Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4397–S4472

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3425–3431, and S. Res. 540. **Pages S4441–42**

Measures Passed:

National Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiecstasia (HHT) Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 508, recognizing June 2010 as National Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiecstasia (HHT) month established to increase awareness of HHT, which is a complex genetic blood vessel disorder that affects approximately 70,000 people in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S4469–70**

National Brain Tumor Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 537, designating May 2010 as ''National Brain Tumor Awareness Month'', and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4470**

National Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 540, honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses in the United States during ''National Small Business Week'', beginning May 23, 2010. **Pages S4470–71**

Measures Considered:

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4899, making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4398–S4437**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 4174, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions. **Pages S4398, S4416**

Sessions/McCaskill Amendment No. 4173, to establish 3-year discretionary spending caps. **Pages S4398, S4409–10**

Wyden/Grassley Amendment No. 4183, to establish as a standing order of the Senate that a Senator publicly disclose a notice of intent to objecting to any measure or matter. **Page S4398**

Feingold Amendment No. 4204, to require a plan for safe, orderly, and expeditious redeployment of the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan. **Page S4398**

McCain Amendment No. 4214, to provide for the National Guard support to secure the southern land border of the United States. **Pages S4398, S4422–24**

Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 4202, to make appropriations to improve border security, with an offset from unobligated appropriations under division A of Public Law 111–5. **Pages S4398, S4422–24**

Lautenberg Modified Amendment No. 4175, to provide that parties responsible for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico shall reimburse the general fund of the Treasury for costs incurred in responding to that oil spill. **Page S4398**

Cardin Amendment No. 4191, to prohibit the use of funds for leasing activities in certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf. **Page S4398**

Kyl/McCain Modified Amendment No. 4228 (to Amendment No. 4202), to appropriate $200,000,000 to increase resources for the Department of Justice and the Judiciary to address illegal crossings of the Southwest border, with an offset. **Pages S4398, S4419–20**

Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 4232, to pay for the costs of supplemental spending by reducing Congress' own budget and disposing of unneeded Federal property and uncommitted Federal funds. **Pages S4398, S4406–09, S4424–28**

Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 4231, to pay for the costs of supplemental spending by reducing waste, inefficiency, and unnecessary spending within the Federal Government. **Pages S4398, S4406–09, S4424–28**

Landrieu/Cochran Amendment No. 4179, to allow the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to create or save jobs by providing interest relief on certain outstanding disaster loans relating to damage caused by the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes or the 2008 Gulf Coast hurricanes. **Page S4398**

Landrieu Amendment No. 4180, to defer payments of principal and interest on disaster loans relating to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. **Page S4398**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 4184, to require the Secretary of the Army to maximize the placement of dredged material available from maintenance dredging of existing navigation channels to mitigate the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico at full Federal expense. **Page S4398**

Landrieu Amendment No. 4213, to provide authority to the Secretary of the Interior to immediately fund projects under the Coastal Impact Assistance Program on an emergency basis. **Page S4398**

Landrieu Amendment No. 4182, to require the Secretary of the Army to use certain funds for the construction of authorized restoration projects in the Louisiana coastal area ecosystem restoration program. **Page S4398**

Landrieu Amendment No. 4234, to establish a program, and to make available funds, to provide technical assistance grants for use by organizations in assisting individuals and businesses affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. **Page S4398**

Ensign/Reid Amendment No. 4229, to prohibit the transfer of C–130 aircraft from the National Guard to a unit of the Air Force in another State. **Page S4405**

Ensign/Reid Modified Amendment No. 4230, to establish limitations on the transfer of C–130H aircraft from the National Guard to a unit of the Air Force in another State. **Pages S4405–06, S4421–22**

Isakson/Chambliss Amendment No. 4221, to include the 2009 flooding in the Atlanta area as a disaster for which certain disaster relief is available. **Page S4406**

