

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4851, Continuing Extension Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2331–S2397

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3208–3220, and S. Res. 483–487. **Page S2377**

Measures Reported:

S. 3031, to authorize Drug Free Communities enhancement grants to address major emerging drug issues or local drug crises, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3217, A original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices. **Pages S2376–77**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Extension Act: By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 117), Senate passed H.R. 4851, to provide a temporary extension of certain programs, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 85 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 115), McCain Modified Amendment No. 3724 (to Amendment No. 3721), expressing the sense of the Senate that the Value Added Tax is a massive tax increase that will cripple families on fixed income and only further push back America’s economic recovery and the Senate opposes a Value Added Tax.

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Baucus Modified Amendment No. 3721, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2341–57, S2363–67**

Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 3726 (to Amendment No. 3721), to pay for the full cost of extending additional unemployment insurance and other Federal

programs. (By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 113), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2341, S2345–46**

Coburn Amendment No. 3727 (to Amendment No. 3721), to pay for the full cost of extending additional unemployment insurance and other Federal programs. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2341–45, S2346**

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

By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 116), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Baucus Modified Amendment No. 3721 (listed above). **Page S2365**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S2365**

National Public Works Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 484, designating the week of May 16 through May 22, 2010, as “National Public Works Week”.

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Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 485, designating April 2010 as “Financial Literacy Month”.

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2010 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week:

Senate agreed to S. Res. 486, supporting the mission and goals of the 2010 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States, no matter the country of origin or creed of the victim, and to commemorate the National Crime Victims’ Rights Week theme referred to as “Crime Victims’ Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.”.

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Honoring the Coal Miners Who Perished in West Virginia:

Senate agreed to S. Res. 487, honoring the coal miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch Mine-South in Raleigh County, West Virginia, extending the condolences of the United

States Senate to the families of the fallen coal miners, and recognizing the valiant efforts of the emergency response workers. **Pages S2393–95**

Impeachment of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.: The Chair submitted to the Senate for printing in the Senate Journal and in the *Congressional Record* the replication of the House of Representatives to the Answer of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., to the articles of impeachment against Judge Porteous, pursuant to S. Res. 457, 111th Congress, Second Session, which replication was received by the Secretary of the Senate on April 15, 2010. **Pages S2357–60**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions April 15, 2010 or April 16, 2010. **Page S2395**

Brainard Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S2367**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 15, 2010, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010. **Page S2367**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2010. **Page S2395**

Demeo Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Marisa J. Demeo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S2367**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S2367**

Schroeder Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S2367**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Marisa J. Demeo, of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S2367**

Vanaskie Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Page S2367**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S2367**

Chin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Page S2367**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Page S2367**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—117) **Pages S2345–46, S2364–65**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2395.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Government Printing Office (GPO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Robert C. Tapella, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shineski, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, W. Todd Grams, Acting Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, and Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Office of Information and Technology, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vice Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., United States Navy, to be admiral and Commander, United States Northern Command, and to be Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Lieutenant General Keith B. Alexander, United States Army, to be

general and Director, National Security Agency, to be Chief, Central Security Service, and to be Commander, United States Cyber Command, who was introduced by Senator Mikulski, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on opportunities and challenges for Army Ground Force modernization efforts, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Robert P. Lennox, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-8, Lieutenant General William N. Phillips, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, and Director, Acquisition Career Management, and David W. Duma, Principal Deputy Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary, all of the Department of Defense; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's fiscal year 2011 budget request, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

PACIFIC SALMON STRONGHOLD CONSERVATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine S. 817, to establish a Salmon Stronghold Partnership program to conserve wild Pacific salmon, after receiving testimony from Gordon H. Reeves, Research Fish Biologist and Team Leader, Pacific Northwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Sara LaBorde, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Olympia; Guido Rahr, Wild Salmon Center, Portland, Oregon; and Joe Childers, United Fisherman of Alaska (UFA), Juneau.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine filing season update, focusing on current IRS issues, after receiving testimony from Steven T.

Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service.

UNITED STATES—JAPAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States and Japan relations, after receiving testimony from George R. Packard, United States-Japan Foundation, and Richard Katz, *Oriental Economist Report*, both of New York, New York; and Michael R. Auslin, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Washington, D.C.

CONTRACTS FOR AFGHAN NATIONAL POLICE TRAINING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine contracts for Afghan National Police training, after receiving testimony from Gordon S. Heddell, Inspector General, and David Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia, both of the Department of Defense; and Evelyn R. Klemstine, Assistant Inspector General, Audit, and David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, both of the Department of State.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on teachers and leaders, after receiving testimony from Randi Weingarten, American Federation of Teachers, and Jon Schnur, New Leaders for New Schools, both of Washington, D.C.; Timothy Daly, New Teacher Project, Brooklyn, New York; Ellen Moir, New Teacher Center, Santa Cruz, California; Stephanie Hirsh, National Staff Development Council, Dallas, Texas; Camilla Benbow, Vanderbilt University Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee; Jose Valenzuela, Boston Teacher Residency Program, Boston, Massachusetts; Thomas Kane, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Diana Fesmire, Sierra Elementary School, Alamogordo, New Mexico; and Layne Parmenter, Urie Elementary School, Lyman, Wyoming.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3111, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, with an amendment;

S. 3031, to authorize Drug Free Communities enhancement grants to address major emerging drug issues or local drug crises, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Sharon Johnson Coleman, and Gary Scott Feinerman, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and William Joseph Martinez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Loretta E. Lynch, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Noel Culver March, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine, George White, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi, and Brian Todd Underwood, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho, all of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Stephen T. Ayers, of Maryland, to be Architect of the Capitol, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Pryor, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing access, focusing on obstacles and opportunities for minority small business owners in today's capital markets, after receiving testimony from Grady Hedgespeth, Director of Financial Assistance, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration; David A. Hinson, National Director, Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce; Robert L. Johnson, The RLJ Companies, Bethesda, Maryland; Natalie Madeira Cofield, NMC Consulting Group, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Margaret Henningsen, Legacy Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Paul C. Hudson, Broadway Federal Bank, Los Angeles, California; and Robert W. Fairlie, University of California, Santa Cruz.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 5028–5063; and 18 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 261–262; and H. Res. 1254–1269 were introduced. **Pages H2639–41**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2641–43**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Blumenauer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2581**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Clyde Mighells, Lighthouse Reformed Church, Howard, Pennsylvania. **Page H2581**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m. **Page H2593**

Oath of Office—Nineteenth Congressional District of Florida: Representative-elect Theodore E. Deutch presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from the Honorable Kurt S. Browning, Secretary of State, State of Florida, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held April 13, 2010, the Honorable Theodore E. Deutch was elected Representative to Congress for the Nineteenth Congressional District, State of Florida. **Page H2594**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Deutch, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 431. **Page H2595**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, April 14th:

Recognizing the Coast Guard Group Astoria's more than 60 years of service to the Pacific Northwest: H. Res. 1062, amended, to recognize the Coast Guard Group Astoria's more than 60 years of service to the Pacific Northwest, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 205; **Page H2595**

Recognizing the leadership and historical contributions of Dr. Hector Garcia: H. Con. Res. 222, to recognize the leadership and historical contributions of Dr. Hector Garcia to the Hispanic community and his remarkable efforts to combat racial and

ethnic discrimination in the United States of America; and **Page H2595**

Congratulating the Duke University men's basketball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship: H. Res. 1242, to congratulate the Duke University men's basketball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 390 yeas with none voting "no" and 12 voting "present", Roll No. 210. **Page H2614**

Clean Estuaries Act of 2010: The House passed H.R. 4715, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 278 yeas to 128 nays, Roll No. 209. **Pages H2585–93, H2593–94, H2595–H2609, H2610–14**

