Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1245–S1307

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 491–493. **Pages S1263–64**

Measures Considered:

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. **Pages S1247–50**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. **Pages S1247–48**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S1248**

Patent Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to S. 23, Patent Reform Act, be 5 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2011. **Page S1306**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Daniel L. Glaser, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years from September 26, 2010.

Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Robert Patterson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S1306–07**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S1263, S1306**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:19 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1306.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LIBYA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the situation in Libya.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 937 was introduced. **Page H1580**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1580–81**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rooney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1579**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Barry Black, Chaplain of the United States Senate, Washington, DC. **Page H1579**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D187)*

H.R. 662, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Signed on March 4, 2011. (Public Law 112–5)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 7 through March 12, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday,* at approximately 4:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and James E. Shadid, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. At 5:30 p.m., the nomination of Sue E. Myerscough, will be confirmed, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Anthony J. Battaglia and James E. Shadid, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 23, Patent Reform Act.

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: March 8, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

March 9, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine funding for the Social Security Administration in fiscal years 2011 and 2012, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

March 9, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Interior, 3 p.m., SD–124.

March 10, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

March 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Justice, 11 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 8, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SH–219 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine on the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; with the possibility of a closed session in SH–219 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Katharine G. Abraham, of Iowa, and Carl Shapiro, of California, both to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SD–538.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of the housing market, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

March 10, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: March 8, to hold hearings to examine the report of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, 10 a.m., SD–608.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine distribution and efficiency of spending in the tax code, 10 a.m., SD–608.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for defense and international affairs, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 8, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act", 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Philip E. Coyle, III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Frances M.D. Gulland, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Ann D. Begeman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 8, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Bruce Lyons, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 398, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve energy efficiency of certain appliances and equipment, and S. 395, to repeal certain amendments to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to lighting energy efficiency, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 9, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Highway Administration, 2:15 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: March 8, to hold hearings to examine if the tax system supports economic efficiency, job creation and broad-based economic growth, 10 a.m., SD–215.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's 2011 trade agenda, 10 a.m., SD–215.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine innovations in child welfare waivers, focusing on a pathway to reform, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 10, to hold hearings to examine Bridgepoint Education, Inc., focusing on a case study in for-profit education and oversight, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 8, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine State Department training, focusing on investing in the workforce to address 21st century challenges, 10 a.m., SD–342.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

March 9, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine new tools for curbing waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, 10 a.m., SD–342.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine information sharing in the era of WikiLeaks, focusing on balancing security and collaboration, 3 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 9, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–226.

