

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5985–S6133

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1166–1178, and S. Res. 167. **Page S6030**

Measures Considered:

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees' Retirement System, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S5994–S6017, S6017–20, S6020–23**

Pending:

Dodd Amendment No. 1247, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6017–20, S6020–23**

Burr/Hagan Amendment No. 1246 (to Amendment No. 1247), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6019–20, S6020–23**

Schumer (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1256 (to Amendment No. 1247), to modify provisions relating to Federal employees retirement. **Page S6023**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 4, 2009. **Page S6133**

Rural Transit Improvement and Flexibility Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration of S. 1144, to improve transit services, including in rural States, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. **Page S6133**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

Daniel M. Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Daniel M. Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury.

Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training. **Page S6133**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6133.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary, and Thomas P. Skelly, Director, Budget Services, both of the Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded

a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Department of the Interior.

ELECTRICITY GRID VULNERABILITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support received a closed briefing to examine electricity grid vulnerabilities to critical defense assets and missions from James R. Schlesinger, Co-Chairman, and R. James Woolsey, Jr., Co-Chair, Policy Panel, both of the Defense Science Board Task Force on Department of Defense Energy Strategy.

STRATEGIC FORCES BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for strategic forces programs, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Major General C. Donald Alston, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, and Major General Floyd L. Carpenter, USAF, Commander, 8th Air Force, Air Combat Command, both of the United States Air Force, and Rear Admiral Stephen E. Johnson, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, United States Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

MILITARY FAMILY PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for military family programs, policies, and initiatives, after receiving testimony from Arthur J. Myers, Principal Director and Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, Terri J. Rau, Deputy Director for Research and Development and Performance Measurement, Navy Installations Command, United States Navy, Eliza G. Nesmith, Chief, Airmen and Family Services Division, United States Air Force, Kathleen Marin, Director, Installation Services, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, United States Army, and Major General Timothy R. Larsen, USMC (Ret.), Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense; Kathleen B. Moakler, National Military Family Association; and Sheila L. Casey, Colleen K. Smith, Jennifer A. Mancini, and Patricia Davis.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION NEW STARTS PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine a fresh start for the Federal Transportation Administration's New Starts Program, after receiving testimony from A. Nicole Clowers, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Richard Sarles, Executive Director, New Jersey Transit, Newark; Gary C. Thomas, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Public Transportation Association; and Mariia Zimmerman, Reconnecting America, Washington, DC.

GM AND CHRYSLER DEALERSHIP CLOSURES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine General Motors and Chrysler dealership closures, focusing on dealers and consumers, after receiving testimony from James Press, Chrysler LLC, Auburn Hills, Michigan; Fritz Henderson, General Motors, Detroit, Michigan; John P. McEleney, National Automobile Dealers Association, McLean, Virginia; Peter Lopez, Spencer Auto Group, Spencer, West Virginia; and Russell Whatley, Mineral Wells, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Senators Baucus (Chair), Carper, Lautenberg, Cardin, Sanders, Klobuchar, Specter, Voinovich, Vitter, Barrasso, and Crapo.

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety: Senators Carper (Chair), Baucus, Cardin, Sanders, Merkley, Vitter, Voinovich, and Bond.

Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health: Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Baucus, Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Gillibrand, Specter, Crapo, and Bond.

Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife: Senators Cardin (Chair), Lautenberg, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), Merkley, Crapo, Barrasso, and Alexander.

Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy: Senators Sanders (Chair), Carper, Gillibrand, Bond, and Voinovich.

Subcommittee on Children's Health: Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Udall (NM), Merkley, Specter, Alexander, and Vitter.

Subcommittee on Oversight: Senators Whitehouse (Chair), Udall (NM), Gillibrand, Barrasso, and Vitter.

Senators Boxer and Inhofe are ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

PAKISTAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the security of Pakistan's nuclear program from national security briefers.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Eric P. Schwartz, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, who was introduced by Senator Merkley and former Representative Solarz, and Andrew J. Shapiro, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Lowey, 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 Martha N. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator, General Services Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

PANDEMIC FLU

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine pandemic flu, after receiving testimony from Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office;

Stephen M. Ostroff, Director, Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Epidemiology, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists; John Thomasian, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, Washington, D.C.; and Paul E. Jarris, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Arlington, Virginia.

FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine The Uniting American Families Act, focusing on addressing inequalities in federal immigration law, after receiving testimony from Julian Bond, National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Christopher Nugent, American Bar Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Roy Beck, NumbersUSA Education and Research Foundation, Arlington, Virginia; Jessica M. Vaughn, Center for Immigration Studies, Franklin, Massachusetts; Shirley Tan, Pacifica, California; and Gordon Stewart, London, United Kingdom.

LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the value of long-term care insurance, after receiving testimony from Sean Dilweg, Wisconsin Commissioner of Insurance, Madison; Carol Cutter, Indiana Department of Insurance Chief Deputy Commissioner Health and Legislative Affairs, Indianapolis; Diane Rowland, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Washington, D.C.; Thomas M. Stinson, Genworth Financial, Richmond, Virginia; and Bonnie Burns, California Health Advocates, Scotts Valley.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2672–2693; 1 private bill, H.R. 2694; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 138–143; and H. Res. 499–500, 502, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6155–56

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 415, to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and other rescue workers who are killed in the line of duty (H. Rept. 111–132) and

H. Res. 501, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 626) to provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (H. Rept. 111–133).

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

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

Frederic Remington Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2090, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the “Frederic Remington Post Office Building”; Pages H6084–87

Carl B. Smith Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2173, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1009 Crystal Road in Island Falls, Maine, as the “Carl B. Smith Post Office”; Pages H6087–90

Honoring the 20th anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in the Nation’s Capital and its transition to the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure on June 6, 2009: H. Con. Res. 109, to honor the 20th anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in the Nation’s Capital and its transition to the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure on June 6, 2009, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 298; and Pages H6090–93, H6122–23

Supporting the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month: H. Res. 437, amended, to support the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month.

Pages H6093–99

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

John S. Wilder Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1817, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the “John S. Wilder Post Office Building”. Pages H6081–84

Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 1385, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, by voice vote. Pages H6101–15

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. Page H6107

Agreed to:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–131) that provides that eminent domain may not be used to acquire lands in fee or in trust for an Indian tribe recognized under this Act and

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Goodlatte amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–131), as modified, that amends section 506(a) of the bill to remove all counties except Amherst County, Virginia. Pages H6113–15

H. Res. 490, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 31 and H.R. 1385), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 295, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. Pages H6099–H6101

Lumbee Recognition Act: The House passed H.R. 31, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 297. Pages H6115–22

Rejected the Hastings (WA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 296.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. Page H6115

H. Res. 490, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 31 and H.R. 1385), was agreed

to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 295, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H6099–H6101**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 2nd:

Expressing sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the combat stress clinic at Camp Liberty, Iraq, on May 11, 2009: H. Res. 471, amended, to express sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the combat stress clinic at Camp Liberty, Iraq, on May 11, 2009, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 299. **Pages H6123–24**

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: Agreed to refer H. Res. 500, directing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to report to the House of Representatives on the actions the Committee has taken concerning any misconduct of Members and employees of the House in connection with activities of the PMA Group, to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 134 nays with 17 voting “present”, Roll No. 300. **Pages H6124–25**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative McHugh, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services, effective today. **Page H6125**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6100–01, H6121, H6122, H6122–23, H6123–24, and H6624–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. FORESTRY POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review the future of forestry in the United States. Testimony was heard from Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

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 the Air Force: Michael B. Donley, Secretary; and GEN Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Navy and Marine Corps Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Raymond E. Mabus, Secretary; ADM Gary Roughhead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Stephen Chu, Secretary of Energy.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

COORDINATING REQUIREMENTS/ BUDGETS/ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on Coordinating Requirements, Budgets, and Acquisition: How Does It Affect Costs and Acquisition Outcomes. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Defense: Gordon England, Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy; ADM Edmund P. Giambastiani, USN (ret.); and LTG Ron Ladish, USAF (ret.).

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Military Construction, Family Housing, Base Closure, Facilities Operations and Maintenance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Wayne Arny, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Joseph Calcara, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army, Installations and Housing; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Installations and Environment; and Kathleen I. Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Installations.

FEDERAL RESERVE'S ECONOMIC VIEW

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Challenges Facing the Economy: The View of the Federal Reserve. Testimony was heard from Benjamin S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded markup of the following bills: H.R. 2221, Data Accountability and Trust Act; H.R. 2309, Consumer Credit and Debt Protection Act; H.R. 2190, Mercury Pollution Reduction Act; and H.R. 1706, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act.

FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on draft legislation the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Tim F. Jones, M.D., State Epidemiologist, Department of Health, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

FANNIE MAE/FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The Present Condition and Future Status of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Housing Finance Agency: James B. Lockhart III, Director; Edward J. DeMarco, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Deputy Director, Housing Mission and Goals; and Christopher Dickerson, Deputy Director, Enterprise Regulation; and public witnesses.

REMITTANCES: REGULATION AND DISCLOSURE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Remittances: Regulation and Disclosure in a New Economic Environment.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GENERIC DRUG PATENT SETTLEMENT DELAYS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Pay to Delay: Are Patent Settlements That Delay Generic Drug Market Entry Anticompetitive? Testimony was heard from Richard Feinstein, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; and public witnesses.

JUDGE SAMUEL B. KENT IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment held a hearing to consider Possible Impeachment of United States District Judge Samuel B. Kent. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. District Court, Southern District

of Texas: Cathy McBroom, Case Manager; and Donna Wilkerson, Legal Secretary; Alan Baron, Special Impeachment Counsel, House Committee on the Judiciary; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act; H.R. 2040, To authorize a process by which the Secretary of the Interior shall process acquisitions of certain real property by the Samish Indian Nation into trust; and H.R. 1035, Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from George Skibine, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 626, the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

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, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lynch, Maloney, Al Green of Texas, and Issa.

NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2407, National Climate Service Act of 2009.

HEALTH REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Common Ground: Finding Consensus on Health Reform, the Small Business Perspective.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER/ENVIRONMENT AGENCY BUDGETS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for FY 2010. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA; Michael Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; and Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; David White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; Collister Johnson, Jr., Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation; John H. Dunnigan, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and John M. Thomas III, Vice President and Controller, Financial Services, TVA.

ENDING VETERANS HOMELESSNESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on a National Commitment to End Veterans Homelessness. Testimony was heard from Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; John M. McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 952, as amended, COMBAT PTSD Act; and H.R. 2270, Benefits for Qualified World War II Veterans Act of 2009.

HUMAN CAPITAL

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Human Capital. Testimony was heard from LTG John F. Kimmons, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army; and the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Ron Sanders, Associate Director, National Intelligence for Human Capital; and Patricia Taylor, Chief, Intelligence Community EEO and Diversity.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D614)

H.R. 131, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission. Signed on June 2, 2009. (Public Law 111–25)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine regulatory reform and derivatives markets, 2 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to be followed by a closed session at 11:15 a.m. in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of the Navy; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Herbert M. Allison, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Stability, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter Silva, of California, to be Assistant Administrator for Water, and Stephen Alan Owens, of Arizona, to be Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for U.S.-China cooperation on climate change, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine a status report on emergency preparedness for the 2009 hurricane season, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, and the nominations of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine SBIR and STTR reauthorization, focusing on ensuring a strong future for small business in federal research and development, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review implications of the CFTC v. Zelener case, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010, 9 a.m., H140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on the Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Thinkers and Practitioners: Do Senior Professional Military Education Schools Produce Strategists? 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Special Operations Command, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Building on What Works at Charter Schools, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing on oversight of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Commercial Sales of Military Technologies," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Section 8 Voucher Reform Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Local and Regional Purchases: Opportunities to Enhance U.S. Food Aid, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and Global Environment, hearing on Agent Orange: What Efforts Are Being Made To Address The Continuing Impact of Dioxin in Vietnam? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "The FY 2010 Budget for Departmental Management and Operations at DHS," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1508, Sunshine in Litigation Act of 2009, 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on H.R. 984, State Secret Protection Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Indigent Representation: A Growing National Crisis, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, to mark up a measure to extend certain immigration programs, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Unconventional Fuels, Part I: Shale Gas Potential," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, joint oversight hearing on White-nose Syndrome: What's Killing Bats in the Northeast, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to mark up the following measures: Government Accountability Office Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 1345, District of Columbia Hatch Act Reform Act of 2009; H.R. 2392, Government Information Transparency Act; H. Res. 420, Celebrating the symbol of the United States Flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day; H. Res. 435, Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; H.R. 2325, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "Laredo Veterans Post Office;" H.R. 2422, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 702 East University Avenue in Georgetown, Texas, as the "Lyle G. West Post Office Building;" and H.R. 2470, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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