Collins Amendment No. 4253, to prohibit the imposition of fines and liability under certain final rules of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S4410–16**

Menendez Amendment No. 4289 (to Amendment No. 4174), to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills. **Pages S4416–19**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, May 27, 2010, after any Leader time, Senate continue consideration of the bill, and continue consideration of the following amendments in the order listed: McCain Amendment No. 4214 (listed above), Kyl/McCain Modified Amendment No. 4228 (to Amendment No. 4202) (listed above), Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 4202 (listed above), as amended, if amended; and that the Cornyn amendment be further modified with the changes at the desk; that there be a total of 20 minutes for debate, with the time divided 5 minutes each to Senators McCain, Kyl, Cornyn and Schumer, or their designees, with respect to border security related amendments; and that after the first vote in this sequence, the succeeding votes be limited 10 minutes each; and that after the first vote, there be 2 minutes, equally divided in the usual form, prior to the succeeding votes; and that no amendments be in order to the amendments covered in this agreement, other than as identified in this agreement; that if a budget point of order is raised against the border security amendments, then a motion to waive the applicable budget point of order be considered made; and Senate vote on the motion to waive the applicable budget point of order; that if the waivers are successful, then the amendments be agreed to; that if the waivers fail, then the amendments be withdrawn; that upon disposition of above referenced amendments, Senate then consider Feingold Amendment No. 4204 (listed above), and Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 4231 (listed above) and Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 4232 (listed above), and that they be debated concurrently for a total of 15 minutes, prior to a vote on or in relation thereto, with 5 minutes each under the control of Senators Feingold, Coburn and Inouye, or their designees; that no amendment be in order to these amendments prior to the votes; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed; provided that the pending committee reported substitute amendment not be subject to any rule 16 point of order; that upon the disposition of these amendments, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported substitute amendment; provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 11 a.m. **Pages S4435, S4471**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Matthew J. Bryza, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Mark Charles Storella, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general. **Page S4472**

Messages from the House: **Page S4441**

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4471.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOREST SERVICE AND INTERIOR FIRE FIGHTING POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine firefighting policy with the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Representative Schiff; Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mike Poole, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower met in a closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee began consideration of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, May 27, 2010.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITES ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded a hearing to examine innovation and inclusion, focusing on the Americans with Disabilities Act at 20, including H.R. 3101, to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to emerging Internet Protocol-based communication and video programming technologies in the 21st Century, and S. 3304, to increase the access of persons with disabilities to modern communications, after receiving testimony from Representative Markey (MA); Bobbie Beth Scoggins, National Association of the Deaf (NAD), Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Russell Harvard, Austin, Texas, both on behalf of the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (COAT); Thomas Wlodkowski, AOL Inc., Dulles, Virginia; Walter B. McCormick, Jr., United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C., and Brian K. Pearce, Mechanicsville, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joshua Gotbaum, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Richard Sorian, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine assessing challenges and opportunities for peace in Sudan, after receiving testimony from Katherine J. Almquist, National Defense University Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Alison Giffen, Henry L. Stimson Center, and Anne C. Richard, International Rescue Committee, all of Washington, D.C.; and David Mozersky, Humanity United, Redwood City, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2781, to change references in Federal law to mental retardation to references to an intellectual disability, and to change references to a mentally retarded individual to references to an individual with an intellectual disability, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David K. Mineta, of California, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, Deborah Loewenberg Ball, of Michigan, Margaret R. McLeod, of the District of Columbia, and Bridget Terry Long, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Tracie Stevens, of Washington, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after receiving testimony from Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, LaConner, Washington, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

LINE-ITEM VETO PROPOSALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine the legality and efficacy of line-item veto proposals, after receiving testimony from Senator Carper; Jeffrey B. Liebman, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Ryan Alexander, Taxpayers for Common Sense (TCS), Charles J. Cooper, Cooper & Kirk, PLLC, and Alison Acosta Fraser, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington D.C.

DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine dietary supplements, focusing on what seniors need to know, and deceptive or questionable marketing practices and potentially dangerous advice, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Joshua M. Sharfstein, Principal Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Tod Cooperman, ConsumerLab.com, LLC, White Plains, New York; Charles Bell, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York; and Steve Mister, Council for Responsible Nutrition, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA), Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA), Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), Natural Products Association (NPA), and United Natural Products Alliance (UNPA).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5402–5420; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 87; H. Con. Res. 281; and H. Res. 1397–1402 were introduced. **Pages H3869–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3870–71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5114, to extend the authorization for the national flood insurance program and to identify priorities essential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–495);

Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (H. Rept. 111–496);

Supplemental report on H.R. 5136, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year (H. Rept. 111–491, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 1403, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4213) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions (H. Rept. 111–497); and

H. Res. 1404, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–498). **Page H3869**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3827**

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

Honoring the workers who perished on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana, extending condolences to their families, and recognizing the valiant efforts of emergency response workers at the disaster site: H. Res. 1347, to honor the workers who perished on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana, to extend condolences to their families, and to recognize the valiant efforts of emergency response workers at the disaster site, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 302 and **Pages H3831–33, S3837–38**

Supporting the goals and ideals of RV Centennial Celebration Month: H. Res. 1073, to support the goals and ideals of RV Centennial Celebration Month to recognize and honor 100 years of the enjoyment of recreational vehicles in the United States. **Pages H3833–34**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m. **Page H3837**

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

Congratulating Israel for its accession to membership in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development: H. Res. 1391, amended, to congratulate Israel for its accession to membership in

the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. **Pages H3834–37**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, May 25th:

Recognizing and honoring the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans: H. Res. 1385, to recognize and honor the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 303; **Page H3838**

Celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: H. Res. 1316, amended, to celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, by a ⅔ recorded vote of 408 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 304; and **Pages H3838–39**

Honoring the 125th anniversary of Rollins College: H. Res. 1169, amended, to honor the 125th anniversary of Rollins College, by a ⅔ recorded vote of 371 ayes to 36 noes, Roll No. 305. **Pages H3839–40**

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Armed Services be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5136, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. **Page H3840**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 1397, electing the following Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Armed Services: Representative Critz (to rank immediately after Representative Garamendi). Committee on Small Business: Representative Critz (to rank immediately after Representative Nye). **Page H3840**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3827.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3837, H3838, H3838–39 and H3839–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5320, Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2010; H.R. 5381, Motor Vehicle Safety Act; H.R. 4805, Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act; and H.R. 4451, Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act.

HOUSING GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "FHFA Oversight: Current State of the Housing Government Sponsored Enterprises." Testimony was heard from Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

ANTI-TERRORIST FUNDING EFFORTS IMPACT ON CHARITIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Anti-Money Laundering: Blocking Terrorist Financing and Its Impact on Lawful Charities." Testimony was heard from Daniel Glaser, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

INTERNET TERROR RECRUITMENT AND TRADECRAFT

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Internet Terror Recruitment and Tradecraft: How Can We Address an Evolving Tool While Protecting Free Speech?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUPREME COURT'S ANIMAL CRUELTY VIDEO DECISION

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on United States v. Stevens: The Supreme Court's Decision Invalidating the Crush Video Statute. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peters and Gallegly; and public witnesses.

DEEPWATER HORIZON EXPLOSION'S OIL STRATEGY IMPACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Ken Salazar, Secretary; David Hayes, Deputy Secretary; Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General; and Elizabeth Birnbaum, Director, Minerals Management Service; RADM James Watson, USCG, Deputy Unified Area Commander on the Deepwater Horizon Fire and MC 252 Oil Spill, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator NOAA, Department of Commerce.

