

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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

Senate began consideration of the impeachment proceedings of G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1633–S1684

Measures Introduced: Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3131–3135, and S. Res. 457–460. **Page S1670**

Measures Passed:

Issuance of a Summons and Related Procedures for Impeachment Against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 457, to provide for issuance of a summons and for related procedures concerning the articles of impeachment against G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. **Pages S1646–47**

Appointment of a Committee for Impeachment Against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 458, to provide for the appointment of a committee to receive and to report evidence with respect to articles of impeachment against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. **Page S1647**

50th Anniversary of KICY Radio: Senate agreed to S. Res. 459, congratulating KICY Radio for 50 years of service to western Alaska and the Russian Far East. **Page S1679**

100th Anniversary of the Long Trail: Senate agreed to S. Res. 460, recognizing the importance of the Long Trail and the Green Mountain Club on the 100th anniversary of the Long Trail. **Pages S1679–80**

Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 2865, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.). **Page S1680**

Fair Sentencing Act: Senate passed S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1680–83**

Measures Considered:

Impeachment of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, began consideration of the impeachment proceedings of G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, taking the following action:

Subsequently, the Senate received the managers appointed by the House of Representatives who presented and exhibited Articles of Impeachment against G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and the oath was administered to Senators by the Acting President pro tempore. **Pages S1644–46**

Appointments:

Impeachment Trial Committee: The Chair, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, and in accordance with the resolution on the appointment of an impeachment trial committee, appointed the following Senators to the Impeachment Trial Committee: Senators McCaskill (Chairman), Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), Shaheen, and Kaufman. **Page S1647**

Impeachment Trial Committee: The Chair, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, and in accordance with the resolution on the appointment of an impeachment trial committee, appointed

the following Senators to the Impeachment Trial Committee: Senators Hatch (Vice Chairman), Barrasso, DeMint, Johanns, Risch, and Wicker.

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Impeachment Trial Committee and Impeachment Rule XI: The Chair, upon the recommendations of the two Leaders, and pursuant to the resolution on the appointment of an impeachment trial committee and Impeachment Rule XI, appointed the following Senators to be members of the committee to receive and report evidence in the impeachment of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.: Senators McCaskill (Chairman), Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), Shaheen, Kaufman, Hatch (Vice Chairman), Barrasso, DeMint, Johanns, Risch, and Wicker.

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Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1586, to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 3452, in the nature of a substitute.

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Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps.

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McCain/Bayh Amendment No. 3475 (to Amendment No. 3452), to prohibit earmarks in years in which there is a deficit.

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McCain Amendment No. 3527 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to develop a financing proposal for fully funding the development and implementation of technology for the Next Generation Air Transportation System.

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McCain Amendment No. 3528 (to Amendment No. 3452), to provide standards for determining whether the substantial restoration of the natural quiet and experience of the Grand Canyon National Park has been achieved and to clarify regulatory authority with respect to commercial air tours operating over the Park.

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Pryor Amendment No. 3548 (to Amendment 3452), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the March 16, 2010, adoption of Rockefeller (for Reid/Ensign) Amendment No. 3467 (to Amendment No. 3452), to authorize Clark County, Nevada, to permit the use of certain lands in the Las Vegas McCarran International Airport Environs Overlay District for tran-

sient lodging and associated facilities, that it be modified with the changes at the desk.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March, 18, 2010, and Senate then debate concurrently Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452) (listed above), and Pryor Amendment No. 3548 (to Amendment 3452) (listed above); that the amendments be debated concurrently until 11:30 a.m., with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Sessions and Pryor, or their designees; with no amendments in order to the amendments prior to the vote; that the amendments then be set aside until 2 p.m., and at 2 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments, with Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452) voted on first in the sequence; that prior to each vote, there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

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House Messages:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—House Message: By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 55), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House 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, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Durbin motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Durbin Amendment No. 3498 (to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate), of a perfecting nature.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Durbin Amendment No. 3499 (to Amendment No. 3498), of a perfecting nature, fell when Durbin motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Durbin Amendment No. 3498 (to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate), of a perfecting nature was withdrawn.