March 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures, and the nominations of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, John A. Kronstadt, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Vincent L. Briccetti, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Arenda L. Wright Allen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael Francis Urbanski, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 9, business meeting to mark up the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Reauthorization Act of 2011, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 8, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation from Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 8, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 9, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 872, The Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 10, full Committee, hearing to review the impact of EPA regulation on agriculture, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 8, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Department of the Interior FY 2012 Budget Oversight Hearing, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on FY 2012 Budget—Small Business Administration, 3 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Park Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Defense, on FY 2012 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 9:30 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Army Corps of Engineers FY 2012 Budget Requests, 2 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Department of Health and Human Services FY12 Budget Request, 10:30 a.m., 2358–B Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Oversight of Veterans Programs, 2 p.m., HT–2 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of the Treasury International Programs, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Land Management FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Department of Agriculture FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on National Science Foundation (NSF) FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government on Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Reclamation FY 2012 Budget Requests, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Department of Education: FY12 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2358–B Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on FY 2012 Budget Request, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, on State Department FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Office of Surface Mining FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 11 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Navy and Marine Corps FY 2012 Budget Request, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Major Management Challenges at the Forest Service, 2 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, on FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Forest Service FY12 Budget Oversight Hearing, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Members and Outside Witness Hearing, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on FY 2012 Oversight & Budget, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Status of Health Reform Implementation, 10 a.m., 2358–B Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Library of Congress FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch on Government Accountability Office FY 2012 Budget, 11 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, March 9, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army modernization, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on Navy shipbuilding acquisition programs and budget requirements of the Navy's shipbuilding and construction plan, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on global challenges to readiness and the fiscal year 2012 budget request, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on counter proliferation strategy and the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and chemical biological defense program, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 10, full Committee, hearing entitled "Lifting the Crushing Burden of Debt", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 9, full Committee, hearing on The Budget and Policy Proposals of the U.S. Department of Education, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on The Pressures of Rising Costs on Employer Provided Health Care, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing on Education Regulations: Federal Overreach into Academic Affairs, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled ''Climate Science and EPA's Greenhouse Gas Regulations'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing on H.J. Res. 37, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Setting Fiscal Priorities in Health Care Funding'', 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled ''The FY 2012 EPA Budget'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 10, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 839, the HAMP Termination Act of 2011 and H.R. 861, the NSP Termination Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Operations, Activities, Challenges and FY 2012 Budget Request'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy, hearing entitled ''The Role of the Export-Import Bank in U.S. Competitiveness and Job Creation'', 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Capital Markets & Govt Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled ''Legislative Proposals to Create a Covered Bond Market in the United States'', 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled ''Legislative Proposals to Reform the National Flood Insurance Program'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 8, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, The Democratic Republic of the Congo: Securing Peace in the Midst of Tragedy, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on China's Indigenous Innovation Trade and Investment Policies: How Great a Threat? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 10, full Committee, hearing on North Korea's Sea of Fire: Bullying, Brinkmanship and Blackmail, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, Overview of U.S. Relations with Europe and Eurasia, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in the Middle East, 2 p.m., Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 9, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled ''Ensuring Effective Preparedness and Response—An Assessment of the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for the Federal Emergency Management Agency'', 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 9, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled ''Securing Air Commerce From the Threat of Terrorism'', 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 10, full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and that Community's Response'', 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, March 9, full Committee, markup of a house resolution regarding Committee funding, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 8, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law hearing on H.R. 10, the ''Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011'', 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on Driving American Innovation: Creating Jobs and Boosting Our Economy, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the Reauthorization of the PATRIOT Act, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on Review of Recent Judicial Decisions on Patent Law, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on New Jobs in Recession and Recovery: Who Are Getting Them and Who Are Not, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on a bill regarding lawsuit abuse reduction, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources; March 8, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on ''The effectiveness of federal spending on Native American programs, and on the President's FY 2012 budget request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians'', 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 8, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the effectiveness of federal spending on Native American programs, and on the President's FY 2012 budget request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing to ''Examine the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the U.S. Geological Survey and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal'', 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 10, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing entitled ''Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of National Park Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal'', 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 9, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled ''A Look at the FY2010 Consolidated Financial Report of the U.S. Government'', 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled ''Assessing the Cumulative Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturers'', 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled ''Are Federal Workers Underpaid?'', 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 10, full Committee, organizational meeting, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs and the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management joint hearing entitled ''Financial Management, Work Force, and Operations at the SEC: Who's Watching Wall Street's Watchdog?'', 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled ''Transparency Through Technology: Evaluating Federal Open-Government Initiatives'', 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Gov't. Organization, Efficiency & Financial Management, hearing entitled ''Red to Black: Improving the Collection of Delinquent Debt Owed to the Government'', 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, March 10, full Committee, An Overview of the Fiscal Year 2012 Research and Development Budget Proposals at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 11, full Committee, An Overview of the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposals at the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 9, full Committee, hearing on the Views and Estimates on the Small Business Administration's FY 2012 budget request, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation, March 8, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment hearing entitled ''Review of the FY 2012 Budget and Priorities of the Army Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service: Finding Ways To Do More With Less'', 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Cutting Spending and Consolidating Federal Office Space: GSA's Capital Investment and Leasing Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials hearing on Finding Ways to Encourage and Increase Private Sector Participation in Passenger Rail Service, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Implementation of Caregiver Assistance: Are We Getting It Right?, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 11, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the use of data matching to improve the administration of government benefit programs, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, March 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and James E. Shadid, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. At 5:30 p.m., the nomination of Sue E. Myerscough, will be confirmed, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Anthony J. Battaglia and James E. Shadid, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 23, Patent Reform Act. As a reminder, there is a 5 p.m. filing deadline for second-degree amendments to S. 23.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, March 8

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday, To be announced.

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