Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2639–S2700

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 877–887, and S. Res. 162–164. **Pages S2686–87**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the University of Minnesota Duluth Men's Ice Hockey Team: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 151, congratulating the University of Minnesota Duluth men's ice hockey team on winning their first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Hockey National Championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2694–95**

Recognizing the Teachers of the United States: Senate agreed to S. Res. 164, recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our Nation. **Page S2695**

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act: By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 64), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs. **Page S2661**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194, as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator Wicker, from the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and Senator Toomey, At Large. **Page S2695**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 66), John J. McConnell, Jr., of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island. **Pages S2661–76, S2700**

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

By 63 yeas to 33 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 65), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2661**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anthony Frank D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2011.

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Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, Personal Rank of Career Ambassador, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Dana L. Christensen, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

Katherine B. Forrest, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

John M. Gerrard, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Robert N. Scola, Jr., of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Dennis J. Erby, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Edward M. Spooner, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2013.

35 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2012, which was sent to the Senate on February 17, 2011.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—66) **Pages S2661, S2676**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2695.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor.

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION AND U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, Dennis M. McCarthy, Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, and Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, all of the Department of Defense.

NEW START TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the New START Treaty and plans for future reductions in nuclear warheads and delivery systems post-New START Treaty, after receiving testimony from James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and General C. Robert Kehler, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense; William J. Perry, Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford, California; and Keith B. Payne, Missouri State University Graduate Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, Fairfax, Virginia.

BUDGET ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine budget enforcement mechanisms, after receiving testimony from Susan J. Irving, Director, Federal Budget Analysis, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Paul N. Van de Water, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.; and Phil Gramm, UBS Investment Bank, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel, who was introduced by Senators Nelson (FL) and Lieberman; Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan; and Henry S. Ensher, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the border, focusing on progress at the Federal level, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Andrew Ross, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill; Timothy M. Cain, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina; Nannette Jolivette Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senators Landrieu and Vitter; Nancy Torresen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, who was introduced by Senators Snowe and Collins; and William Francis Kuntz II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, and Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in a joint closed session with the Committee on Armed Services to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1705–1734; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 48–49 and H. Res. 246–251, were introduced. **Pages H3059–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3062–63**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 245, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1229) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1230) to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–73). **Page H3059**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzpatrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3003**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3011**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Kurt Gerhard, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC. **Page H3011**

No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act: The House passed H.R. 3, to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions and to provide for conscience protections,

by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 292. **Pages H3023–37, H3041–43**

Rejected the Speier motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 291. **Pages H3041–43**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 112–71 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H3023**

H. Res. 237, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 286, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H3014–23**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H3038**

Repealing mandatory funding for school-based health center construction: The House passed H.R. 1214, to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction, by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 290. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, May 3rd. **Pages H3037–41**

Rejected the McCarthy (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 289. **Pages H3038–40**

Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 2, 2011) that was debated on May 3rd that sought to require the Health and Human Services Department to post a notice of rescission and the total amount of unobligated funds rescinded by the bill on the department's website (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 287) and **Pages H3037–38**

Pallone amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of May 2, 2011) that was debated on May 3rd that sought to require a GAO study to determine school districts most in need of constructing or renovating school-based health centers (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 288). **Page H3038**

H. Res. 236, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1213) and (H.R. 1214) was agreed to yesterday, May 3rd.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, May 5th. **Page H3043**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3022–23, H3037–38, H3038, H3040, H3040–41, H3042–43, and H3043. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Full committee held a markup of H.R. 1573, to facilitate implementation of title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, promote regulatory coordination, and avoid market disruption. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

PORK INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry-Public held a hearing to review the state of the pork industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIVE AMERICAN PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, Native American public witness hearing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Office of Science and Technology Policy FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Director.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a markup on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense

and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a markup on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MODERNIZING MINE SAFETY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Modernizing Mine Safety. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THREAT OF DATA THEFT TO AMERICAN CONSUMERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''The Threat of Data Theft to American Consumers.'' Testimony was heard from David Vladeck, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Pablo Martinez, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, U.S. Secret Service; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a joint hearing entitled ''The Role of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in America's Energy Future.'' Testimony was heard from the following Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials: Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman; Kristine L. Svinicki, Commissioner, William D. Magwood, Commissioner; and William C. Ostendorff.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a markup of H.R. 908, to extend the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism (CFATS) program through September 30, 2017. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets continued markup of the following: H.R. 1070, Small Company Capital Formation Act of 2011; H.R. 1062, Burdensome Data Collection Relief Act; H.R. 33, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to allow church plans to invest in collective trusts; H.R. 940, United States Covered Bonds Act of 2011; H.R. 1082, Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act; H.R. 1539, Asset-Backed Market Stabilization Act of 2011; and H.R. 1610, Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2011. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn. The following bills were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 33; H.R. 940; and H.R. 1070. The following bills were forwarded, without amendment: H.R. 1062; H.R. 1082; H.R. 1539; and H.R. 1610.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions held a markup of H.R. 1121, Responsible Consumer Financial Protection Regulations Act of 2011; H.R. 1315, Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011; and legislation to postpone the date for the transfer of functions to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection if the Bureau does not yet have a Director in place. H.R. 1121 was forwarded, as amended. H.R. 1315 and H.R. 1667, were both forwarded without amendment.