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By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 54), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Durbin motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 311(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was not sustained. **Pages S1634–35**

Appointments:

On Monday, March 15, 2010, the appointment should have read:

President’s Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended and extended, reappointed and appointed the following Members to the President’s Export Council:

Reappointment:

Senator Stabenow

Senator Brown (OH)

Appointment: Senator Wyden vice Senator Dorgan

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader be authorized to sign any duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions Wednesday, March 17, 2010 and Thursday, March 18, 2010. **Page S1644**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 56), O. Rogeriee Thompson, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Leonard Philip Stark, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Amy Totenberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

30 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House: **Page S1669**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S1678–79**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—56) **Pages S1635, S1637–38, S1652**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2010. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1683.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the United States Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Navy, after receiving testimony from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations, and General James T. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Lieutenant General Mark D. Shackelford, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Major General C. Donald Alston, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, and Major General David J. Scott, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, all of the

United States Air Force, Bradley H. Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, and Rear Admiral Stephen E. Johnson, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, United States Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine financial services and products, focusing on the role of the Federal Trade Commission in protecting consumers, after receiving testimony from J. Thomas Rosch, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Edmund Mierzwinski, Federation of State Public Interest Research Groups, Timothy J. Muris, George Mason University School of Law, and Linda A. Woolley, Direct Marketing Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Dee Pridgen, University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Lane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 553, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, S. 1017, to reauthorize the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission and expand the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area in the State of Louisiana, S. 1018, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, S. 1537, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to designate the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Birthplace and Childhood Home in Cresco, Iowa, as a National Historic Site and as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the state of Illinois, S. 2892, to establish the Alabama Black Belt

National Heritage Area, S. 2933, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2951, to authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, after receiving testimony from Senator Burris; Daniel Wenk, Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Reid Wilson, Conservation Trust for North Carolina, Raleigh.

EPA EFFORTS TO PROTECT CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office's investigation of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) efforts to protect children's health, after receiving testimony from Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Development, Government Accountability Office; Gina M. Solomon, Natural Resource Defense Council, Berkeley, California; Cynthia Bearer, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, on behalf of the Children's Environmental Health Network; and Ted Schettler, Science and Environmental Health Network, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Velázquez, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

CHRISTMAS DAY ATTACK IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas day attack, focusing on intelligence reform and interagency integration, after receiving testimony from Benjamin A. Powell, former General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Jeffrey H. Smith, former General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency; and Rick Nelson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on the Obama Administration's ESEA reauthorization priorities, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM AND SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine bankruptcy reform, focusing on small business jobs, after receiving testimony from Judge Thomas B. Bennett, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham; Judge A. Thomas Small (Ret.), United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of the National

Bankruptcy Conference; Edward D. Mendenhall, Jr., East Bay Fitness, Warren, Rhode Island; Charles D. Bullock, Stevenson and Bullock, P.L.C., Southfield, Michigan; and Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

RISING DRUG PRICES FOR SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine seniors, focusing on rising drug prices, the Part D program, beneficiary out-of-pocket costs, and efforts to obtain price concessions for certain high-cost drugs, after receiving testimony from John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Gerard Anderson, Johns Hopkins University Center for Hospital Finance and Management, Baltimore, Maryland; John E. Calfee, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; Gregory Hamilton, Algonquin, Illinois; and Willafay H. McKenna, Williamsburg, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4865–4871, 4873–4875; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1188–1189 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1190, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–441);

H.R. 4715, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program (H. Rept. 111–442); and

H.R. 4872, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010 (H. Rept. 111–443).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Jerry Hutchins, Timothy Baptist Church, Athens, Georgia.

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

Honoring the accomplishments of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor: H. Res. 1141, to honor the accomplishments of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court, by a yea-and-nay

vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 123;

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Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act: S. 1147, to prevent tobacco smuggling and to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, by a yea-nay vote of 387 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 124;

Pages H1526–35, H1558–59

Plain Writing Act of 2010: H.R. 946, amended, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 126;

Pages H1538–40, H1560

Electronic Message Preservation Act: H.R. 1387, amended, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies and to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records;

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Requiring any amounts remaining in a Member's Representational Allowance at the end of a fiscal year to be deposited in the Treasury: H.R. 4825, amended, to require any amounts remaining in a Member's Representational Allowance at the end of a fiscal year to be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 127;

Pages H1542–44, H1561

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct unused appropriations for Members’ Representational Allowances to be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt.”

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Florida National Forest Land Adjustment Act: H.R. 3954, amended, to release Federal reversionary interests retained on certain lands acquired in the State of Florida under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to authorize the interchange of National Forest System land and State land in Florida, and to authorize an additional conveyance under the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 125;

Pages H1546–48, H1559–60

Continuing Extension Act of 2010: H.R. 4851, amended, to provide a temporary extension of certain programs; and

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Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010: H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, March 16th:

Recognizing the 150th anniversary of Augustana College: H. Res. 1089, amended, to recognize the 150th anniversary of Augustana College, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 120;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the 150th anniversary of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.”

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Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day: H. Res. 1167, to express the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 121; and

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Congratulating the 2009–2010 University of Maryland Men’s Basketball Team: H. Res. 1184, to congratulate the 2009–2010 University of Maryland Men’s Basketball Team, Greivis Vasquez, and Coach Gary Williams on an outstanding season, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 132 nays with 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 122.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:47 p.m.

