

to waive section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Landrieu Further Modified Amendment No. 4389 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow use of amended income tax returns to take into account receipt of certain hurricane-related casualty loss grants by disallowing previously taken casualty loss deductions, and to waive the deadline on the construction of GO Zone property which is eligible for bonus depreciation. The point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, April 4, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 7, 2008, and that Senators have until 3 p.m., on Monday, April 7, 2008, to file first-degree amendments.

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**Consolidated Natural Resources Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2739, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, to

implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—92)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2618.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 5713; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 322 and H. Res. 1081, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community, adversely (H. Rept. 110–541, Pt. 2);

H.R. 4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie

Tribe of Chippewa Indians, adversely (H. Rept. 110–542, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 1328, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–564, Pt. 1).

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

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, President, St. Luke Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

### Joint Meetings

#### EMPLOYMENT

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the employment situation for March 2008, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 7 through April 12, 2008

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security and Consumer Protection Act, and at 2:15 p.m. Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387. Also, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2739, Consolidated National Resources Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* April 8, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 9, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the De-

partment of State and foreign operations, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 9, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine cyber warfare programs, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 10, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Housing Administration's role in addressing the housing crisis, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 10, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-124.

April 10, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Crandall Canyon mine accident, 2 p.m., SD-138.

April 10, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the status of efforts to improve mine safety and health, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* April 8, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq and progress made by the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

April 8, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on Navy force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on progress made by the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 9, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on Air Force and Navy aviation programs, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on the progress made by the Government in Iraq meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, the future U.S. military presence in Iraq, and the situation in Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* April 10, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on proposals to mitigate foreclosures and restore liquidity to the mortgage markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 8, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Trade Commission reauthorization, 10 a.m., SR-253.