

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1825–S1914

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2740–2744, and S. Res. 479. **Page S1876**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Use of Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 313, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor the 5 years of service and sacrifice of our troops and their families in the war in Iraq and to remember those who are serving our Nation in Afghanistan and throughout the world. **Page S1839**

Kendell Frederick Citizenship Assistance Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2516, to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Brown (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 4177, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1891–92**

National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 390, designating March 11, 2008, as National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1892**

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 479, designating March 20, 2008, as “Second Annual National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day”. **Pages S1892–93**

Authorizing Use of Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 306, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S1893**

Enrollment Correction: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 270, to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1593, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1893**

Second Chance Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1593, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S1893–95**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013, taking action on the following amendments proposed there to: **Pages S1832–39, S1839–69, S1895–S1909**

Pending:

Baucus Amendment No. 4160, to provide tax relief to middle-class families and small businesses, property tax relief to homeowners, relief to those whose homes were damaged or destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and tax relief to America’s troops and veterans. **Pages S1839–55**

Graham Amendment No. 4170, to protect families, family farms and small businesses by extending the income tax rate structure, raising the death tax exemption to \$5,000,000 and reducing the maximum death tax rate to no more than 35 percent; to keep education affordable by extending the college tuition deduction; and to protect senior citizens from higher taxes on their retirement income, maintain U.S. financial market competitiveness, and promote economic growth by extending the lower tax rates on dividends and capital gains. **Pages S1855–69**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, and that Baucus Amendment No. 4160 (listed above) remain as the regular order, regardless of the pendency of other amendments. **Pages S1855, S1893**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared on March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-41) **Pages S1874-75**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Clifford Smith, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years.

Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

Mimi Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Kiyo A. Matsumoto, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Cathy Seibel, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1893.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effectiveness of the United States efforts to combat corruption, waste, fraud, and

abuse in Iraq, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Claude M. Kicklighter, Inspector General, and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, both of the Department of Defense; and Radhi Hamza al-Radhi, Commission on Public Integrity, Republic of Iraq.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Pacific Command and United States Forces in Korea, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General B.B. Bell, Commander, United Nations Command (UNC), Commander, Republic of Korea—United States Combined Forces Command (CFC), and Commander, United States Forces Korea (USFK), both of the Department of Defense.

NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the condition of the nation's infrastructure, focusing on proposals for needed improvements, including S. 1926, to establish the National Infrastructure Bank to provide funding for qualified infrastructure projects, after receiving testimony from David G. Mongan, American Society of Civil Engineers, Baltimore, Maryland; Felix G. Rohatyn, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Tracy Wolstencroft, Goldman, Sachs, and Co., both of New York, New York; and Ron Blackwell, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and Janet F. Kavinoky, United States Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.

U.S. BASIC RESEARCH BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 to support basic research in the United States, after receiving testimony from John Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; James M. Turner, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation.

CROSS-BORDER TRUCK PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's Cross-Border Truck pilot program, after receiving testimony from

Mary E. Peters, Secretary, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; and Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and Paul D. Cullen, Sr., Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, and the implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (Public Law 110-114), after receiving testimony from John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

HORN OF AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing evaluating United States policy options on the Horn of Africa, after receiving testimony from Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Katherine J. Almquist, Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs; David H. Shinn, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, and Lynn Fredriksson, Amnesty International USA, both of Washington, D.C.; and Colonel Thomas A. Dempsey, USA (Ret.), United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

NATO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on enlargement and effectiveness, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; General John Craddock, U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, NATO Headquarters, Mons, Belgium; Ronald D. Asmus, German Marshall Fund, Brussels, Belgium; and Philip H. Gordon, Brookings Institution, Bruce Pitcairn Jackson, Project on Transitional Democracies, and James J. Townsend, Jr., Atlantic Council, all of Washington, D.C.

LIFE SCIENCES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine funding of the National Institutes of Health, focusing on opportunities in the life sciences and biomedical research, after receiving testimony from Drew Gilpin Faust, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jill A. Rafael-Fortney, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus; Edward D. Miller, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; Samuel M. Rankin III, American Mathematical Society, Washington, D.C.; and Dana Lewis, Huntsville, Alabama.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Grace C. Becker, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

FAMILIES OF WOUNDED WARRIORS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on caring for the families of wounded warriors, after receiving testimony from Lynda C. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Military Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Kristen Day, Chief Consultant, Care Management and Social Work, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, and Steven L. Sayers, Clinical Research Psychologist, Philadelphia Medical Center, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Jane Dulin, United States Army Wounded Warrior Program, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania; Colonel Peter J. Bunce, USAF (Ret.), Arlington, Virginia; Robert Verbeke, Exton, Pennsylvania; and Jackie McMichael, Franklinton, North Carolina.

