Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 50, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2895–S2973

Measures Introduced: Forty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 958–998, S.J. Res. 12, S. Res. 181–183, and S. Con. Res. 17. **Pages S2928–29**

Measures Reported:

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

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.

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''.

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''.

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. **Page S2927**

Measures Passed:

Independent Task and Delivery Order Review Extension Act: Senate passed S. 498, to ensure objective, independent review of task and delivery orders, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S2969**

50th Anniversary of the Defense Intelligence Agency: Select Committee on Intelligence was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 86, recognizing the Defense Intelligence Agency on its 50th Anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2969–70**

National MPS Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, designating May 15, 2011, as ''National MPS Awareness Day''. **Page S2970**

Devastating Tornadoes in April 2011: Senate agreed to S. Res. 182, expressing the condolences of the United States to the victims of the devastating tornadoes that touched down in the South in April 2011, commending the resiliency of the people of the affected States, including the people of the States of Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Virginia, and North Carolina, and committing to stand by the people affected in the relief and recovery efforts. **Pages S2970–71**

National Police Survivors Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 183, designating May 14, 2011, as ''National Police Survivors Day''. **Page S2971**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 16, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Pages S2971–72**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 46, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page S2972**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 50, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S2972**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of

the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of Sheryl B. Vogt, of Georgia, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Carney Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Susan L. Carney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit; that there be two hours 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 S2969**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 70), Michael Francis Urbanski, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. **Pages S2909–11, S2973**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2016.

Robert G. Taub, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2016.

Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring June 19, 2016.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—70) **Page S2911**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:56 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2972.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from J. Randolph Babbitt, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS, AND U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate; Terrance W. Gainer, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower received 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, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral David J. Dorsett, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance, and Director, Naval Intelligence, and Vice Admiral John T. Blake, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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,

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

DODD-FRANK IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Dodd-Frank implementation, focusing on monitoring systemic risk and promoting financial stability, after receiving testimony from Neal S. Wolin, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and John Walsh, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

NATIONAL MORTGAGE SERVICING STANDARDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the need for national mortgage servicing standards, focusing on if documentation problems reveal need for ongoing regulatory oversight, after receiving testimony from A. Nicole Clowers, Acting Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Diane E. Thompson, National Consumer Law Center, Godfrey, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Consumer Advocates; Laurie Goodman, Amherst Securities Group, New York, New York; David H. Stevens, Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), Washington, D.C.; Anthony Sanders, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Richard A. Harpootlian, Columbia, South Carolina.

CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Scott Klara, Deputy Laboratory Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; Sallie E. Greenberg, University of Illinois State Geological Survey, Champaign; Matt Watson, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.; and Chiara Trabucchi, Industrial Economics Incorporated, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

DIESEL EMISSIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine Federal efforts to protect public health by reducing diesel emissions, after receiving testimony from Todd T. Parfitt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Deputy Director, Cheyenne; Robert O'Keefe, Health Effects Institute, Boston, Massachusetts; Bob Lanham, Williams Brothers Construction Company, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; Allen Schaeffer, Diesel Technology Forum, Frederick, Maryland; Conrad G. Schneider, Clean Air Task Force, Brunswick, Maine.

OIL AND GAS TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine oil and gas tax incentives and rising energy prices, after receiving testimony from John S. Watson, Chevron Corporation, San Ramon, California; Marvin E. Odum, Shell Oil Company, Lamar McKay, BP America, and James J. Mulva, ConocoPhillips, all of Houston, Texas; and Rex W. Tillerson, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Irving, Texas.

LIBYA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Libya, after receiving testimony from James B. Steinberg, Deputy Secretary of State.

INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if intelligence reform is working, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jane Harman; Michael V. Hayden, former Director, Central Intelligence Agency, and former Director, National Security Agency; and John C. Gannon, former Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency.

MIDDLE CLASS AND THE AMERICAN DREAM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the middle class, focusing on if the American dream is slipping out of reach for American families, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Reich, former Secretary of Labor, University of California Berkeley; Heather Boushey, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Washington, D.C.; J. Michael Luttig, Boeing Company, Chicago, Illinois; and Sarah M. Fox, AFL–CIO, Bethesda, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 1858–1890; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 62; H. Con. Res. 62; and H. Res. 267 were introduced. **Pages H3277–81**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3281–82**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

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, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–76) and

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, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–77). **Page H3277**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Graves (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3223**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3230**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Monsignor Craig Harrison, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Bakersfield, California. **Page H3230**

Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 320. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, May 11th. **Pages H3237–42**

Rejected the Holt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 319. **Pages H3240–42**

Rejected:

Tsongas amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that was debated on May 11th that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 315); **Pages H3237–38**

Brown (FL) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that was debated on May 11th that sought to make permanent the current moratorium on drilling in the eastern gulf of Mexico that expires

in 2022 (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 316); **Page H3238**

Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that was debated on May 11th that sought to clarify that the legislation does not allow for oil and gas drilling on the northern coast of California (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 317); and **Pages H3238–39**

Inslee amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that was debated on May 11th that sought to require the Washington state Governor and legislature approve any leasing of the Outer Continental Shelf off of Washington state (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 318). **Pages H3239–40**

H. Res. 257, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, May 11th.

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 50, providing for an adjournment of the House of Representatives, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 321.

Pages H3237, H3242–43

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.

