

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3548, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11063–S11130

Measures Introduced: Five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2726–2730, and S. Res. 333–337. **Page S11118**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the “John ‘Bud’ Hawk Post Office”.

H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, Florida, as the “Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office”.

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.

H.R. 2004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4282 Beach Street in Akron, Michigan, as the “Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the “John J. Shivnen Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1615 North Wilcox Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the “Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the “Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office”.

H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the “Lim Poon Lee Post Office”.

H.R. 3386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the “Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 3547, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the “Rex E. Lee Post Office Building”.

S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees.

S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms. **Page S11118**

Measures Passed:

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 334), Senate passed H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11077–S11103**

Adopted:

Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11077**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 2713 (to Amendment No. 2712), to change the enactment date. **Page S11077**

Reid Amendment No. 2714 (to Amendment No. 2713), of a perfecting nature. **Page S11077**

Reid Amendment No. 2715 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2712), to change the enactment date. **Page S11077**

Reid Amendment No. 2716 (to Amendment No. 2715), of a perfecting nature. **Page S11077**

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

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 333), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S11080**

National Military Family Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 336, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding designation of the month of November 2009 as “National Military Family Month”.

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Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 5, 2009, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and consider the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the committee-reported substitute amendment; that the motion to proceed be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be agreed to; and that prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment, there be 40 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled as follows: 20 minutes under the control of Senator Vitter, and 20 minutes total for Senators Mikulski and Shelby; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment.

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Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of H.R. 2847, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and that immediately after the bill is reported, Senator Johnson, or his designee, be recognized to call up the substitute amendment, which is the text of S. 1407, the Senate committee-reported bill.

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National Metro Safety 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. 1560, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish national safety standards for transit agencies operating heavy rail on fixed guideway, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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Kumar Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Suresh Kumar, of New Jer-

sey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, received in the Senate on October 29, 2009 and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on November 2, 2009 be jointly referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Page S11130

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Tara Jeanne O’Toole, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security. Pages S11103–05, S11130

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Albert Diaz, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

James A. Wynn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Grayling Grant Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

John Gibbons, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Robert William Heun, of Alaska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—334)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S11130.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OCEAN GOVERNANCE AND POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the future of ocean governance, focusing on building national ocean policy, after receiving testimony from Nancy H. Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality; Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Laura Davis, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Billy Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, Washington; and Dennis Takahashi-Kelso, Ocean Conservancy, Matthew Paxton, Ball Janik, on behalf of the Coastal Conservation Association, and Carolyn Elefant, Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1369, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1405, to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the "Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site", S. 1413, to amend the Adams National Historical Park Act of 1998 to include the Quincy Homestead within the boundary of the Adams National Historical Park, S. 1767 and H.R. 1121, bills to authorize a land exchange to acquire land for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, S. Res. 275, honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and H.R. 1287, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes

National Lakeshore, after receiving testimony from Senator Kirk; and Katherine H. Stevenson, Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee continued consideration of S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, November 5.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, who was introduced by Senator Enzi, Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael F. Mundaca, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, and Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Carmen Lomellin, of Virginia, to be Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, and Gustavo Arnavat, of New York, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1649, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to prepare for attacks using

weapons of mass destruction, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1862, to provide that certain Secret Service employees may elect to transition to coverage under the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System;

H.R. 553, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the overclassification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1755, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications;

H.R. 730, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees;

S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms;

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FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROCESS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal acknowledgment process, after receiving testimony from George T. Skibine, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgement, both of the Department of the Interior; Frank Ettawageshik, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; John Sinclair, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, Havre; Ann Tucker, Muscogee Nation of Florida, Bruce; and Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Indian Legal Clinic, Tempe.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Casey, Christina Reiss, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, Louis B. Butler, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Abdul K. Kallon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and Victoria Angelica Espinel, of the District of Columbia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4014–4026; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 208; and H. Res. 888–890 were introduced. **Page H12364**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H12364–65**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 3276, to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–328). **Page H12364**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Carlton Cross, First United Methodist Church, Prescott, Arkansas. **Page H12291**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, November 3rd:

Congratulating the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on its 40th anniversary and recognizing its significant accomplishments and contributions: H. Res. 858, to congratulate the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on its 40th anniversary and to recognize its significant accomplishments and contributions, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 843; **Page H12301**

Condemning the illegal extraction of Madagascar’s natural resources: H. Res. 839, amended, to condemn the illegal extraction of Madagascar’s natural resources, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 844; **Pages H12301–02**