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

Roy Wilson Post Office Designation Act: 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”;

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State Admission Day Recognition Act: H.R. 3542, amended, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to fly the flag of a State over the Capitol each year on the anniversary of the date of the State’s admission to the Union; and

Pages H1544–45

Agricultural Credit Act: H.R. 3509, to reauthorize State agricultural mediation programs under title V of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1535 and H1562–63.

Senate Referrals: S. 1782 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1535, H1536, H1536–37, H1558, H1559, H1559–60, H1560 and H1561. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NOAA FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FBI FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Contingency Contracting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing; and Jeff Parson, Executive Director, Army Contracting Command; and William Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Kristina Johnson, Under Secretary; Cathy Zoi, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; James Markowsky, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Patricia A. Hoffman, Director, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL
GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for the SEC. Testimony was heard from Mary Schapiro, Chairman, SEC.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Coast Guard FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

**INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bridging Cultures: The National Endowment for the Humanities FY 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Jim Leach, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Holocaust Memorial Museum, Eisenhower Memorial Commission. Testimony was heard from Sara Bloomfield, Director, Holocaust Memorial Museum; and BG Carl W. Reddel, USAF (ret.), Executive Director, Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for the Fish and Wildlife Service: Sustainable Conservation; Species, Partnerships and Science. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Thomas Strickland, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and Rowan Gould, Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

**LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related

Agencies held a hearing on Labor and Education Priorities/ESEA Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on FY 2011 Budgets of the Government Accountability Office, the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Compliance. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller of the United States; Douglas Elmen-dorf, Director, CBO; and Tamara Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget of the Architect of the Capitol and Infrastructure Needs. Testimony was heard from Steven Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS
AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary (Installations and Environment); L. Larry Hansen, senior official performing the duties of Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment); Roger M. Natsuhara, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment; and Kathleen Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Installations; Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and a public witness.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command.

**TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Strengthening Intermodal Connections and Improving Freight Mobility (Including the FY 2011 Budget for FHWA, FMCSA, MARAD, and FRA). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary, Policy; Victor Mendez, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and David Matsuda, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration.

U.S. CENTRAL/SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRANSPORTATION COMMAND BUDGETS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from the U.S. Central Command, the U.S. Special Operations Command, and the U.S. Transportation Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command; ADM Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and GEN Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command.

MILITARY PERSONNEL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on military personnel legislative priorities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; MG Thomas P. Bostick, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, USA; VADM Mark E. Ferguson, III, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, USN; LTG Richard Y. Newton, III, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, USAF; and LTG Richard C. Zilmer, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, USMC.

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN FORCE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and the Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a joint hearing on force protection equipment programs for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Michael Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; LTG Michael L. Oates, USA, Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization; BG Peter N. Fuller, USA, Program Executive Officer, Soldier Systems Center, USA; and BG Thomas W. Spoehr, USA, Director, Force Development, USA; and Davi M. D'Agostino, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing with the U.S. Secretary of Education on "The Obama Administration's Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization Blueprint." Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

REVITALIZING DISTRESSED PUBLIC HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Proposal to Revitalize Severely Distressed Public and Assisted Housing: The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative." Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Orlando Cabrera, former Secretary, Public and Assisted Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

FED BANK SUPERVISION AND MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Examining the Link Between Fed Bank Supervision and Monetary Policy." Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Paul Volcker, Chairman, President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, and former Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Transatlantic Security in the 21st Century: Do New Threats Require New Approaches? Testimony was heard from Thomas Graham, former Senior Director for Russia, National Security Council; and public witnesses.

U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on U.S.-Japan Relations: Enduring Ties, Recent Developments. Testimony was heard from Joseph R. Donovan, Jr., Principal Deputy Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Michael Schiffer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs (East Asia), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL-STATE-LOCAL COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Working with Communities to Disrupt Terror Plots." Testimony was heard from Margo Schlanger, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security; Brett Hovington, Supervisory Special Agent, Chief, Community Outreach Unit, FBI, Department of Justice; Omar Alomari, Community Engagement Officer, Department of Public Safety, State of Ohio; Leroy Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County, Sheriff's Department, State of California; and public witnesses.