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: 20 public bills, H.R. 5575–5594; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 314–315; and H. Res. 1034–1035, 1037–1038 were introduced. **Pages H1538–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1539–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 5501, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria (H. Rept. 110–546, Pt. 2) and

H. Res. 1036, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 312) revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013. **Pages H1515, H1528**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1447**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H1449**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Gohmert motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 20 yeas to 364 nays, Roll No. 111. **Page H1453**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1034, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Armed Services: Representative Wittman (VA). Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Miller (MI). **Pages H1457–58**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Westmoreland motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 6 yeas to 387 nays, Roll No. 112. **Page H1458**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Miller (MI), wherein she resigned from the Committee on Armed Services, effective today. **Page H1458**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wittman (VA), wherein he resigned from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, effective today. **Page H1458**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Sires, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective today. **Page H1458**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1035, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Berman, Chairman. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Sires. **Page H1459**

Discharge Petition: Representative Drake moved to discharge the Committees on Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, Oversight and Government Reform, Armed Services, Agriculture, and Natural Resources from the consideration of H.R. 4088, to provide immigration reform by securing America's borders, clarifying and enforcing existing laws, and enabling a practical employer verification program (Discharge Petition No. 5).

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Foreign Affairs be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5501, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. **Page H1467**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Manzullo motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 5 yeas to 388 nays, Roll No. 113. **Pages H1467–68**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Platts motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 4 yeas to 396 nays, Roll No. 114. **Pages H1499–H1500**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to construct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility in Suitland, Maryland: H.R. 5492, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to construct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility in Suitland, Maryland; **Pages H1454–55**

Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany: H. Res. 854, amended, to express gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting

open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany.”.

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Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand: H. Con. Res. 290, amended, to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand; and

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Recognizing the 187th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy: H. Res. 1024, amended, to recognize the 187th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy.

Pages H1463–67

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, March 10th:

Congratulating Iowa State University of Science and Technology for 150 years of leadership and service to the United States and the world as Iowa’s land-grant university: H. Res. 924, amended, to congratulate Iowa State University of Science and Technology for 150 years of leadership and service to the United States and the world as Iowa’s land-grant university, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 115;

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Congratulating the University of Kansas (“KU”) football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in program history: H. Res. 948, amended, to congratulate the University of Kansas (“KU”) football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in program history by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas with 12 voting “present”, Roll No. 118; and

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Congratulating the women’s water polo team of the University of California, Los Angeles, for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Water Polo National Championship, and congratulating UCLA on its 100th NCAA sports national title, making it the most accomplished athletic program in NCAA history: H. Res. 493, amended, to congratulate the women’s water polo team of the Uni-

versity of California, Los Angeles, for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Water Polo National Championship, and congratulating UCLA on its 100th NCAA sports national title, making it the most accomplished athletic program in NCAA history, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 119.

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Oath of Office—Fourteenth Congressional District of Illinois: Representative-elect Bill Foster presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Daniel W. White, Executive Director, Illinois State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held on March 8, 2008, the Honorable Bill Foster was elected Representative to Congress for the Fourteenth Congressional District, State of Illinois.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Bill Foster, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 430.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Price (GA) announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution.

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Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Price (GA) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 192 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 116.

Pages H1502–03

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008—Presidential Veto: The House voted to sustain the President’s veto of H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 117 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

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Subsequently, the message (H. Doc. 110–100) and the bill were referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Abercrombie motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 196 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 120.

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Providing for the adoption of H. Res. 895: The House agreed to H. Res. 1031, providing for the

adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 895) establishing within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics, by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 182 nays with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 122, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 121.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 895 is adopted.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Honoring the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals: H. Res. 936, amended, to honor the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals, to celebrate the national unity the Gallatin Report engendered, and to recognize the vast contributions that national planning efforts have provided to the United States;

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Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act: H.R. 5563, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; and

Pages H1468–98

Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 2733, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Sutton motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 123.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1449 and H1468.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 66 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Twelve yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1453, H1458, H1467–68, H1499–H1500, H1500, H1503, H1513–14, H1514, H1515, H1524–25, H1532, H1533–34, and H1536–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT; FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Research, Education and Economic budget request. Testimony was heard from Gale A. Buchanan, Under

Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on OJP/COPS/OVW. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Jeffrey Sedgwick, Acting Associate Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; Carl R. Peed, Director, Community Oriented Policing Services; and Cindy Dyer, Director, Office on Violence Against Women.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Air Force Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Air Force: Michael W. Wynn, Secretary, and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on DOE—Energy and Conservation, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: C.H. Albright, Jr., Under Secretary; Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; James Slutz, Acting Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Kevin Kolevar, Director, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Nancy Nord, Acting Chair; and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Citizenship and Immigration Services: Strengthening legal immigration and improving refugee processing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, Department of Homeland Security; Emilio Gonzales, Director; Jonathan Scharfen, Deputy Director; and Timothy Rosado, Acting Chief Financial Officer.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Homeland Security Grants: Supporting a National Preparedness and Response System. Testimony was heard from David Paulison, Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Endowment for the Humanities. Testimony was heard from Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Implications of a Weakening Economy for Training and Employment Services. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on Navy Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on HIV/AIDS and Global Health Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Mark R. Dybul, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator; and Kent Hill, Assistant Administrator, Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development.

