Wednesday, May 11, 2011

# Daily Digest

# Senate

## Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2851–S2894*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 943–957, and S. Res. 179–180. **Pages S2874–75**

**Measures Passed:**

*Minority Party's Committee Membership:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 179, to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Twelfth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S2892**

**Appointments:**

*Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy:

Senator Hoeven (Committee on Appropriations) and

Senator Graham (At Large) **Page S2892**

**Urbanski Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing that at 1 p.m., on Thursday, May 12, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Michael Francis Urbanski, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia; that there be one hour for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S2891**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 69), Arenda L. Wright Allen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Pages S2864–71, S2894**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Richard G. Andrews, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Cathy Ann Bencivengo, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Jeffrey J. Helmick, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

William J. Burns, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

26 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Navy and Public Health Service. **Pages S2892–94**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S2851, S2872**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2891**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—69) **Page S2871**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 3:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2892.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*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 National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Harold Varmus, Director, National Cancer Institute, and Susan B. Shurin, Acting Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

## APPROPRIATIONS: GUARD AND RESERVE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from General Craig R. McKinley, U.S. Air Force, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Major General Raymond W. Carpenter, U.S Army, Acting Director, Army National Guard, Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt III, U.S. Air Force, Director, Air National Guard, Lieutenant General Jack Stultz, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve, Vice Admiral Dirk Debbink, U.S. Navy, Chief, Navy Reserve, Major General Darrell L. Moore, U.S. Marine Corps, Director, Reserve Affairs, and Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., U.S. Air Force, Chief, Air Force Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

## 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 Thomas R. Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, Juan M. Garcia, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Vice Admiral Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Daniel B. Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower, Personnel and Services, all of the Department of Defense.

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Gregory L. Schulte, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space Policy, Rear Admiral David W. Titley, Director, Oceanography, Space and Maritime Domain, Awareness Division, OPNAV N2/N6 (Information Dominance), John A. Zangardi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Information and Space, General William L. Shelton, Commander, Air Force Space Command, Lieutenant General Susan J. Helms, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, Lieutenant General Richard P. Formica, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command and Army Forces Strategic Command, and Major General John E. Hyten, Director, Space Programs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense; and Christina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

## MANUFACTURING A STRONGER ECONOMY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine manufacturing our way to a stronger economy, after receiving testimony from Leo W. Gerard, United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (USW), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the United Steelworkers; Stephanie A. Burns, Dow Corning Corporation, Midland, Michigan; and Mike Rowe, Discovery Communications, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland.

## NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 114, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, S. 127, to establish the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in the State of Texas, S. 140, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 161, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, S. 177, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California, S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 279, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of

establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System, S. 302, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in nonwilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park, S. 313, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc, S. 323, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, S. 403, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior, S. 508, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, S. 564, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, S. 599, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 713, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 765, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 779, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, S. 849, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and S. 858, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator Carper; Stephen E. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Raymond Loretto, Valles Caldera Trust, Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

## UNITED STATES-COLOMBIA TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, after receiving testimony from Miriam Sapiro, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Sandra Polaski, Deputy Under Secretary of Labor for International Affairs; General James T. Hill, USA (Ret.), former Combatant Commander, United States Southern Command, Department of Defense, Coral Gables, Florida; Jeffrey S. Vogt, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Washington, D.C.; and Gordon Stoner, Montana Grain Growers Association, Outlook, Montana.

## HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC REFORM IN IRAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine human rights and democratic reform in Iran, after receiving testimony from Michael Posner, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and Philo Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iran, and Near Eastern Affairs, both of the Department of State; Kambiz Hosseini, Voice of America Persian, and Andrew Apostolou, Freedom House, both of Washington, D.C.; and Rudi Bakhtiar, International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran, New York, New York.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 174, expressing the sense of the Senate that effective sharing of passenger information from inbound international flight manifests is a crucial component of our national security and that the Department of Homeland Security must maintain the information sharing standards required under the 2007 Passenger Name Record Agreement between the United States and the European Union;

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'';

S. 349, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4865 Tallmadge Road in Rootstown, Ohio, as the ''Marine Sgt. Jeremy E. Murray Post Office''; and

S. 655, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Dogwood Street in Cary, Mississippi, as the ''Spencer Byrd Powers, Jr. Post Office''.

