

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5283–S5380

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3523–3526, and S. Res. 562–564. **Page S5319**

Measures Reported:

S. 3249, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program and for other purposes, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 111–215) **Page S5319**

Measures Passed:

Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act: Senate passed H.R. 725, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5306**

Durbin (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 4391, to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country. **Page S5306**

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act: Senate passed S. 1508, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5306–09**

Durbin (for Carper) Amendment No. 4392, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5309**

National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 541, designating June 27, 2010, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5309–10**

Durbin (for Conrad) Amendment No. 4393, to improve the preamble. **Pages S5309–10**

Olympic Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 552, designating June 23, 2010, as “Olympic Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5310**

House Messages:

American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

DeMint motion to refer the House Message to accompany H.R. 4213, to the Committee on Finance with instructions. (By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 197), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S5305–06**

Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. (By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 198), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S5305, S5306**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus) motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4386 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5310**

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4387 (to Amendment No. 4386), to change the enactment date. **Page S5310**

Reid motion to refer in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4388, to provide for a study. **Pages S5310–11**

Reid Amendment No. 4389 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4388) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5311**

Reid Amendment No. 4390 (to Amendment No. 4389), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5311**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid (for Baucus) motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No.

4386 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 25, 2010. **Page S5310**

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

Coburn Amendment No. 4331 (to Amendment No. 4369), to pay for the cost of this act by reducing wasteful, inefficient, excessive and duplicative government spending, fell when the Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill) was tabled. **Page S5305**

Casey/Brown (OH) Amendment No. 4371 (to Amendment No. 4369), to provide for the extension of premium assistance for COBRA benefits, fell when the Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill) was tabled. **Page S5305**

LeMieux Amendment No. 4300 (to Amendment No. 4369), to establish an expedited procedure for consideration of a bill returning spending levels to 2007 levels, fell when the Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill) was tabled. **Page S5305**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 24, 2010. **Page S5380**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Rafael Moure-Eraso, of Massachusetts, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Rafael Moure-Eraso, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Mark A. Griffon, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Christopher A. Masingill, of Arkansas, to be Federal Cochairperson, Delta Regional Authority.

Malcolm D. Jackson, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S5311, S5380**

Messages from the House: **Page S5317**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—198) **Page S5306**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5380.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense received testimony from sundry public witnesses requesting funding for programs in the Department of Defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2011.

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine Minerals Management Service reorganization, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, and Michael Browich, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, both of the Department of the Interior.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S PRODUCT REVIEW PROCESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration's review process for products to treat rare diseases and neglected tropical diseases, after receiving testimony

from Gloria Steele, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; Jesse L. Goodman, Chief Scientist and Deputy Commissioner for Science and Public Health, Office of the Chief Scientist, Office of the Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Christopher P. Austin, Director, National Institutes of Health Chemical Genomics Center, Senior Advisor to the Director for Translational Research, Office of the Director, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health; and Emil Kakkis, Kakkis EveryLife Foundation, Diane Edquist Dorman, National Organization for Rare Disorders, and Thomas J. Bollyky, Center for Global Development, all of Washington, D.C.

UNITED STATES–CHINA TRADE RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States-China trade relationship, focusing on finding a new path forward, after receiving testimony from Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce; and Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

RISING CHINA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine finding common ground with a rising China, after receiving testimony from Laura Tyson, University of California Haas School of Business, Berkeley; and Carla A. Hills, Hills & Company, International Consultants, Washington, D.C.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, concluded a joint hearing with the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine customer and employee views on the future of the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from H. James Gooden, American Lung Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Don Hall, Jr., Hallmark

Cards, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; Allen Abbott, Paul Frederick Menstyle, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Keith McFalls, Prime Therapeutics, Dallas, Texas; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, San Francisco, California; Andrew Rendich, Netflix, Inc., Los Gatos, California; Don Cantriel, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, St. Louis, Missouri; Fredric V. Rolando, National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL–CIO, and William Burrus, American Postal Workers Union, AFL–CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Richard Collins, National Postal Mail Handlers Union, Rochester, Virginia; Louis Atkins, National Association of Postal Supervisors, Arlington, Virginia; and Charles Mapa, National League of Postmasters, and Robert Rapoza, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, both of Alexandria, Virginia.

OFFICE OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Office of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, after receiving testimony from Victoria Espinel, Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget; Barry M. Meyer, Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., Burbank, California; Paul E. Almeida, The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO), and David Hirschmann and Mark T. Esper, both of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.; and Caroline Bienstock, Carlin America, Inc., New York, New York.

