

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9391–S9488*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1675–1678, and S. Res. 269–272. **Page S9436**

#### Measures Passed:

**Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010:** Senate passed S. 1494, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9447–80**

Casey (for Feinstein/Bond) Amendment No. 2422, to improve the bill. **Page S9451**

**Defense Production Act of 1950:** Senate passed S. 1677, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950. **Pages S9480–86**

**National Aerospace Day:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 242, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Aerospace Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9486–87**

**National Hispanic Serving Institutions Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 269, designating the week beginning September 20, 2009, as “National Hispanic Serving Institutions Week”. **Page S9487**

**High Point Furniture Market 100th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 270, congratulating the High Point Furniture Market on the occasion of its 100th anniversary as a leader in home furnishing. **Page S9487**

**Citizenship Day 2009:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 271, expressing support for the ideals and goals of Citizenship Day 2009. **Page S9488**

#### Measures Considered:

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban

Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S9397–S9417**

#### Adopted:

Coburn Amendment No. 2374, to determine the total cost to taxpayers of Government ownership of residential homes. **Pages S9397, S9400**

Coburn Amendment No. 2377, to require public disclosure of certain reports. **Pages S9397, S9400**

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 279), Wicker Modified Amendment No. 2366, to permit Amtrak passengers to safely transport firearms and ammunition in their checked baggage. **Pages S9397, S9401–02, S9415**

By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 280), Vitter Amendment No. 2376, to affirm the continuing existence of the community service requirements under section 12(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. **Pages S9397, S9402**

Murray (for Warner) Modified Amendment No. 2402, to provide that amounts in the bill provided for the Transportation Planning, Research and Development program shall be used for the development, coordination, and analysis of data collection procedures and national performance measures. **Page S9416**

Murray Modified Amendment No. 2405, to provide the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development the authority to use previously appropriated funds to prevent the termination of housing assistance to eligible families. **Page S9416**

Murray (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2415, to provide technical and financial assistance to Illinois transportation officials to conduct a feasibility study for consolidated freight and passenger rail through Springfield, Illinois. **Page S9416**

#### Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 277), Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 2371, to remove an unnecessary and burdensome mandate on the States, by allowing them to opt out of a provision that requires States to spend 10 percent of their surface transportation funds on enhancement projects such as roadkill reduction and highway beautification. **Pages S9397–98, S9400–01**

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 278), Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 2372, to fully provide for the critical surface transportation needs of the United States by prohibiting funds from being used on lower-priority projects, such as transportation museums. **Pages S9397, S9401**

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 281), Gregg Amendment No. 2361, to prohibit the use of stimulus funds for selfcongratulatory signage that allows lawmakers to promote their spending of taxpayer dollars on stimulus projects. **Pages S9403–05, S9408–09**

By 33 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 282), Ensign motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions.

**Pages S9405–06, S9409–11**

Withdrawn:

Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 2370, to fully provide for the critical surface transportation needs of the United States by prohibiting funds from being used on lower-priority projects, such as roadkill reduction programs, transportation museums, scenic beautification projects, or bicycle paths, if the Highway Trust Fund does not contain amounts sufficient to cover unfunded highway authorizations. **Pages S9397, S9398–S9400, S9401**

Pending:

Landrieu Amendment No. 2365, to amend the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008. **Pages S9402–03**

McCain Modified Amendment No. 2403, to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S9406–07**

DeMint Amendment No. 2410, to limit the use of funds for the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport. **Pages S9407–08, S9414–15**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 2359, to prohibit the use of funds for households that include convicted drug dealing or domestic violence offenders or members of violent gangs that occupy rebuilt public housing in New Orleans. **Pages S9411–14**

Kyl motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith with Kyl Amendment No. 2421 (to the instructions on Kyl motion to commit the bill), relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. **Pages S9416–17**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that except for the amendments provided for in this agreement, no further amendments be in order to the bill, and the following be the only first-degree amendments and motion to recommit remaining in order to the bill; that the second-degree amendments which are relevant to the first-degree to which offered be in order, but not prior to a vote

on or in relation to the first-degree amendment; that the listed Kyl motion to recommit be the only motion to recommit in order, except motions to reconsider votes, or motions to waive applicable budget points of order; that a manager's amendment that has been cleared by the managers and the two Leaders also be in order, and that if the amendment is offered, then it be considered and agreed to: Landrieu Amendment No. 2365 (listed above), Vitter Modified Amendment No. 2359 (listed above), DeMint Amendment No. 2410 (listed above), McCain Modified Amendment No. 2403 (listed above), and Kyl motion to recommit with instructions (listed above); that upon disposition of the amendments and the motion to recommit, the substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill; that upon passage of the bill, Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Subcommittee and Senators Inouye and Cochran be appointed as conferees; provided further, that if a point of order is raised against the substitute amendment, then it be in order for another substitute amendment to be offered minus the offending provisions, but including any amendments which had been agreed to prior to this point of order, and no further amendments be in order to that amendment; that the new substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to, and that the remaining provisions beyond adoption of the substitute amendment remain in effect; provided that at 2 p.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2009, Senate continue consideration of the bill, and vote on or in relation to the amendments and motion as specified above, with two minutes of debate equally divided and controlled prior to each vote, and that after the first vote in a sequence, the remaining votes be limited to 10 minutes each; provided further, that the cloture motion be withdrawn. **Page S9417**

