Friday, March 11, 2011

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 1031–1055; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 48; and H. Res. 165–166, were introduced. **Pages H1767–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1770–71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 147, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress (H. Rept. 112–30);

H.R. 839, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program, while preserving assistance to homeowners who were already extended an offer to participate in the Program, either on a trial or permanent basis, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–31); and

H.R. 861, to rescind the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and to terminate the program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–32). **Page H1767**

Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act: The House passed H.R. 836, to rescind the unobligated funding for the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program and to terminate the program, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 174. **Pages H1731–51**

Rejected the Connolly motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 173. **Pages H1748–50**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1739**

Agreed to:

Canseco amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that provides that all unexpended balances rescinded and permanently canceled by the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program's termination be retained in the General Fund of the Treasury for reducing the federal government debt and **Pages H1740–42**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that includes military servicemembers and veterans who have service-related injuries, as well as survivors and dependents of such individuals, in a study on use of the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program. **Page H1742**

Rejected:

Waters amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to post a statement prominently on the HUD website stating that the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program has been terminated and including contact information for borrowers who are uncertain as to how to proceed (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 172). **Pages H1742–46, S1747–48**

Point of Order sustained against:

Loretta Sanchez amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to provide that the bill take effect on the first date occurring after enactment on which the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of Labor Statistics

of the Labor Department, as released monthly, identifies that the unemployment rate for the United States is equal to 7.5% or less. **Pages H1746–47**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H1751**

H. Res. 151, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, March 9th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, March 14th, when it shall convene at noon for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H1754**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:02 p.m. and reconvened at 3:37 p.m. **Pages H1766–67**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1747–48, H1750, H1750–51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2012 Oversight and Budget. Testimony was heard from ADM Robert Papp, Commandant, United States Coast Guard.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Forest Service FY12 Budget Oversight Hearing. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner, FDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Members and Outside Witness Hearing. Testimony was heard from Rep. Cicilline; Rep. Farr; Rep. Richardson; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2012 Oversight & Budget Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from John Morton, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

LABOR, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Status of Health Reform Implementation. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Library of Congress FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Government Accountability Office FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General.

EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a 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. Testimony was heard from Kenneth B. Handelman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs; Andrew Weber, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs; Kenneth A. Myers, III, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; and Brigadier General Jess A. Scarbrough, USA, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

FEDERAL OVERREACH INTO ACADEMICS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing on Education Regulations: Federal Overreach into Academic Affairs. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Tighe, Inspector General, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—EPA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a joint hearing entitled "The FY 2012 EPA Budget". Testimony was

heard from Kenneth B. Handelman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs; Andrew Weber, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs; Kenneth A. Myers, III, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; and BG Jess A. Scarbrough, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, USA.

COVERED BOND MARKET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets & Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled ''Legislative Proposals to Create a Covered Bond Market in the United States''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity hearing entitled ''Legislative Proposals to Reform the National Flood Insurance Program''. Testimony was heard from Craig Fugate, Administrator, FEMA; Orice Williams Brown, Managing Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on a bill regarding lawsuit abuse reduction. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPARENCY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled ''Transparency Through Technology: Evaluating Federal Open-Government Initiatives.'' Testimony was heard from Danny Harris, Chief Information Officer, Department of Education; Chris Smith, Chief Information Officer, Department of Agriculture; Danny Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

DEBT OWED TO THE GOVERNMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency & Financial Management hearing entitled ''Red to Black: Improving the Collection of Delinquent Debt Owed to the Government.'' Testimony was heard from David Lebryk, Commissioner of Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NSF AND NIST

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposals at the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Testimony was heard from Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; Ray Bowen, Chairman, National Science Board; and Patrick Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, and Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Finding Ways to Encourage and Increase Private Sector Participation in Passenger Rail Service. Testimony was heard from Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Stephen Gardner, Vice President of Policy and Development, Amtrak; and public witnesses.

CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Implementation of Caregiver Assistance: Are we getting it right? Testimony was heard from Robert A. Petzel, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

DATA MATCHING AND GOVERNMENT BENEFITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the use of data matching to improve the administration of government benefit programs. Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 14 through March 19, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday,* at approximately 4:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization 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 16, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Navy, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

March 16, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD–124.

March 17, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Government Printing Office (GPO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services, March 15, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force 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 SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 17, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–323A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, March 15, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's report to Congress, focusing on reforming America's housing finance market, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget, March 15, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force, 10 a.m., SD–608.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the Task Force on Government Performance to examine modernizing performance, focusing on using the new framework, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, March 15, to hold hearings to examine realizing NASA's potential, focusing on programmatic challenges in the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of online consumer privacy, 10 a.m., SR–253.

March 17, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine investing in Federal research and development, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; March 15, to hold closed hearings to examine information regarding cyber security and critical electric infrastructure, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine current global investment trends in clean energy technologies and the impact of domestic policies on that investment, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works; March 16, to hold hearings to examine the report to the President from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance; March 16, to hold hearings to examine health reform, focusing on lessons learned during the first year, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations; March 16, to receive a briefing on Libya, 9 a.m., SVC–217.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph M. Torsella, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

March 16, Full Committee, to receive a briefing on Afghanistan, focusing on progress and expectations, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Bruce Shear, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Kurt Walter Tong, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, both of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; March 16, organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–430.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health insurance exchanges and ongoing state implementation of the ''Affordable Care Act'', 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; March 15, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine enhancing the President's authority to eliminate wasteful spending and reduce the budget deficit, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

March 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, ''Supporting Employee Competency and Updating Readiness Enhancements for (SECURE) Facilities Act of 2011'', S. 550, to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, an original bill entitled, ''Electronic Rulemaking Improvement Act of 2011'', S. 531, to amend section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determinations relating to overtime pay, S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards, S. 498, to ensure objective, independent review of task and delivery orders, S. 191, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications, S. 514, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, and

the nominations 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, and Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, 2 p.m., SD–342.

March 17, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine recouping improperly paid Federal assistance in the aftermath of disasters, 10 a.m., SD–342.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine catastrophic preparedness, focusing on if FEMA is ready for the next big disaster, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs; March 15, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for Tribal Programs, 10 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary; March 15, to hold hearings to examine the ''Freedom of Information Act'', focusing on ensuring transparency and accountability in the digital age, 10:15 a.m., SD–226.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

March 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures, S. 216, to increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and international violations relating to food that is misbranded or adulterated, S. 410, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, and the nominations of James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Edward Milton Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs; March 16, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations from AMVETS, Jewish War Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, Gold Star Wives, Blinded Veterans Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Fleet Reserve Association, 9:30 a.m., SDG–50.

Select Committee on Intelligence; March 15, closed business meeting to mark up the fiscal year 2011 Intelligence Authorization, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

March 17, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging; March 16, to hold hearings to examine securities lending in retirement plans, 2 p.m., SH–216.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 15, full Committee, hearing to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY2012, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing to review the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, agricultural conservation practices, and their implications on national watersheds, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 15, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H–309, The Capitol.

March 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2012 Oversight & Budget, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 1 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Pell Grants, 10:30 a.m., 2358–B Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on FY 2012 Budget, 10:30 a.m., HT–2, Capitol.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Army Posture, 2 p.m., H–140, Capitol.

March 15, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10:30 a.m., H–140, Capitol.

March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development—Transformation Initiative FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2012 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Science, Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Southwest Border Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Fish and Wildlife Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight Hearing, 1 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Health and Human Services FY12 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Veterans Affairs Budget, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the United Nations and other International Organizations, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10:15 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Afghanistan, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol. CLOSED HEARING

March 17, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on U.S.Geological Survey FY 2102 Budget Oversight Hearing, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Improper Payments, 10 a.m., 2358–B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 15, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military health system overview and Defense Health Program cost efficiencies, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on long-term readiness challenges in the Pacific, 2 p.m., 2218 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for national security space activities, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force tactical aviation programs, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, hearing on developments in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request from the U.S. Cyber Command, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Military Health System Overview and Defense Health Program Cost Efficiencies: A Beneficiary Perspective, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on amphibious operations, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 17, full Committee, hearing on Law of War Detention and the President's Executive Order Establishing Periodic Review Boards for Guantanamo Detainees, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military personnel overview, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on soldier and marine equipment for dismounted operations, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn

Committee on the Budget, March 17, full Committee, hearing on Fulfilling the Mission of Health Retirement Security, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 15, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing on Education Regulations: Burying Schools in Paperwork, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 17, full Committee, hearing on Education Regulations: Roadblocks to Student Choice in Higher Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 14 and March 15, full Committee, markup H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011; and H.J. Res. 37, a resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Power and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled "The FY2012 Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budgets", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Made in America: Increasing Jobs through Exports and Trade." 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Implementation and Sustainability of the New, Government-Administered Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Program." 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, entitled "Oversight of DOE Recovery Act Spending." 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on The American Energy Initiative: focus on oil supplies, gasoline prices, and jobs in the Gulf of Mexico, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 15, mark-up on legislation to Approve the Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Promote Job Creation, Capital Formation, and Market Certainty", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled "The Relationship of Monetary Policy and Rising Prices", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 16, full Committee, hearing on the Agency for International Development and the Millennium Challenge Corporation: Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Requests and Future Directions in Foreign Assistance, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 17, full Committee, hearing on The Global Nuclear Revival and U.S. Nonproliferation Policy, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Colombia and Panama Free Trade Agreements: National Security and Foreign Policy Priorities, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 15, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled ''Strengthening the Border—Finding the Right Mix of Personnel, Infrastructure and Technology.'' 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 16, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, hearing entitled ''Examining the Cyber Threat to Critical Infrastructure and the American Economy.'' 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 17, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications hearing entitled ''Ensuring Effective Preparedness, Response, and Recovery for Events Impacting Health Security.'' 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, March 17, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on Election Assistance Commission Operations and 2012 Budget Request, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 14, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on Promoting Investment and Protecting Commerce Online: Legitimate Sites v. Parasites, Part I, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Courts Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1002, the ''Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011'', 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 15, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled ''Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration and the Southeastern Power Administration'' including the President's Fiscal Year 2012 budget requests and other spending as it relates to the four Power Marketing Administrations, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 16, full Committee, hearing on the Obama Administration's De Facto Moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico: Community and Economic Impacts, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 17, full Committee, hearing on Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Domestic Resources and Economic Impacts, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 15, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled, ''State and Municipal Debt: The Coming Crisis? Part II.'' 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled, ''Obamacare: Why the Need for Waivers?'' 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing on TSA Oversight Part I: Whole Body Imaging, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing on Project Labor Agreements and the Cost of Doing Business in the Construction Industry, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 17, full Committee hearing entitled ''The Freedom of Information Act: Crowd-Sourcing Government Oversight'', 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, March 15, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on An Overview of Science and Technology Research and Development Programs and Priorities to Effectively Protect Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 16, mark-up on H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Behavioral Science and Security: Evaluating TSA's SPOT Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 15, full Committee, markup to consider the views and estimates on the Small Business Administration's FY 2012 budget request, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, hearing on Spurring Innovation and Job Creation: The SBIR Program, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 15, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Assuring the Freedom of Americans on the High Seas: The United States Response to Piracy, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Federal Regulatory Overreach in the Railroad Industry: Implementing the Rail Safety Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 17, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2012 Budget for the Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and Related Agencies, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 15, Subcommittee on Health, organizational meeting and hearing on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's (MedPAC) annual March Report to the Congress which details the Commission's recommendations for updating Medicare payment policies, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the tax code's treatment of abortion-related expenses and the changes to such tax treatment proposed by section 2 of H.R. 3—the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 17, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on pending trade agreements with Columbia, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: March 16, to hold hearings to examine Northern Ireland, focusing on justice in individual cases and accountability for past abuses by security services in the region, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon Building.

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Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, March 14

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 793—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the ''Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office'' and (2) H. Con. Res. 27—Providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol.

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