REDUCING DENTAL OFFICES' MERCURY POLLUTION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "Assessing EPA's Efforts to Measure and Reduce Mercury Pollution from Dentist Offices." Testimony

was heard from Nancy Stoner, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE BILL (H.R. 4213) TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO EXTEND CERTAIN EXPIRING PROVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4213 with the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, modified by the amendment printed in part B. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule tables House Resolution 392.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5136, the ''National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.'' The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report (except as specified in section 4 of the rule), may be offered only by a Member designated in the Committee report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report or amendments en bloc are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of or germane modifications of any such amendments. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. For the purpose of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

The rule provides that the Chair of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the Committee report out of the order printed, but not sooner than 30 minutes after the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill.

The rule provides that, in engrossment, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 5013, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 5136.

The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against rules reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of June 1, 2010.

Finally, the rule provides that measures may be considered under suspension of the rules at any time through Sunday, May 30, 2010, and 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representatives Spratt, Ortiz, Langevin, Bordallo, Sestak, Hastings of Florida, Dingell, Stark, Price of North Carolina, Eshoo, Filner, Gutierrez, Blumenauer, Etheridge, Inslee, Larson of Connecticut, Watson, Lipinski, Murphy of Connecticut, Patrick Murphy of Pennsylvania, Walz, Wilson of Ohio, Richardson, Foster, Driehaus, Grayson, Titus, Tonko, Faleomavaega, McKeon, Coffman, Sessions, Young of Alaska, Duncan, Kingston, Hastings of Washington, Shadegg, Tiahrt, Terry, Rehberg,

Bonner, Gingrey, Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania, Fortenberry, Heller and Luetkemeyer.

NASA HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT PLAN

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing to review the Proposed National Aeronautics and Space Administrations Human Spaceflight Plan. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, NASA; Neil A. Armstrong, Commander, Apollo 11; CAPT Eugene A. Cernan, USN (ret.), Commander, Apollo 17; and a public witness.

SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled ''Heroes of Small Business.'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECOVERY ACT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Recovery Act: Progress Reports for Infrastructure Investments. Testimony was heard from Craig E. Hooks, Assistant Administrator, Administration and Resources Management, EPA; Terrence C. Salt, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Mary Walsh, Chief of Staff, Public Buildings Service, ARRA National Recovery Program Management Office, GSA; John Fernandez, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce; Elizabeth Harman, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; David Trimble, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MINIMIZING GREAT RECESSION IMPACT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how to minimize the impact of the great recession on young workers, after receiving testimony from Till M. von Wachter, Columbia University, and David R. Jones, Community Service Society, both of New York, New York; Harry J. Holzer, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute, and James Sherk, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Steve Wing, CVS Caremark, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Sara Louise Faivre-Davis, of Texas, Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, and Myles J. Watts, of Montana, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the financial state of the airline industry and the implications of consolidation, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, ''Water Resources Development Act of 2010'', focusing on legislative issues, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Sherry Glied, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine building a secure future for multiemployer pension plans, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 193, to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships, H.R. 4506, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, H.R. 908, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, S. 258, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, and the nominations of Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Scott M. Matheson, Jr., of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, John A. Gibney, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, James Kelleher Bredar, and Ellen Lipton Hollander, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Susan Richard Nelson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Stephanie A. Finley, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, Laura E. Duffy, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, Scott Jerome Parker, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Darryl Keith McPherson, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois, and Gervin Kazumi Miyamoto, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii, all of the Department of Justice, and Daniel J. Becker, of Utah,

James R. Hannah, of Arkansas, Gayle A. Nachtigal, of Oregon, John B. Nalbandian, of Kentucky, Marsha J. Rabiteau, of Connecticut, and Hermán D. Vera, of California, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the United/Continental Airlines merger, focusing on how consumers will fare, 2:15 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to resume hearings to examine the impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on small businesses, Time to be announced, SR–428A.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Marie Collins Johns, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations, 5 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on BP-Transocean Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster: Ongoing Response and Environmental Impacts, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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