SENATE FILIBUSTER

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the filibuster, focusing on silent filibusters, holds and the Senate confirmation process, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden, McCaskill and Grassley; G. Calvin Mackenzie, Colby College, Waterville, Maine; Lee Rawls, National War College, Kensington, Maryland; and Thomas E. Mann, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5575–5589; and 5 resolutions, H.J.

Res. 93; and H. Res. 1467, 1469–1471, were introduced. **Pages H4778–79**

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H4779–80

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1406, directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the potential designation of National Monuments (H. Rept. 111–510);

H. Res. 1468, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5175) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign influence in Federal elections, to prohibit government contractors from making expenditures with respect to such elections, and to establish additional disclosure requirements with respect to spending in such elections, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–511); and

Conference Report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2194) to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran (H. Rept. 111–512). **Pages H4751–70, H4778**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4679**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Steven Boes, National Executive Director, Boys Town, Nebraska. **Page H4679**

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

Requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to make a certification under the Small Business Lending Fund Program: H.R. 5551, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to make a certification when making purchases under the Small Business Lending Fund Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 379;

Pages H4682–85, H4696

Recognizing National Homeownership Month: H. Res. 1434, to recognize National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 380;

Pages H4685–87, H4696–97

National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act of 2010: H.R. 5569, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until September 30, 2010;

Pages H4687–90

Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act: S. 2865, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.);

Pages H4690–92

Expressing support for designation of July 2010 as “Braille Literacy Month”: H. Res. 1034, amended, to express support for designation of July 2010 as “Braille Literacy Month”;

Pages H4693–94

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing support for the importance of Braille in the lives of blind people.”. **Page H4694**

Calling Card Consumer Protection Act: H.R. 3993, amended, to require accurate and reasonable disclosure of the terms and conditions of prepaid telephone calling cards and services, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 383;

Pages H4698–H4701, H4731–32

Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act: S. 1660, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products;

Pages H4701–05

Recognizing June 20, 2010, as World Refugee Day: H. Res. 1350, amended, to recognize June 20, 2010, as World Refugee Day;

Pages H4705–07

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War: S.J. Res. 32, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and to reaffirm the United States-Korea alliance;

Pages H4707–09

Reaffirming the longstanding friendship and alliance between the United States and Colombia: H. Res. 1465, to reaffirm the longstanding friendship and alliance between the United States and Colombia; and

Pages H4711–13

Giving subpoena power to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling: H.R. 5481, amended, to give subpoena power to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 382.

Pages H4721–27, H4727–28

Recess: The House recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 4:17 p.m. **Page H4727**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, June 22nd:

Recognizing the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month: H. Res. 1369, to recognize the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 381 and

Pages H4697–98

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Hurricane Preparedness Week: H. Res. 1388, to support the goals and ideals of National Hurricane Preparedness Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 419 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 384.

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

Recognizing the important role that fathers play in the lives of their children and families: H. Con. Res. 285, to recognize the important role that fathers play in the lives of their children and families and to support the goals and ideals of designating 2010 as the Year of the Father; **Pages H4692–93**

Expressing support for designation of the week beginning May 2, 2010, as “National Physical Education and Sport Week”: H. Res. 1373, to express support for designation of the week beginning May 2, 2010, as “National Physical Education and Sport Week”; **Pages H4694–96**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the United States-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security: H. Res. 1464, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the United States-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security and to express appreciation to the Government of Japan and the Japanese people for enhancing peace, prosperity, and security in the Asia-Pacific region; **Pages H4709–11**

Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit held captive by Hamas: H. Res. 1359, amended, to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit held captive by Hamas; and

Pages H4713–16

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the one-year anniversary of the Government of Iran’s fraudulent manipulation of Iranian elections: H. Res. 1457, to express the sense of the House of Representatives on the one-year anniversary of the Government of Iran’s fraudulent manipulation of Iranian elections, the Government of Iran’s continued denial of human rights and democracy to the people of Iran, and the Government of Iran’s continued pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability. **Pages H4716–21**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Thomas Ludlow Ashley, former Member of Congress. **Pages H4728–31**

Requesting return of official papers on H.R. 5136: The House agreed to H. Res. 1467, requesting return of official papers on H.R. 5136.

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Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following members on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom: Ms. Elizabeth W.

Prodromou of Boston, MA, for a two-year term ending May 14, 2012, to succeed herself. Upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Mr. Ted Van Der Meid of Rochester, NY, for a two-year term ending May 14, 2012, to succeed Ms. Nina Shea.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4696, H4697, H4697–98, H4728, H4731–32, and H4732. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INDIAN RESERVATIONS—FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

OIL RIG/CLEANUP—WORKER HEALTH AND SAFETY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Worker Health and Safety from the Oil Rig to the Shoreline. Testimony was heard from RADM Kevin Cook, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy, Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department, of Homeland Security; John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute, Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; David Michaels, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; and Doug Slitor, Acting Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Offshore Energy and Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior.