SECURING OUR NATION'S MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS AGAINST A TERRORIST ATTACK

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Securing Our Nation's Mass Transit Systems Against a Terrorist Attack.'' Testimony was heard from John S. Pistole, Administrator, TSA, Department of Homeland Security; W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Richard Daddario, Deputy Commissioner for Counterterrorism, New York City Police Department; Richard L. Rodriguez, President, Chicago Transit Authority; and Daniel O. Hartwig, Deputy Chief—Operations, BART Police Department, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).

MODERN SECURITY CREDENTIALS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing on H.R. 1690, the MODERN Security Credentials Act. Testimony was heard from Stephen Sadler, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing, TSA; and public witnesses.

COST-JUSTIFYING REGULATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Cost-Justifying Regulations: Protecting Jobs and the Economy by Presidential and Judicial Review of Costs and Benefits. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ICANN GENERIC TOP-LEVEL DOMAINS (gTLD)

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on ICANN Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 290, War Memorial Protection Act; H.R. 320, Distinguished Flying Cross National Monument; H.R. 441, Kantishna Hills Renewable Energy Act of 2010; H.R. 643, Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act; H.R. 686, Utah National Guard Readiness Act; H.R. 765, Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011; H.R. 850, to facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes; H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1022; Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act; and H.R. 1141, Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act. Testimony was heard from Rep. Hunter; Rep. Calvert; Rep. Bachmann; Rep. Campbell; Rep. Polis; Rep. Jackie Speier; Stephen E. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Ken Harycki, Mayor, Stillwater, Minnesota; David Beaudet, Mayor, Oak Park Heights, Minnesota; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL HYDROPOWER INVESTMENTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled "Protecting Federal Hydropower Investments in the West: A Stakeholder's Perspective." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IS THIS ANY WAY TO TREAT OUR TROOPS? PART III: TRANSITION DELAYS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled "Is This Any Way to Treat Our Troops? Part III: Transition Delays." John Medve, Executive Director, VA/DOD Collaboration Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lynn Simpson, Acting Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Randall B. Williamson, Director of Health Care, Dan Bertoni, Director of Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and Mark Bird, IT Team Assistant Director, GAO.

PUTTING THE GULF OF MEXICO BACK TO WORK ACT; AND RESTARTING AMERICAN OFFSHORE LEASING NOW ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a structured rule for H.R. 1229. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 1229 printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the 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 in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule further provides a structured rule for H.R. 1230. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 1230 printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered

only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the 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 in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 1229, add the text of H.R. 1230 as passed by the House as new matter at the end of H.R. 1229.

Testimony for H.R. 1229 was heard from the following: Chairman Hastings of Washington; Rep. Markey; Rep. Holt; Rep. Hanabusa; and Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas. Testimony for H.R. 1230 was heard from the following: Chairman Hastings of Washington; Rep. Markey; and Rep. Holt.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 1425, Creating Jobs Through Small Business Innovation Act of 2011. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

STIMULUS STATUS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing on Stimulus Status: Two Years and Counting. Testimony was heard from Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; Arthur A. Elkins, Jr., Inspector General, EPA; Phillip Herr, GAO; David Trimble; GAO; and Roy Kienitz, Undersecretary for Policy, Department of Transportation.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense plans and programs relating to counterterrorism, counternarcotics, and building partnership capacity, 9:45 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine legislative proposals in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's fiscal year 2012 budget, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine a joint staff discussion draft pertaining to cyber security of the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine enforcing America's trade laws in the face of customs fraud and duty evasion, 2 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine assessing United States policy and its limits in Pakistan, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold hearings to examine improving health quality and patient safety, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine understanding the power of social media as a communication tool in the aftermath of disasters, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold an oversight hearing to examine stolen identities, focusing on the impact of racist stereotypes on indigenous people, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting to consider S. 350, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, S. 623, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and the nominations of Bernice Bouie Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Henry F. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Kathleen M. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Nelva Gonzales Ramos, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Richard Brooke Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Sara Lynn Darrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, and Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing to review the U.S. Forest Service's proposed Forest Planning Rule, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Related Agencies, hearing on DC Courts and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Cemeterial Expenses—Army FY 2012 Budget, 1 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on American Battle Monuments Commission FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, markup on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes. 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, markup on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes. Noon, 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing on Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on The American Energy Initiative, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''The Need to Move Beyond the SGR.'' 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing on Overview of Security Issues in Europe and Eurasia, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Shifting Sands: Political Transitions in the Middle East, Part 2, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on Ensuring Competition on the Internet: Net Neutrality and Antitrust, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Office of Commercial Space Transportation's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Capital Access and Tax, hearing entitled ''Professional Services: Proposed Changes to the Small Business Size Standards.'' 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on EPA Mining Policies: Assault on Appalachian Jobs—Part I, 10 a.m., 2165 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup of H.R. 1383, Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011; H.R. 802, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program; H.R. 1657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; and legislation regarding the Five year extension of Housing Grant Authority under Section 2102A of Title 38; and H.R. 1671, Andrew Connolly Veterans' Housing Act. 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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