult challenges Black veterans faced when returning home after serving in the Armed Forces, their heroic military sacrifices, and their patriotism: H. Con. Res. 238, to recognize the difficult challenges Black veterans faced when returning home after serving in the Armed Forces, their heroic military sacrifices, and their patriotism in fighting for equal rights and for the dignity of a people and a Nation. **Pages H791–94**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H816.

Senate Referrals: S. 30 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H831**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H769, H770, H770–71, H789–90, H790–91, H791. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Victor M. Fortuno, Interim President and General Counsel; and Frank B. Strickland, Chairman, Board of Directors.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Science Adviser to the President.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Combat Aircraft Requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: RDM David L. Philman, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division; and MG David Scott, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements/Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Corps of Engineers, Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Department of the Army: Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary, Civil Works; and LTG Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Corps of Engineers.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the IRS. Testimony was heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Protecting Public Health and the Environment: EPA FY 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held an appropriations hearing. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the American Battle Monuments Commission. Testimony was heard from Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Testimony was heard from Judge Bruce E. Kasold, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Arlington National Cemetery and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Timothy C. Cox, Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

FY 2011 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM NAVY DEPARTMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Ray Mabus, Secretary; ADM Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND INITIATIVES ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on energy management and initiatives on military installations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; L. Jerry Hansen, Army Senior Energy Executive, Senior Official Performing Duties as the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations and Environment, Department of the Army; Roger M. Natsuhara, Acting Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy; and Debra K. Tune, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT FY 2011 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

ALL-STAR ACT OF 2009

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on H.R. 4330, ALL-STAR Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCIAL COLLECTION AND USE OF LOCATION INFORMATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a joint hearing on The Collection and Use of Location Information for Commercial Purposes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANTHEM BLUE CROSS PREMIUM HIKE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Premium Increases by Anthem Blue Cross in the Individual Health Insurance Market.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY—STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION LESSONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held an oversight hearing on Hard Lessons Learned in Iraq and Benchmarks for Future Reconstruction Efforts. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction, Office of the Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction.

RECENT FBI INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on Recent Inspector General Reports Concerning the FBI. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Office of the Inspector General; Margaret Gulotta, Section Chief, Language Services Section, Directorate of Intelligence, FBI; and Jennifer Shasky Calvery, Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4003, amended, Hudson River

Valley Special Resource Study Act; H.R. 4192, amended, Stornetta Public Lands Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2009; H.R. 4252, Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2009; H.R. 1769, amended, Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act; H.R. 2788, Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act; and H.R. 4395, amended, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station.

GEOHERMAL PRODUCTION EXPANSION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3709, Geothermal Production Expansion Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Inslee; Marcilynn Burke, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NOAA/INTERIOR DEPARTMENTS BUDGET

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget requests for the NOAA, the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Togiola T.A. Tulafono, Governor, American Samoa; Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Mary M. Glackin, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

TOYOTA GAS PEDALS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Toyota Gas Pedals: Is the Public At Risk?” Testimony was heard from Raymond H. LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Joan Claybrook, former Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; the following officials of Toyota Motor Corporation: Akio Toyoda, President and CEO; and Yoshimi Inaba, President and CEO, Toyota Motor North America, Inc., and public witnesses.

CENSUS MEDIA PLAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “The 2010 Census Communications Contract: The Media Plan in Hard to Count Areas.” Testimony was heard from Robert Groves, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MILITARY SEXUAL ASSAULTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings entitled “Sexual Assault in the Military: Are We Making Progress?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management; and Randolph Hite, Director, Information Technology and Architecture and Systems; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Isiello, Co-Chairman; and BG Sharon K.G. Dunbar, USAF, both with the Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Service; Kaye Whitely, Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Office of the Secretary; and Gail McGinn, Deputy Under Secretary (Plans); and a public witness.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Rules: granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2701, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments made in order are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. The rule provides that after passage of H.R. 2701, it

shall be in order to consider in the House S. 1494. The rule waives all points of order against the Senate bill and against its consideration. The rule provides that it shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 2701 as passed by the House. All points of order against that motion are waived. If the motion is adopted and the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 1494 and request a conference with the Senate.