TACTICAL AVIATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on Department of the Navy and Air Force Tactical Aviation Programs. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and the following official of the Department of Defense: John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and the following officials of the Department of the

Navy: William Balderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Naval Air Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; RADM Allen G. Myers, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV 88), Headquarters, U.S. Navy; LTG George J. Trautman, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; LTG Daniel J. Darnall, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and LTG Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition.

FY 08 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION'S PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING STATEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Impact of the Administration's signing statement on the Department of Defense's implementation of the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Gary L. Kepplinger, General Counsel, GAO; T.J. Halstead, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MILITARY READINESS—GOVERNMENT'S ROLE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Inherently Governmental—What is the Proper Role of Government? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: P. Jackson Bell, Deputy Under Secretary, Logistics and Materiel Readiness, and Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing on After School Programs: How the Bush Administration's Budget Impacts Children and Families. Testimony was heard from Theresa Kough, Education Associate, Department of Education, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1108, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1198, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2007; H.R. 2464, Wakefield Act; H.R. 1237, Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3701, Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007; H.R.

2063, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act of 2007; H.R. 3825, Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007; and H.R. 1418, Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act.

COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE—ROLE OF PRIVATE EQUITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Role of Private Equity in the Communications Marketplace.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HUD BUDGET

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department’s budget request for fiscal year 2009 and oversight of emergency spending. Testimony was heard from Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

COIN MODERNIZATION AND TAXPAYER SAVINGS ACT OF 2008

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 5512, Coin Modernization and Taxpayer Savings Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Edmund C. Moy, Director, U.S. Mint, Department of the Treasury; Jay W. Johnson, former Representative from Wisconsin, and former Director of the Mint; and public witnesses.

U.S.-IRAQI REFUGEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East, and South Asia, and the Subcommittee on Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a joint hearing on Neglected Responsibilities: the U.S. Response to the Iraqi Refugee Crisis. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: James B. Foley, Senior Coordinator, Iraqi Refugee Issues; Lawrence Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; Stephen A. Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs; and Greg Gottlieb, Senior Deputy Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Lori Scialabba, Special Adviser to the Secretary of Homeland Security for Iraqi Refugees, Department of Homeland Security.

NET NEUTRALITY/INTERNET FREE SPEECH

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws held a hearing on Net Neutrality and Free Speech on the Internet. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CORPORATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Deferred Prosecution: Should Corporate Settlement Agreements Be Without Guidelines? Testimony was heard from Representatives Pallone and Pascrell; David E. Nahmias, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Northern District of Georgia, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Dana A. Brown, Director, Federal Air Marshal Service, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; Jeffrey D. Self, Chief, Southwest Border Division, Office of Border Patrol; Raymond R. Parmer, Deputy Director, Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Michael Stenger, Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Secret Service; and RADM Wayne Justice, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Capability and Director of Response, U.S. Coast Guard.

OVERSIGHT—GETTING ROYALTIES RIGHT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held an oversight hearing on Getting Royalties Right: Recent Recommendations for Improving the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Earl Devaney, Inspector General; David Deal, Vice Chair, Royalty Policy Committee; C. Stephen Allred, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management; Randall Luthi, Director, Minerals Management Service; and Larry Finfer, Deputy Director, Office of Policy Analysis; Frank Rusco, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Linda Stiff, Acting Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and Dennis Roller, Royalty Audit Section Manager, Office of the State Auditor, North Dakota.

ANIMAL PROTECTION MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; and a measure To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protection to bears illegally harvested for their viscera in the same manner as with respect to prohibited wildlife species. Testimony was heard from Benito A. Perez, Chief,

Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

D.C. PAROLE, SUPERVISED RELEASE AND REVOCATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on Advancements and Continual Challenges in the Parole, Supervised Release and Revocation of D.C. Code Offenders. Testimony was heard from Chief Issac Fulwood, Commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission, Department of Justice; Avis E. Buchanan, Director, Public Defender Service, District of Columbia; Rufus King, Chief Judge, D.C. Superior Court; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 752, amended, Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of 2007; H.R. 3033, amended, Contractors and Federal Spending Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3928, Government Contractor Accountability Act of 2007; and H.R. 4881, amended, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2007.