## DIVERTING NON-URGENT EMERGENCY ROOM USE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine diverting non-urgent emergency room use, focusing on if it can provide better care and lower costs, and health center strategies that may help reduce their use, after receiving testimony from Jim Macrae, Associate Administrator, Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of

Health and Human Services; Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Peter Cunningham, Center for Studying Health System Change (HSC), Washington, D.C.; Alieta Eck, Zarephath Health Center, Zarephath, New Jersey; and Dana Kraus, St. Johnsbury Family Health Center, St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

**AT&T/T-MOBILE MERGER**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the AT&T/T-Mobile merger, after receiving testimony from Randall Stephenson, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; Philipp Humm, T-Mobile USA, Inc., Bellevue, Washington; Daniel R. Hesse, Sprint Nextel Corporation, Overland Park, Kansas; Victor H. Meena, Cellular South, Inc., Ridgeland, Mississippi; and Gigi B. Sohn, Public Knowledge, and Larry Cohen, Communications Workers of America, both of Washington, D.C.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent;

S. 739, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government; and

The nomination of William J. Boarman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 1825–1856; 1 private bill, H.R. 1857; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58–61; and H. Res. 263, 265–266 were introduced. **Pages H3217–20**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3220–21**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 264, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 754) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–75). **Page H3217**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ellmers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3163**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3168**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Wallace Shepherd, Second Baptist Church, Santa Barbara, California. **Page H3168**

**Report Filing:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services have until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 to file its report to accompany H.R. 1540. **Page H3171**

**Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act:** The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 263 ayes to 163 noes, Roll No. 309. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, May 10th. **Pages H3180–86**

Rejected the Connolly motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 308. **Pages H3185–86**

Rejected:

Hanabusa amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought to state that the Secretary shall not issue an offshore drilling permit without certifying that the applicant has calculated a worst-case discharge scenario for the proposed drilling operations; and has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the applicant possesses the capability and technology to respond immediately and effectively to such worst-case discharge scenario (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 302); **Page H3180**

Holt amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought to strike a provision in the underlying bill that would "deem" drilling permits approved after

60 days even if the necessary safety and environmental reviews have not be completed. The amendment leaves in place a timeline for approving drilling permits, but prevents permits from being ''deemed'' approved before the safety review has been completed (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 303); **Pages H3180–81**

Polis amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought to lift timeline requirements if the agency lacks an adequate budget or lacks staff expertise to properly review permits (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 304); **Pages H3181–82**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought to require a detailed description of the extent to which and by when any oil found on the leased property will decrease the price of crude oil and at the pump for hardworking Americans (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 305); **Page H3182**

Deutch amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought to strike section 202 of H.R. 1229, so that states outside of the 5th Circuit could have their courts hear civil actions relating to energy projects in the Gulf of Mexico (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 306); and **Pages H3182–83**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought to strike section 207 of the bill which pertains to limitations on attorneys' fees (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 307). **Pages H3183–84**

H. Res. 245, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on May 5th.

Pursuant to section 3 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 1229, the Clerk shall (1) add the text of H.R. 1230, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1229; (2) conform the title of H.R. 1229 to reflect the addition of H.R. 1230, as passed by the House, to the engrossment; (3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (4) conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Fincher, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H3188**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 263, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3188**

**Report Filing:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary have until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 to file its report to accompany H.R. 1800. **Page H3188**

**Report Filings:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans Affairs have until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011 to file its reports to accompany H.R. 1407, H.R. 1484, H.R. 1627, H.R. 1383, H.R. 1657, and H.R. 802. **Page H3188**

**Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby:** The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 16, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Pages H3188–89**

**Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service:** The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 46, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page H3189**

**Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act:** The House began consideration of H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources and to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 12th. **Pages H3171–80, H3186–88, H3189–H3207**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

Agreed to:

Young (AK) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that makes technical numbering corrections to section 2 of the bill. **Page H3196**

Rejected:

Connolly amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that sought to clarify that new offshore drilling would not conflict with military operations (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 312); **Pages H3196–98, H3205**

Markey amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that sought to require that new 5-year leasing plans require that companies bidding on new leases first renegotiate any royalty-free leases they own; thus raising more than $2 billion over 10 years (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 313); and **Pages H3189–99, H3205–06**

Keating amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that sought to require the Secretary to make public information about the lessee's executive

bonuses from the most recent quarter (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 314).