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2009, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Page S9488**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Joseph W. Westphal, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Juan M. Garcia III, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

John M. McHugh, of New York, to be Secretary of the Army. **Pages S9447, S9488**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—282) **Page S9400–01, S9401, S9402, S9409**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9488.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DC CHILDREN

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine the use, impact, and accomplishments of Federal appropriations provided to improve the education of children in the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Michelle Rhee, Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools, Josephine Baker, District of Columbia Public Charter School Board, and Gregory M. Cork, Washington Scholarship Fund, all of Washington, D.C.

### HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT PLANS COMMITTEE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine options from the review of the United

States Human Space Flight Plans Committee, after receiving testimony from Norman R. Augustine, Chairman, United States Human Space Flight Plans Committee, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### STRATEGIES FOR AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine three strategies for Afghanistan after receiving testimony from John A. Nagl, Center for New American Security, and Stephen Biddle, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.; and Rory Stewart, Harvard University Carr Center on Human Rights Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Richard Serino, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, and Peggy E. Gustafson, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 3579–3589; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 186 were introduced. **Page H9670**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9670–71**

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

H.R. 2423, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, and to designate the jury room in that Federal building and United States courthouse as the “Marcel C. Notzon II Jury Room”, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–257). **Page H9670**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lee (CA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9553**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Tri Robinson, Vineyard Boise Church, Boise, ID. **Page H9553**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, September 14th:

*Supporting efforts to reduce infant mortality in the United States:* H. Res. 260, amended, to support efforts to reduce infant mortality in the United States, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 704. **Pages H9569–70**

**Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2009:**

The House passed H.R. 3246, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, by a yea-and-nay vote of 312 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 709.

**Pages H9570–91**

Rejected the Broun (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 708.

**Pages H9589–91**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H9575**

Agreed to:

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that (1) amends title I to require

the Secretary of Energy to report to Congress after 18 months, and annually thereafter through 2015, after enactment on the technologies developed, the success of the adopted technologies for commercial applications, and whether those technologies are manufactured in the United States; (2) amends the reporting requirement in title II to clarify that the Secretary of Energy must submit the report to Congress annually; and (3) expands the nonroad systems program from heavy duty nonroad equipment to mobile nonroad equipment; **Pages H9577–78**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that adds a requirement to title I that the Secretary of Energy submit to Congress an annual report describing activities undertaken in the previous year, active industry participants, efforts to recruit new participants, progress of the program in meeting goals and timelines, and a strategic plan for funding of activities across agencies; **Page H9579**

Peters amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that includes retrofitting advanced vehicle technologies to existing vehicles as an area of research under the bill; **Pages H9579–80**

Posey amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that directs the Secretary of Energy to establish within the existing Vehicle Technologies Program an Innovative Automotive Demonstration Program to make competitively awarded grants for the purpose of demonstrating and bringing to market very high energy efficiency vehicles achieving at least 70 miles per gallon; **Pages H9580–81**

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that amends industry participation in the vehicle research and development program (sec. 101) to include manufacturers of all qualified plug-in electric vehicles; **Pages H9581–82**

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that explicitly includes agricultural and construction equipment in the nonroad systems pilot program (sec. 204); **Page H9582**

Marshall amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that requires that research into refueling and recharging infrastructure for alternative and hybrid fuel vehicles include the unique challenges facing rural areas; **Pages H9582–83**

Cohen amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that adds hydraulics, flywheels, and compressed air storage as technologies eligible for the proposed program; **Pages H9583–84**

Altmire amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that requires the Secretary of Energy to research and develop methods of reducing waste and

emissions from advanced battery technology and to increase advanced battery calendar and cycle life;

**Page H9585**

Donnelly (IN) amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that includes recreational vehicles as eligible under the Medium and Heavy Duty Commercial and Transit Vehicles research and development program (sec. 201) (by a recorded vote of 369 ayes to 62 noes, Roll No. 706); and

**Pages H9584–85, H9587–88**

Massa amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that authorizes support for public-private partnerships and industry programs that seek to overcome barriers to commercial production (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 707).