FEDERAL AGENCY USE OF COMMERCIAL INFORMATION RESELLERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on Privacy: The Use of Commercial Information Resellers by Federal Agencies. Testimony was heard from Karen S. Evans, Administrator, Office of E-Government and Information Technology, OMB; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Hugo Teufel III, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY COOPERATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on National Security and Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities on Energy Cooperation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides four hours of general debate on H. Con. Res. 312, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2009, equally divided

and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies to be equally divided and controlled by Representative Maloney of New York and Representative Saxton of New Jersey. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order 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, and shall not be subject to amendment. All points of order against the amendments are waived except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule permits the Chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the concurrent resolution to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule provides for a motion to take the Senate concurrent resolution on the budget from the table, strike all after the resolving clause, and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 312 as adopted by the House. Testimony was heard by Chairman Spratt and Representatives Scott of Virginia, Lee, Ryan of Wisconsin, Brady of Texas, and Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida.

NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the Transfer of Nanotechnology Initiative Research Outcomes for Commercial and Public Benefit. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the NIST's Fiscal year 2009 Budget Request: What Are the Right Technology Investments to Promote U.S. Innovation and Competitiveness. Testimony was heard from James Turner, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

SOUTHEASTERN U.S. WATER MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Comprehensive Watershed Management and Planning: Drought-related Issues in the Southeastern United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of Georgia, Boyd of Florida and Johnson of Georgia; from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Jess D. Weaver, Regional Executive, Southeast Asia, U.S. Geological Survey; and Sam D. Hamilton, Regional Director, Southeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; BG Joseph Schroedel, USA, Commander, South Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; J. John Feldt, Hydrologist-In-Charge, National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Robert J. Hunter, Commissioner, Department of Watershed Management, Atlanta, Georgia; and public witnesses.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/CO-MORBID DISORDERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Substance Abuse/Co-morbid Disorders: Comprehensive Solutions to a Complex Problem. Testimony was heard from Antonette Zeiss, Associate Chief Consultant, Mental Health Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's annual report on Medicare payment policies. Testimony was heard from Glen M. Hackman, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

BRIEFING—ADVANCED R&D BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Advanced R&D Budget. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D247)

S. 2478, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby Corner in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the "Captain

Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office". Signed on March 11, 2008. (Public Law 110-194)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the federal judiciary, 4 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to receive a briefing on the current readiness of the armed forces of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the strategic lift programs, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine technologies to combat weapons of mass destruction, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and military installation, environmental, and base closure programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and conduct oversight, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine the gross domestic product as a measurement of national strength, 1:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine hardrock mining, focusing on issues relating to abandoned mine lands and uranium mining, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine alternatives to the current federal estate tax system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States and Vietnam, focusing on the bilateral relationship, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine agencies in peril, focusing on protecting federal information technology and secure sensitive information, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine Generation Rx, focusing on the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine issues relative to in-person voter fraud and voter disenfranchisement, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings relative to doctors and prescription drug information and reviews, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on DEA, 9:30 a.m., and on Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals, Detention Trustee, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Army Posture, 10 a.m., and executive, on Army Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on The Judiciary, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Investing in Science and Technology, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses—Native American, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Status of the World Trade Center 9/11 Health Monitoring and Treatment Program, 1 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Office of Compliance, Congressional Budget Office, Open World Leadership Center, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol, and on Capitol Visitor Center, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Pacific Command, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for International Affairs—Secretary Rice, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Future of the Military Healthcare System, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy National Security Programs, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on H.R. 5522, Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled “The Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006: Implementation Review and Discussion of Safety Reassessment Intervals for Natural Gas Pipelines,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Regulatory Failure: Must America Live with Unsafe Food?” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Municipal Bond Turmoil: Impact on Cities, Towns, and States,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on the Balkans after the Independence of Kosovo and on the Eve of NATO Enlargement, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on 853 Days: From Gaza Disengagement to De Facto Power? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection hearing entitled “Partnerships in Securing Critical Infrastructure,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, oversight hearing on the Election Assistance Commission, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 5571, To extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; H.R. 5569, To extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program; H.R. 5570, Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008; and H.R. 5060, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as non-immigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in 5-year increments, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to consider the following bills: H.R. 2016, National Landscape Conservation System Act; H.R. 4933, Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008; H.R. 2342, National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007; H.R. 1187, Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 3352, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 3891, To amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; H.R. 2515, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act; H.R. 2675, HALE Scouts Act; and H.R. 3651, Utah National Guard Readiness Act, 11 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Priorities and Accountability at ONDCP, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Committee, hearing on Competitiveness and Innovation on the Committee's 50th Anniversary, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship, hearing on the Oversight of the Entrepreneurial Development Programs Implemented by the Small Business Administration and National Veterans Business Development Corporation, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on Intelligence Operations, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Nuclear Power in a Warming World: Solution or Illusion?" 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H. Con. Res. 312—Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013 (Subject to a Rule).

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