AIRPORT CHECKPOINT SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “An Assessment of Checkpoint Security: Are Our Airports Keeping Passengers Safe?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robin Kane, Assistant Administrator, Security Technology, Transportation Security Administration; Bradley Buswell, Deputy Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate; and Susan Hallowell, Director, Transportation Security Laboratory; Stephen Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA NATIVE LAND CLAIMS

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 2099, Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act. Test. Testimony was heard from Marcilynn Burke, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

PROPOSED VIRGIN ISLANDS CONSTITUTION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, held an oversight hearing on the Proposed Virgin Islands Constitution from the Fifth Constitutional Convention. Testimony was heard from Jonathan G. Cedarbaum, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; John P. de Longh, Governor, U.S. Virgin Islands; Usie R. Richards, Minority Leader, 28th Legislature of the Virgin Islands; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT INELIGIBILITY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4735, To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment.” Testimony was heard from Beth Tucker, Wage and Investment Deputy Commissioner for Support, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the calendar day of March 21, 2010. The rule also provides that the Speaker or her designee

shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration under suspension of the rules pursuant to the resolution.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURING INNOVATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the Future of Manufacturing: What is the Role of the Federal Government in Supporting Innovation by U.S. Manufacturers? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS INCUBATORS AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Business Incubators and Their Role in Job Creation.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA’S ON-DEMAND AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on FAA’s Oversight of On-Demand Aircraft Operation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA; and public witnesses.

U.S. IMPORT/EXPORT VESSEL CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Capacity of Vessels to Meet U.S. Import and Export Requirements. Testimony was heard from Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE JOBS TAX ACT OF 2010

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4849, Small Business and Infrastructure Jobs Tax Act of 2010.

CIA PROGRAMS BUDGET; BRIEFING—DOD QUARTERLY UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Programs. Testimony was heard from Leon Panetta, Director, CIA.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Department of Defense Quarterly Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposals for addressing the current financial situation facing the United States Postal Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, 9:45 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert J. Papp Jr., to be a Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, Larry Robinson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Earl F. Weener, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Michael F. Tillman, of California, and Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Jeffrey R. Moreland, of Texas, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine assessing commercial space capabilities, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine mobility and congestion in urban and rural America, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal police recruitment, training, hiring, and retention, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 148, to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act, S. 2960, to exempt aliens who are admitted as refugees or granted asylum and are employed overseas by the Federal Government from the 1-year physical presence requirement for adjustment of status to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, S. 2974, to establish the Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict or natural disaster reconstruction, 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, and the nominations of Josephine Staton Tucker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Mark A. Goldsmith, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Brian Anthony Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Elizabeth Erny Foote, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Marc T. Treadwell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, Wifredo A. Ferrer, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and William N. Nettles, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from AMVETS, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Gold Star Wives, The Retired Enlisted Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, 9:30 a.m., SDG-50.

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 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget for Food and Nutrition Service, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget for the Bureau of Prisons, 10 a.m., H-310 Capitol, and on Major Challenges facing Federal Prisons: A View from the Inside, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on U.S. Transportation Command, Air Mobility, and Mobility Acquisition, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: 2011 Budget for Science and ARPA-E, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on FY 2011 Budget for the Judiciary, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on U.S. Secret Service FY 2011 Budget, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn; and on FY 2011 Budget for ICE, 2 p.m., B318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Conserving America's Land and Heritage: Department of the Interior FY 2011 Budget, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget: Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on FY 2011 Budget Request for the Peace Corps, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Maintaining a Safe and Viable Aviation System (Including the FY 2011

Budget Request for the FAA), 10 a.m., and on Maintaining a Safe and Viable Aviation System: Priorities from Aviation Stakeholders, 2 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from the U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for military construction, family housing, base closure, facilities operation and maintenance, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization: Addressing the Needs of Diverse Students, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1796, Residential Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act; and H.R. 4805, Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “HomeStar: Job Creation through Home Energy Retrofits,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Insurance Holding Company Supervision,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on National Strategy for Countering Biological Threats: Diplomacy and International Programs, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Next Steps for Honduras, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Over-

sight, joint hearing entitled “SBI-net: Does it Pass the Border Security Test?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on Legal Issues Concerning State Alcohol Regulation, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4349, Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2009; and H.R. 4579, South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project of 2010, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled “Rewarding Bad Actors: Why Do Poor Performing Contractors Continue to Get Government Business?”, followed by a markup of the following: H. Con. Res. 244, Expressing support for the designation of March 20, as a National Day of Recognition for Long-Term Care Physicians; H. Res. 1040, Honoring the life and accomplishments of Donald Harington for his contributions to literature in the United States; H.R. 1174, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women’s History Month; H.R. 4840, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1979 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, as the “Clarence D. Lumpkin Post Office,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled “Administration of the Freedom of Information Act: Current Trends,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on Geoengineering III: Domestic and International Research Governance, 12 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, briefing, Management Challenges in the Intelligence Community, 1:30 p.m., 304 HVC.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 3:30 p.m., 304 HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1586, Tax On Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452), and Pryor Amendment No. 3548 (to Amendment 3452) at 2 p.m.

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