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Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011: The House began consideration of 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. Consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, May 13th. **Pages H3232–37, H3244–57**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Barrow amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–75) that tasks the Director of National Intelligence with creating a pilot grant program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities to assist in creating and maintaining academic curricula that teach advanced critical foreign languages, and for study abroad programs. Amendment aims to help intelligence community meet strategic, diversity and critical language goals and **Pages H3251–52**

Ruppersberger amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–75) that requires, within 180 days after enactment, the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community to submit to Congress a report on the degree to which racial and ethnic minorities in the United States are employed in professional positions in the intelligence community and barriers to the recruitment and retention of additional racial and ethnic minorities in these positions. **Pages H3253–54**

Withdrawn:

Dent amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–75) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the Director of National Intelligence and the Director of the CIA within 90 days of enactment of this Act to submit to the congressional intelligence committees all information possessed by the DNI and the CIA relating to the pursuit and targeting of Anwar al-Awlaki by the Federal Government, as well as an analysis of the legal impediments to pursuing the capture of Anwar al-Awlaki. **Pages H3252–53**

Proceedings Postponed:

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–75) that seeks to clarify that section 411 of the bill, which provides certain authorities for Defense Intelligence Agency Expenditures, applies only to National Intelligence Program funds. Also strikes section 412 of the reported bill, providing for the establishment of certain transfer accounts for intelligence funds; **Page H3251**

Gibson amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–75) that seeks to require the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a report containing recommendations the Director considers appropriate for consolidating the intelligence community; **Page H3253**

Hinchey amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–75) that seeks to require the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) to report to the House and Senate Intelligence panels on information it has regarding the human rights violations of the military government in Argentina that resulted in 30,000 disappearances between the mid-1970's and mid-1980's. The amendment also seeks to help shed light on the unknown fate of hundreds of Argentine children who were born in captivity and distributed to members of the Argentine security forces; and

Pages H3254–56

Carney amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–75) that seeks to establish the sense of Congress that railway transportation should be included in transportation security plans for intelligence agencies. **Pages H3256–57**

H. Res. 264, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

251 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 322, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H3232, H3243–44

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3244.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3237–38, H3238, H3238–39, H3239–40, H3241–42, H3242, H3242–43 and H3243. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review pending free trade agreements. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Smithsonian Institution FY12 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the House of Representatives FY 2012. Testimony was heard from Dan J. Strodel, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen Haas, Clerk of the House; and Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Reviewing Workers' Compensation for Federal Employees. Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Director of Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; Elliot P. Lewis, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General; Gary A. Steinberg, Acting Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; Scott Szymendera, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup of H.R. 1683, the State Flexibility Act of 2011. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a markup of legislation regarding the Enhancing CPSC Authority and Discretion Act of 2011 (ECADA). The bill was forwarded, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a 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; 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.

EXPORT CONTROLS, ARMS SALES, AND REFORM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Export Controls, Arms Sales, and Reform: Balancing U.S. Interests, Part 1. Testimony was heard from Ellen Tauscher, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; Eric L. Hirschhorn, Under Secretary, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; and James N. Miller, Jr., Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense.

TAKING MEASURE OF COUNTERMEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 2): A Review of Efforts to Protect the Homeland Through Distribution and Dispensing of CBRN Medical Countermeasures." Testimony was heard from Alexander G. Garza, MD, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Ali Khan, MD, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Mike McHargue, Director of Emergency Operations, Division of Emergency Medical Operations, Florida Department of Health; David Starr, Director, Countermeasures Response Unit,

Emergency Preparedness and Response, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Lawrence E. Tan, Chief, Emergency Medical Services Division, Department of Public Safety, New Castle County, Delaware; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a 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. H.R. 1690 and H.R. 1165 were both forwarded, as amended. H.R. 1801, was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 1800, the FISA Sunsets Reauthorization Act of 2011. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a 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. Testimony was heard from Kenny Evans, Mayor, Payson, Arizona; David Murillo, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: 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. Testimony was heard from Rep. Kissell; Rowan Gould, Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Capt. John Lowell, Director, Office of Coast Survey, NOAA; Gordon Myers, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, DC, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled ''The District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability.'' Testimony was heard from Vincent Gray, Mayor, District of Columbia; Kwame Brown, Chairman, DC City Council; Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

THE MAILING INDUSTRY AND ITS FUTURE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled ''Where Have All the Letters Gone?—The Mailing Industry and Its Future.'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POLITICIZING PROCUREMENT: WILL PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PROPOSAL CURB FREE SPEECH AND HURT SMALL BUSINESS?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee and the Committee on Small Business held a joint hearing entitled ''Politicizing Procurement: Will President Obama's Proposal Curb Free Speech and Hurt Small Business?'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA REGULATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Regulations held a hearing entitled ''Green Isn't Always Gold: Are EPA Regulations Harming Small Businesses?'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIVILIAN PROPERTY REALIGNMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on How to Stop Sitting on Our Assets: A Review of the Civilian Property Realignment Act. Testimony was

heard from Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, OMB; Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, Department of State; Anthony J. Principi, Former Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Chairman, 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission; David Winstead, Former Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a 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 G.I. 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. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1383, H.R. 802; H.R. 1407; H.R. 1484; and H.R. 1627. H.R. 1657 was ordered reported, without amendment.

BURDENS THAT THE TAX CODE IMPOSES ON AMERICAN COMPANIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a 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. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFORMING MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on reforming Medicare physician payments. Testimony was heard from Lisa Dulsky Watkins, MD, Associate Director, Vermont Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D430)*

H.R. 1308, to amend the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act to extend the termination date for the Commission. Signed on May 12, 2011. (Public Law 112–13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, markup on appropriations bill for FY 2012, 11 a.m., HC–5 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, markup on appropriations bill for FY 2012, 10:15 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing on Examining the Costs of Federal Overreach into School Meals, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing on FCC Process Reform, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on The Stanford Ponzi Scheme: Lessons for Protecting Investors from the Next Securities Fraud, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, continued 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. 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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