MEDPAC’S REPORT TO CONGRESS: ALIGNING INCENTIVES IN MEDICARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “MedPAC’s June 2010 Report to Congress: Aligning Incentives in Medicare.” Testimony was heard from. Glenn Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment and Advisory Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5498, as amended, WMD Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2010; H.R. 5562, Homeland Security Grant Management Improvement Act; and H.R. 5105, as amended, To establish a Chief Veterinary Officer in the Department Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 5503, as amended, Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act; H. Res. 1455, adversely, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of certain communications relating to certain recommendations regarding administration appointments; and H.R. 5566, Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Crush Videos Act of 2010.

The Committee also approved a motion to authorize issuance of subpoenas to BP America for documents regarding its claims process relating to the Gulf oil spill.

COAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND RETIRED EMPLOYEE ACT OF 2010

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 5479, Coal Accountability and Retired Employee Act of 2010. Testimony was heard from Alfred Whitehouse, Chief, Division of Reclamation Support, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MEDICATION ASSISTED DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "Treating Addiction as a Disease: The Promise of Medication Assisted Recovery." Testimony was heard from Thomas McLellan, Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

DEMOCRACY IS STRENGTHENED BY CASTING LIGHT ON SPENDING IN ELECTIONS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5175, the "Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act." The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration

of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules, shall be considered as adopted and considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the 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, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the Chair of the Committee on House Administration or his designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. The rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of Friday, June 25, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this rule. The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain rules reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any rule reported through the legislative day of Friday, June 25, 2010, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure that includes a subject matter addressed by H.R. 4213. Testimony was heard from Chairman Brady (PA) and Representatives Van Hollen, Capuano, Daniel Lungren (CA), Harper, Kaptur, Price (NC), Kucinich, Edwards (MD), and Grayson.

DEEPWATER DRILLING TECH-RESEARCH-DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Deepwater Drilling Technology, Research and Development. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010: Understanding FMCSA's New System of Motor Carrier Oversight. Testimony was heard from Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

VA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Emergency Preparedness: Evaluating the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Fourth Mission. Testimony was heard from CPT D.W. Chen, M.D., USN, Director, Civil-Military Medicine, Force Health Protection and Readiness Policy and Programs, Department of Defense; Kevin Yeskey, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations, Department of Health and Human Services; Steve Woodard, Director, Response Operations, Response Directorate, Office of Response and Recovery, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Jose D. Riojas, Assistant Secretary, Operations, Security and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CYBERSECURITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Cybersecurity. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**RESTORING AMERICAN FINANCIAL STABILITY ACT**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4173, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, June 24th.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and Commander, United States Joint Forces Command, and Lieutenant General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Forces-Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine universal service, focusing on transforming the high-cost fund for the broadband era, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety of our nation's pipelines, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 3497, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require leases entered into under that Act to include a plan that describes the means and timeline for containment and termination of an ongoing discharge of oil, S. 3431, to improve the administration of the Minerals Management Service, S. 3509, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to promote the research and development of technologies and best practices for the safe development and extraction of natural gas and other petroleum resources, and S. 3516, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111-05), focusing on implementation-inspections and assistance, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111-05), focusing on benefits and risks, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine an overview of the Federal investment in for-profit education, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 3480, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and other laws to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States, S. 3335, to require Congress to establish a unified and searchable database on a public website for congressional earmarks as called for by the President in his 2010 State of the Union Address to Congress, S. 674, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees, H.R.

4861, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1343 West Irving Park Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Steve Goodman Post Office Building”, H.R. 5051, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23 Genesee Street in Hornell, New York, as the “Zachary Smith Post Office Building”, H.R. 5099 and S. 3465, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Main Street in Sharon, Massachusetts, as the “Michael C. Rothberg Post Office”, and the nominations of John S. Pistole, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Dennis J. Toner, of Delaware, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 3466, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, H.R. 908, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program, H.R. 2765, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments and certain foreign judgments against the providers of interactive computer services, and the nominations of Edward L. Stanton III, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, Stephen R. Wigginton, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, Cathy Jo Jones, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, and Timothy Q. Purdon, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, to review U.S. farm safety net programs in advance of the 2012 Farm Bill, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, hearing on United States Special Operations Command, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to mark up the FY 2011 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, 4 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on Ensuring Student Cyber Safety, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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