Rejected the Jordan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 208. **Pages H2611–13**

Agreed to:

Oberstar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–463) that ensures that program evaluations assess whether the implementation of a comprehensive conservation and management plan is achieving its stated goals; (2) enhances public education on the connections between air, land, and water and the potential impacts on estuarine health; (3) strikes the existing statutory priority list for estuaries to clarify that existing and proposed management conferences enter or remain in the program on a competitive basis; and (4) removes individuals from the list of approved recipients for grants under this program; **Pages H2602–03**

Oberstar amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–463) that requires the administrator to evaluate the effectiveness of the program; identify and disseminate best practices for positive outcomes; and identify and limit redundant rules, regulations and reporting requirements; **Pages H2603–05**

Kagen amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–463) that requires estuary programs to include in their comprehensive conservation and management plans a coordinated monitoring strategy between federal, state, and local entities; **Page H2605**

Schauer amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–463) that defines "estuary" under the Clean

Water Act to include Great Lakes waters and wetlands that are similar to traditional estuaries covered by the National Estuary Program; **Pages H2605–07**

Moore (WI) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–463) that adds trend monitoring of the introduction and establishment of nonnative species, including their pathways for introduction in estuarine zones, to the list of research programs the Administrator can carry out; **Page H2607**

Kratovil amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–463) that makes explicit that collaborative processes should be used to develop the management plan. It calls for the equitable inclusion of all relevant estuary stakeholders; the use of neutral facilitators and processes to resolve conflicts; and the inclusion and use of up-to-date information, among other considerations; and **Pages H2608–09**

Shea-Porter amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–463) that ensures that comprehensive conservation and management plans address the impacts and potential effects of sea level change (by a recorded vote of 294 ayes to 109 noes, Roll No. 207). **Pages H2607–08, H2610–11**

H. Res. 1248, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 204, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H2593–94**

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: The House agreed to refer H. Res. 1255, raising a question of the privileges of the House, to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct by a yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas with none voting “nay” and 18 voting “present”, Roll No. 206, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H2609–10**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m. **Page H2614**

Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to take from the Speaker’s table H.R. 4851, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order or question of consideration, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment; that the Senate amendment be considered as read; that the motion be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion. **Page H2615**

Continuing Extension Act of 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4851,

to provide a temporary extension of certain programs, by a recorded vote of 289 yeas to 112 noes, Roll No. 211. **Pages H2615–20**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow, and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20th for morning hour debate. **Page H2620**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2615.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2593, H2595, H2610, H2611, H2612–13, H2613–14, H2614, H2619–20. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Request for the U.S. Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court: Clarence Thomas and Stephen G. Breyer.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on DHS Cyber Security Programs—What progress has been made and what still needs to be improved? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Philip Reiting, Deputy Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and RADM Michael Brown, USN, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Cyber Security and Communications.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Voices from Our Native American Communities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Strengthening Native American Communities: Indian Health Service FY 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION, AND HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Member Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Independent Panel's assessment of the Quadrennial Defense Review. Testimony was heard from the following Co-Chairmen of the Quadrennial Defense Review Independent Panel, U.S. Institute for Peace: William J. Perry; and Stephen J. Hadley.

RESERVE PERSONNEL INITIATIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on supporting the reserve components as an operational reserve and key reserve personnel legislative initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dennis M. McCarthy, Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; LTG Jack Stulz, USAR, Chief, Army Reserve; VDM Dirk Debbink, USNR, Chief of Naval Reserve; LTG John F. Kelly, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; LTG Charles Stenner, USAFR, Chief, Air Force Reserve; LTG Harry Wyatt, USAF, Director, Air National Guard; and MG Raymond Carpenter, USA, Acting Director, Army National Guard.