**Pages H3199–H3200, H3206**

Proceedings Postponed:

Tsongas amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that seeks to require that all applicants for a drilling permit under a lease issued under H.R. 1231 would have to submit a worst-case scenario oil spill containment and clean-up plan; **Pages H3200–01**

Brown (FL) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that seeks to make permanent the current moratorium on drilling in the eastern gulf of Mexico that expires in 2022; **Pages H3201–02**

Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that seeks to clarify that the legislation does not allow for oil and gas drilling on the northern coast of California; and **Pages H3202–03**

Inslee amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that seeks to require the Washington state Governor and legislature approve any leasing of the Outer Continental Shelf off of Washington state.

**Pages H3203–04**

H. Res. 257, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 311, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 310.

**Pages H3171–80, H3186–88**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3164.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 16 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

**Pages H3164, H3216**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3180, H3181, H3181–82, H3182, H3183, H3183–84, H3185, H3186, H3187, H3187–88, H3205, H3205–06 and H3206. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

# *Committee Meetings*

## INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT—APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Endowment for the Arts FY12 Budget. Testimony was heard from Rocco Landesman, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts.

## DEFENSE—APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Health Program. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy; and Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the U.S. Air Force.

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH—APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, Members and Public Witnesses. Testimony was heard from William J. Boarman, Public Printer of the United States, GPO; Doug Elmendorf, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

## INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT—APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Endowment for the Humanities FY12 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from Jim Leach, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a markup of the following: H. Res. 208, Directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any document, record, memo, correspondence, or other communication of the Department of Defense, or any portion of such communication, that refers or relates to any consultation with Congress regarding Operation Odyssey Dawn or military actions in or against Libya; and 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 ordered reported, as amended.

## REMOVING INEFFICIENCIES IN THE NATION'S JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing on Removing Inefficiencies in the Nation's Job Training Programs. Testimony was heard from Andrew Sherrill, Director for Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee continued markup of the following: H.R. 5, the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2011. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

## MONETARY POLICY AND THE DEBT CEILING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled ''Monetary Policy and the Debt Ceiling: Examining the Relationship Between the Federal Reserve and Government Debt.'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ADDRESS THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DODD-FRANK WHISTLEBLOWER PROVISIONS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled ''Legislative Proposals to Address the Negative Consequences of the Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Provisions.'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PEACE CORPS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Peace Corps at 50. Testimony was heard from Aaron S. Williams, Director, Peace Corps; Kathy A. Buller, Inspector General, Peace Corps; Jessica Smochek, Former Peace Corps Volunteer; Carol Clark, Former Peace Corps Volunteer; Karestan Chase Koenen, Former Peace Corps Volunteer; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 209, Directing the Secretary of State to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any document, record, memo, correspondence, or other communication of the Department of State, or any portion of such communication, that refers or relates to any consultation with Congress regarding Operation Odyssey Dawn or military actions in or against Libya. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

## ON THE BORDER AND IN THE LINE OF FIRE: U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT, HOMELAND SECURITY AND DRUG CARTEL VIOLENCE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled ''On the Border and in the Line of Fire: U.S. Law Enforcement, Homeland Security and Drug Cartel Violence.'' Testimony was heard from Grayling Williams, Director, Office of Counter-narcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Amy Pope, Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor Criminal Division, Office of Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Steven C. McCraw, Director, Texas Department of Public Safety; Thomas C. Horne, Attorney General, Arizona; Sigifredo Gonzalez, Sheriff, Zapata County, Texas; and Victor Rodriguez Chief, McAllen Police Department, Texas.

## GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on GPO—Issues and Challenges: How will GPO Transition to the Future? Testimony was heard from William J. Boarman, Public Printer, GPO; and public witnesses.

## USA PATRIOT ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the USA PATRIOT Act: Dispelling the Myths. Testimony was heard from former Congressman Robert Barr; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on H.R. 1741, the Secure Visas Act. Testimony was heard from Gary Cote, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Office of International Affairs, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; David Donahue, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## USAID: FOLLOWING THE MONEY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled ''USAID: Following the Money.'' Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Donald Gambatesa, Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development.

## TRANSPARENCY AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S REGULATION OF RISK RETENTION

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled ''Transparency as an Alternative to the Federal Government's Regulation of Risk Retention.'' Testimony was heard from Edward DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; and public witnesses.

### INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 754, the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2011. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each such amendment 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Mike Rogers of Michigan; Rep. Ruppersberger; and Rep. Gibson.