**Pages H9585, H9588–89**

Rejected:

Hall (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that sought to freeze authorization amounts at FY2010 levels through FY2013 and cut funding in FY2014 (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 705). **Pages H9578–79, H9586–87**

H. Res. 745, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection.

**Pages H9566–68**

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Naming the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley “Wes” Watkins:* H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley “Wes” Watkins.

**Pages H9591–94**

**Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009:** The House began consideration of H.R. 3221, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 17th.

**Pages H9558–66, H9594–H9637**

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

**Page H9604**

Agreed to:

George Miller (CA) manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that makes sundry changes to the bill;

**Pages H9624–30**

Cardoza amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that directs the Secretary of Education to prioritize community colleges located in areas with high unemployment rates when awarding grants for community college reform;

**Page H9632**

Pingree amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that adds to the list of reserved funds for distressed areas and areas affected by natural disaster direction for the Secretary to reserve funds for local educational agencies that serve a geographic area that contains a military installation selected for base closure; and

**Pages H9634–35**

Pingree amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that removes the prohibition of funding to community colleges who received funds for construction, modernization, renovation, and repair under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or under the higher education act of 1965.

**Pages H9635–36**

Proceedings Postponed:

Hoekstra amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that seeks to strike Title III of the bill, which authorizes \$6.6 billion in new mandatory spending to create three Federal school construction programs for elementary and secondary public schools and institutions of higher education, and apply the savings to reduce the Federal deficit;

**Pages H9630–32**

McMorris Rodgers amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that seeks to limit the ability of certain schools that received funding under the economic stimulus package for school construction from receiving additional money through the new Federal school construction program authorized under this bill; and

**Pages H9632–34**

Foxx amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that seeks to strike the entire American Graduation Initiative (but maintain the privacy provisions that apply to the whole Act) and put the savings toward deficit reduction. These privacy provisions ensure that student information is protected from individuals not authorized to view it and that students cannot be identified by any unique identifier.

**Pages H9636–37**

H. Res. 746, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 703, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection.

**Page H9569**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9569, H9569–70, H9586–87, H9587–88, H9588–89, H9590–91, H9591. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT— ENHANCEMENT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “Proposals to Enhance the Community Reinvestment Act.” Testimony was heard from Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas; Steven L. Antonakes, Commissioner of Banks, Division of Banks, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3570, Satellite Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 233, as amended, Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009; and H.R. 3290, September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act of 2009.

### CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Ken Salazar, Secretary; and Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General; Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE BUREAUCRACY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled “Between You and Your Doctor: The Bureaucracy of Private Health Insurance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### DEPLOYED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “A Call to Arms: A Review of Benefits for Deployed Federal Employees.” Testimony was heard from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; Marilee Fitzgerald, Director, Workforce Issues and International Programs, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Steven A. Browning, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State; Jerome D. Mikowicz,

Deputy Associate Director, Pay and Leave Administration, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, OPM; Shelby Hallmark, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Rules:* On September 15, 2009, the committee granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 3221, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. 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 amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the committee 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 this 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. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard by Chairman George Miller (CA), Representatives Cardoza, Pingree, Etheridge, Kilroy, Perriello, Kline (MN), Castle, Foxx, and Burton.

### AUTO DEALER CLOSING RURAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “The Economic Impact of Auto Dealer Closings on Rural Communities.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**HUDSON RIVER AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Hudson River Airspace and Management of Uncontrolled Airspace Corridors. Testimony was heard from Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Hank Krakowski, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public 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**

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund, United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank, and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, David C. Jacobson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway, all of the Department of State, Time to be announced, SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine countering the threat of failure in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine federal tax treatment of health care benefits provided by tribal governments to their citizens, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider 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, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and the nominations of Paul Joseph Fishman, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, and Jenny A. Durkan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine S. 1551, to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine veterans' disability compensations, focusing on benefits in the 21st century, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

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

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review proposed legislation by the U.S. Department of the Treasury regarding regulation of over-the-counter derivatives markets, Part One, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on the Department of Defense and Industry: Does DOD Effectively Manage Its Industrial Base and Match its Acquisition Strategies to the Marketplace? 8 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Utilizing Technology to Improve TARP and Financial Oversight," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Relations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on the United National Chapter VII Mandates and the U.S.-Iraq Bilateral Agreement, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The Secure Border Initiative: SBInet Three Years Later," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* to continue hearings on H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, to continue hearings entitled "Between You and Your Doctor: The Bureaucracy of Private Health Insurance," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology,* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia: Formulating an Action Plan, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Doing Business with the Government: The Record and Goals for Small,

Minority and Disadvantaged Businesses, 1:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Notification Update, 10:30 a.m., 304 HVC.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 17

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act; following which, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, with a series of up to 6 roll call votes beginning at 2 p.m., including passage of the bill.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 3221—Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

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