BALLISTIC MISSILE REVIEW; MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the report on the ballistic missile defense review and the FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for missile defense programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Bradley H. Roberts, Defense Assistant Secretary, Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, Office of the Secretary; LTG Patrick O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on Corporal Punishment in Schools and its Effect on Academic Success. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5019, Home

Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010; and H.R. 5026, Grid Reliability and Infrastructure Defense Act or the GRID Act.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT PERSPECTIVES AND PROPOSALS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Perspectives and Proposals on the Community Reinvestment Act." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Combating Climate Change in Africa. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Franklin Moore, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, Office of the Assistant Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Jonathan Pershing, Deputy Special Envoy, Office of the Special Envoy, Climate Change; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4842, Homeland Security Science and Technology Authorization Act of 2010.

CONGRESS' IMPACT ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on State Taxation: The Impact of Congressional Legislation on State and Local Government Revenues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POSTAL SERVICE'S FINANCIAL CRISIS FUTURE VIABILITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: and the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a joint hearing entitled "Continuing to Deliver: An Examination of the Post Services's Current Financial Crisis and its Future Viability." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO; and David C. Williams, Inspector General; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; John O'Brien, Senior Advisor to the Director, OPM; and Kevin Kosar, Analyst in American Government, CRS, Library of Congress.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT PROPOSALS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2010, Part II. Testimony was heard from Theodore Brown, Chief, Planning and Policy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the Status of Veterans Employment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Phil L. Rones, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics; and Raymond M. Jefferson, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Christine M. Griffin, Deputy Director, OPM; Willie Hensley, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Christine A. Scott, Specialist in Social Policy, Domestic Social Policy Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and representatives of veterans organizations.

SSA FIELD OFFICE SERVICE DELIVERY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held an oversight hearing on SSA's field office service delivery. Testimony was heard from Barbara Bovbjerg, Managing Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; the following officials of the SSA: Patrick P. O'Carroll, Inspector General; and Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL PROGRAM BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Geospatial Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. Testimony was heard from VADM Robert B. Murrett, USN, Director, National Geospatial Agency, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

NATURAL RESOURCE USAGE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission held a briefing to examine a new international convention aimed at helping resource-rich developing countries make the best economic and social use of their natural resources, receiving testimony from Joseph Bell, Hogan and Hartson, Washington, D.C.; Saleem Ali, University of Vermont, Burlington; and Karin Lissaker, Revenue Watch Institute, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine Wall Street and the financial crisis, focusing on the role of bank regulators, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Kimberly J. Mueller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Richard Mark Gergel, and J. Michelle Childs, both to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Catherine C. Eagles, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 19 through April 24, 2010

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 20, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for operations and programs of the U.S. Agency for International Development, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 21, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for Missile Defense Agency programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 20, to hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with

April 21, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine nonproliferation programs at the Departments of Defense and Energy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

April 21, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine environmental management funding in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Nuclear Posture Review, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 22, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine China's exchange rate policy and trade imbalances, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 21, to hold hearings to examine securing the nation's rail and other surface transportation networks, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 22, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the environmental and economic impacts of ocean acidification, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the debt settlement industry, focusing on the consumer's experience, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 20, to hold hearings to examine S. 1856, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to clarify policies regarding ownership of pore space, and S. 1134, to ensure the energy independence and economic viability of the United States by promoting the responsible use of coal through accelerated carbon capture and storage and through advanced clean coal technology research, development, demonstration, and deployment programs, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 21, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1546, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah, S. 2798, to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire through the facilitation of insect and disease infestation treatment of National Forest System and adjacent land, S. 2830, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects, and S. 2963, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 22, to hold hearings to examine promoting global food security, focusing on the next steps for Congress and the Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 20, to hold hearings to examine labor protection from premiums, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

April 22, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on meeting the needs of the whole student, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 20, to hold hearings to examine border security, 11 a.m., SD-342.