### HYDRAULIC FRACTURING TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing on Review of Hydraulic Fracturing Technology and Practices. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Ames Jones, Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission; Robert M. Summers, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment; Harold Fitch, Michigan State Geologist; Director, Office of Geological Survey, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; and Board Member, Ground Water Protection Council; Paul Anastas, Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

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

### EPA MINING POLICIES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on EPA Mining Policies: Assault on Appalachian Jobs—Part II. Testimony was heard from Nancy Stoner, Acting Administrator, EPA Office of Water; and public witnesses.

### EXAMINING VA'S IT STRATEGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Reboot: Examining VA's IT Strategy for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1745, Jobs, Opportunity, Benefits, and Services Act of 2011. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

## *Joint Meetings*

### GROWING PRESSURE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Central Asia and the Arab spring, focusing on growing pressure for human rights and whether the factors that drove the uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East exist in any of the Central Asian States, after receiving testimony from Robert O. Blake, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Stephen Blank, Professor, National Security Affairs, Strategic Studies Institute, United States Army War College, Department of Defense; Paul A. Goble, Institute of World Politics, Staunton, Virginia; Scott Radnitz, University of Washington Jackson School of International Studies, Seattle; and Gulam Umarov, Sunshine Coalition, Uzbekistan, Memphis, Tennessee.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* 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 Federal Aviation Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Sergeant at

Arms, and the United States Capitol Police, 1:30 p.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on threats faced by our naval forces and the capabilities of our naval forces to respond to those threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Daniel L. Glaser, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, and Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, and Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President, and Sean Robert Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be a Member, both of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Dodd-Frank implementation, focusing on monitoring systemic risk and promoting financial stability, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the need for national mortgage servicing standards, 2 p.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine carbon capture and sequestration legislation, including S. 699, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to demonstrate the commercial application of integrated systems for long-term geological storage of carbon dioxide, and S. 757, to provide incentives to encourage the development and implementation of technology to capture carbon dioxide from dilute sources on a significant scale using direct air capture technologies, 9 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine Federal efforts to protect public health by reducing diesel emissions, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine oil and gas tax incentives and rising energy prices, 9 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine assessing the situation in Libya, 9:15 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the middle class, focusing on if the American dream is slipping out of reach for American families, 9:15 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if intelligence reform is working, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*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, S. 890, ''Fighting Fraud to Protect Taxpayers Act of 2011'', and the nominations of 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 Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

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

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, hearing to review pending free trade agreements, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Smithsonian Institution FY12 Budget Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the House of Representatives FY 2012, 11 a.m., HC–5, Capitol.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Reviewing Workers' Compensation for Federal Employees, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup of legislation regarding the Enhancing CPSC Authority and Discretion Act of 2011 (ECADA). 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, markup of H.R. 1683, the State Flexibility Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1309, the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011; 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; H.R. 1121, the Responsible Consumer Financial Protection Regulations Act of 2011; H.R. 1315, the Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1667, 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. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing on Export Controls, Arms Sales, and Reform: Balancing U.S. Interests, Part 1, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled ''Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 2): A Review of Efforts to Protect the Homeland Through Distribution and Dispensing of CBRN Medical Countermeasures.'' 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, markup of the following: H.R. 1690, MODERN Security Credentials Act; H.R. 1801, Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of The Armed Forces Act; and H.R. 1165, Transportation Security Administration Ombudsman Act of 2011. 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1160, McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 1670, Sikes Act Amendments Act. 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Health Care, DC, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled ''The District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability.'' 8:45 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled ''Where Have All the Letters Gone?—The Mailing Industry and Its Future.'' 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee and the Committee on Small Business, joint hearing entitled ''Politicizing Procurement: Will President Obama's Proposal Curb Free Speech and Hurt Small Business?'' 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Regulations, hearing entitled ''Green Isn't Always Gold: Are EPA Regulations Harming Small Businesses?'' 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on How to Stop Sitting on Our Assets: A Review of the Civilian Property Realignment Act, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 1407, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011; H.R. 1484, Veterans Appeals Improvement Act of 2011; H.R. 1627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; H.R. 1383, Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011; 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 H.R. 802, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program; 3 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Full Committee, hearing on the burdens that the tax code imposes on American companies and how such burdens place them at a competitive disadvantage as they try to sell goods and services around the world, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the* SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 12

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Michael Francis Urbanski, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 2 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the* HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 12

Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 1231—Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act. Begin consideration of H.R 754—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Subject to a Rule).

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