

*Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:* The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, Dorgan (Chairman), and Brown.

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

Ladda Tammy Duckworth, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs). **Pages S4599, S4600, S4601**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—161) **Pages S4543, S4552**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4601.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine environmental management stimulus funding, after receiving testimony from Ines R. Triay, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management.

### READINESS OF U.S. GROUND FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the current readiness of U.S. ground forces, after receiving testimony from General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, and General James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Com-

mandant, U.S. Marine Corps, both of the Department of Defense.

### SAVE AMERICAN ENERGY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 548, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors, after receiving testimony from Senator Schumer; Patricia Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Paul A. Centolella, Ohio Public Utilities Commission, Columbus; David J. Manning, National Grid, Brooklyn, NY; Steven Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Washington, DC; Thomas E. Skains, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Charlotte, NC, on behalf of the American Gas Association; and Rich Wells, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI.

### GSA AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration and energy efficiency in public buildings, after receiving testimony from Paul F. Prouty, Acting Administrator, General Services Administration; Doug Gatlin, U.S. Green Building Council, and Lane Burt, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, DC; and Harvey Bryan, Arizona State University School of Sustainability, Tempe.

### GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine global climate change, focusing on U.S. leadership for a new global agreement, after receiving testimony from Todd Stern, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Department of State; Helene D. Gayle, CARE USA, Atlanta, GA; Ned Helme, Center for Clean Air Policy, Washington, DC; and Paul Camuti, Siemens Corporate Research, Princeton, NJ.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, and Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of William Craig Fugate, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bill Nelson and Martinez, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John Morton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**MEDICARE AND MEDICAID FRAUD**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine eliminating waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid, after receiving testimony from Kay L.

Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Deborah Taylor, Acting Director and Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and James G. Sheehan, Medicaid Inspector General, New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, Albany.

**VA HEALTH RELATED LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending health related legislation, after receiving testimony from Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, KY; Ammie Hilsabeck, Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center, Department of Veterans Affairs, Iron Mountain, MI, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO; and Hilda R. Heady, West Virginia University Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, Ralph Ibson, Wounded Warrior Project, and Blake C. Ortner, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, DC.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 2020–2057; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 43; H. Con. Res. 104; and H. Res. 351, 353–355 were introduced. **Pages H4685–87**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4687–88**

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

H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1145) to implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative (H. Rept. 111–82). **Page H4677**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Holden to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4587**

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

***Expressing the sense of the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the hijacking of the Maersk Alabama:*** H. Res. 339, to express the sense of the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the hijacking of the Maersk Alabama, the kidnapping of Captain Richard Phillips by Somali pirates, and the rescue of Captain Phillips by U.S. Navy SEALs and the

crews of the USS Bainbridge, USS Boxer, USS Halyburton and Patrol Squadron (VP) 8;

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***Amending the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate:*** H.R. 749, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; **Pages H4594–95**

***House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2009:*** H.R. 1679, to provide for the replacement of lost income for employees of the House of Representatives who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces who are on active duty for a period of more than 30 days, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 196;

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