April 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, and Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, both to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals, and Milton C. Lee, Jr., Judith Anne Smith, and Todd E. Edelman, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2 p.m., SD-342.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas Day attack, focusing on securing the visa process, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 22, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine challenges and lessons learned in transitioning the Federal government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 22, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the future of the United States Postal Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

April 23, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine Wall Street and the financial crisis, focusing on the role of credit rating agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 22, to hold hearings to examine the discussion draft of the "Indian Energy Promotion and Parity Act of 2010", 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 20, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine combating cyber crime and identity theft in the digital age, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1346, to penalize crimes against humanity and for other purposes, S. 657, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 446, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. Res. 339, to express the sense of the Senate in support of permitting the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 1684, to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registry program, and the nominations of Kerry B. Harvey, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and David J. Hale, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: April 22, to hold hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on the history of the filibuster 1789-2008, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 21, to examine the President's proposed budget request

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Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 21, to hold an oversight hearing to examine implementation of the new post-9/11 Government Issue (GI) Bill, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 20, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 22, to hold hearings to examine the National Broadband Plan and health care technology, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 21, hearing to review U.S. agriculture policy in advance of the 2012 Farm Bill, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

April 22, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review proposals to establish exchanges trading "movie futures," 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 20, Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Security Agency FY 2011 Budget, 5 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 21, Subcommittee on Defense, on National Capitol Region, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 21, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on FY 2011 Budget Request for the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Member Day/Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget Overview: Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on FY 2011 Budgets for the Library of Congress, GPO, and the Open World Leadership Center, 2 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on the Status of the Federal Housing Administration including the FY 2011 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on USDA, Office of Inspector General Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Office Justice Programs (OJP) FY 2011 Budget, 10 a.m., B-309 Capitol.

April 22, Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Health Program/Wounded Warrior, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 22, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on Financial Crisis and TARP, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, April 20, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on implementation of the requirement to provide a medical examination before sepa-

rating members diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and the capacity of the Department of Defense to provide care to PTSD cases, 5:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 21, full Committee, to mark up the Implementing Management for Performance and Related Reforms to Obtain Value in Every Acquisition Act of 2010 (IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010), 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Defense Health Program, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the space posture review and the Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for national security space activities, 2 p.m., 210 HVC.

April 22, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army and Air Force National Guard and Reserve component equipment posture, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military resale and morale, welfare and recreation overview, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, April 21, hearing on Reforming the Juvenile Justice System to Improve Children's Lives and Public Safety, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 4855, Work-Life Balance Award Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 21, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing entitled "The National Broadband Plan: Deploying Quality Broadband Services to the Last Mile," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Environment and Human Health: the Role of HHS," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 20, hearing entitled "Public Policy Issues Raised by the Report of the Lehman Bankruptcy Examiner," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Corporate Governance and Shareholder Empowerment," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Reform the National Flood Insurance Program," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 21, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Neither Appeasement nor Improvement? Prospects for U.S. Engagement with Syria, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on the Legacies of War: Unexploded Ordnances in Laos, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 21, hearing entitled "Viewpoints on Homeland Security: A Discussion with the WMD Commissioners," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 22, hearing on the Private Student Loan Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2010, 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on Achieving the Promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act in the Digital Age—Current Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 21, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4445, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Clarification Act; H.R. 1554, Fountainhead Property Land Transfer Act; and H.R. 2340, Salmon Lake Selection Resolution Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 22, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on A Community Perspective on Catch Shares, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 22, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 4888, Cabin Fee Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 21, hearing entitled “The Washington Metro System: Safety, Service and Stability,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Committee on Small Business, April 21, hearing on oversight of the Small Business Administration and its Programs, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 21, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on NextGen: Long-Term Planning and Interagency Cooperation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 22, full Committee, hearing on the Department of Transportation’s Oversight and Management of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, April 22, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Examining VA’s Fiduciary Program: How Can VA Better Protect Vulnerable Veterans and Their Families? 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 22, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing to examine the role of education and training in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: April 22, to hold hearings to examine the link between revenue transparency and human rights, focusing on programs such as the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and their ability to improve human right in resource-rich countries, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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1 p.m., Friday, April 16

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Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

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