The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of Friday, February 26, 2010. The rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of Friday, February 26, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this authority. Testimony was heard from Chairman Reyes and Representatives Hastings (FL), Kucinich, Walz, Thornberry, Inglis, and Kirk.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2011 Research and Development Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on How Can NIST Better Serve the Needs of the Biomedical Research Community in the 21st Century? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIRCRAFT ICING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aircraft Icing. Testimony was heard from John Hickey, Deputy Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MEDICATIONS AND VETERAN SUICIDE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing Exploring the Relationship between Medication and Veteran Suicide. Testimony was heard from Ira Katz,

M.D., Deputy Chief Officer, Mental Health Services, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; BG Loree K. Sutton, M.D., Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

VA BENEFITS DELIVERY AT DISCHARGE

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing Examination of the VA Benefits Delivery at Discharge and Quick Start Programs. Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Noel Koch, Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy, Department of Defense; Diana Rubens, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

BRIEFING—GOOGLE HACKING INCIDENT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Google Hacking Incident. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on one year after the crash of flight 3407, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the science and policy behind the Federal framework and non-Federal efforts to prevent introduction of the aquatic invasive Asian carp into the Great Lakes, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine interagency contracts (part I), focusing on an overview and recommendations for reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for tribal programs and initiatives, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 2772, to establish a criminal justice reinvestment grant program to help States and local jurisdictions reduce spending on corrections, control growth in the prison and jail populations, and increase public safety, H.R. 1741, to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs, 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. 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, and the nominations of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, William Joseph Hochul, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, and Sally Quillian Yates, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice, and Gloria M. Navarro, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Audrey Goldstein Fleissig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Lucy Haeran Koh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Jon E. DeGuilio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and Jane E. Magnus-Stinson and Tanya Walton Pratt, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider S. 2989, to improve the Small Business Act, 10 a.m., SR-485.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Fort Hood, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and on Biosurveillance: Smart Investments for Early Warning, 2 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Restoring America's Forests and Headwaters: Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for U.S. Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of State, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on expert perspectives on managing the defense acquisition system and the defense acquisition workforce, 8 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on private sector perspectives on Department of Defense information technology and cybersecurity activities, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Department of Education Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals in Drinking Water: Risks to Human Health and the Environment,” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Compensation in the Financial Industry-Government Perspectives,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Promoting Security through Diplomacy and Development: The Fiscal Year 2011 International Affairs Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The President's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Competition in the Media and Entertainment Distribution Market, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3511, Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Facility Authorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 4493, Bonitan Tasi, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2100, To provide for the conveyance of certain public lands in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, for use as a public shooting range; H.R. 3425, To authorize the Fair Housing Commemora-

tive Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate the enactment of the Fair Housing Act of 1968; H.R. 4438, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Leasing and Boundary Expansion Act of 2010; H.R. 4491, Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act; and H.R. 4524, Blue Ridge Parkway Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing entitled “Foreclosures Continue: What Needs to Change in the Administration's Response,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request and Issues, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Coast Guard, the Maritime Administration and the Federal Maritime Commission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on EDA: Lessons Learned From the Recovery Act and New Plans to Strengthen Economic Development, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3257, Military Family Leave Act of 2009; H.R. 3484, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for certain qualifying work-study activities for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3579, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of the reporting fees payable to educational institutions that enroll veterans receiving educational assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3813, Veterans Training Act; H.R. 3948, Test Prep for Heroes Act; H.R. 3976, Helping Heroes Keep Their Homes Act of 2009; H.R. 4079, To amend title 38, United States Code, to temporarily remove the requirement for employers to increase wages for veterans enrolled in on-the-job training programs; H.R. 4203, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans certain educational assistance payments through direct deposit; H.R. 4359, WARMER Act; H.R. 4469, To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation; and H.R. 4592, To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in energy-related positions, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Cyber Security Defense, 9 a.m., 304–HVC.

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10 a.m., Thursday, February 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, February 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1299, United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act.

House Chamber

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