Recognizing the scourge of pneumonia, urging the United States and the world to mobilize cooperation and prioritize resources to fight pneumonia and save children’s lives, and recognizing November 2 as World Pneumonia Day: H. Res. 863, amended, to recognize the scourge of pneumonia, to urge the United States and the world to mobilize cooperation and prioritize resources to fight pneumonia and save children’s lives, and to recognize November 2 as World Pneumonia Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 852; **Pages H12334–35**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the scourge of pneumonia, urging the United States and the world to mobilize cooperation and focus resources to fight pneumonia and save chil-

dren’s lives, and recognizing November 2 as World Pneumonia Day.”. **Page H12335**

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: H. Res. 641, amended, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the founding of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 853; and **Page H12335**

Calling on the United States Government and the international community to address the human rights and humanitarian needs of Sri Lanka’s Tamil internally displaced persons (IDPs) currently living in government-run camps: H. Res. 711, amended, to call on the United States Government and the international community to address the human rights and humanitarian needs of Sri Lanka’s Tamil internally displaced persons (IDPs) currently living in government-run camps by supporting the release of such IDPs, implementing and facilitating an independent oversight of the process of release and resettlement, and allowing foreign aid groups to provide relief and resources to such IDPs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 854. **Pages H12335–36**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Calling on the Government of Sri Lanka to address the human rights and humanitarian needs of its civilian internally displaced Tamil population currently living in government-run camps by working with the United Nations and the international community to implement a process of release and resettlement of such internally displaced persons (IDPs), and allowing foreign aid groups to provide relief and resources throughout the process.”. **Page H12336**

Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 3639, to amend the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 to establish an earlier effective date for various consumer protections, by a recorded vote of 331 yeas to 92 nays, Roll No. 851. **Pages H12294–H12323**

Rejected the Castle motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 171 yeas to 253 nays, Roll No. 850. **Pages H12320–22**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–326, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and

the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H12310**

Agreed to:

Hensarling amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–326) that clarifies that changes to a credit card agreement that reduce a customer's interest rate or other fees can be implemented immediately, instead of being subject to the 45-day waiting period required under the CARD Act of 2009 (by a recorded vote of 427 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 845); **Pages H12311–12, H12317–18**

McCarthy (NY) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–326) that provides that any card issuer that imposes a moratorium on increases in rates, fees and terms and conditions of a contract would be exempt from the accelerated date for the provision requiring an issuer to apply a customer's payment in excess of the minimum amount due, to the highest rate balance (by a recorded vote of 427 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 846); **Pages H12312–13, H12318**

Maffei amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–326) that sets the effective date of certain provisions of the CARD Act of 2009 to the enactment date of this Act (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 847); **Pages H12313–14, H12318–19**

Sutton amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–326) that prevents the closure of a credit card account in response to the imposition of a new fee from negatively impacting a consumer's credit report or credit score (by a recorded vote of 353 ayes to 71 noes, Roll No. 848); and **Pages H12314–16, H12319–20**

Sutton amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–326) that imposes a moratorium on increasing annual percentage rates, fees and finance charges, as well as a moratorium on changing the terms for repayment of outstanding balances on credit card accounts, for nine months after enactment of this Act (by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 849). **Pages H12316, H12320**

H. Res. 884, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 842, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 841. **Pages H12299–H12301**

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

Recognizing the Commissioning of the USS New York LPD 21: H. Res. 856, to recognize the Commissioning of the USS *New York* LPD 21, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 855 and **Pages H12323–25, H12336–37**

Recognizing the tragic loss of life that occurred at the Cherry Mine in Cherry, Illinois, on its 100th anniversary: H. Res. 752, amended, to recognize the tragic loss of life that occurred at the Cherry Mine in Cherry, Illinois, on its 100th anniversary and the contributions to worker and mine safety that resulted from this and other disasters. **Pages H12331–32**

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

Honoring and recognizing the service and achievements of current and former female members of the Armed Forces: H. Res. 868, to honor and recognize the service and achievements of current and former female members of the Armed Forces; **Pages H12325–27**

Congratulating the first graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy on their 50th graduation anniversary and recognizing their contributions to the Nation: H. Con. Res. 139, amended, to congratulate the first graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy on their 50th graduation anniversary and to recognize their contributions to the Nation; **Pages H12327–30**

Recognizing the efforts of career and technical colleges to educate and train workers for positions in high-demand industries: H. Res. 880, amended, to recognize the efforts of career and technical colleges to educate and train workers for positions in high-demand industries; and **Pages H12330–31**

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Family Literacy Day: H. Res. 878, to express support for the goals and ideals of National Family Literacy Day. **Pages H12332–34**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12299–H12300, H12300–01, H12301, H12302, H12317–18, H12318, H12318–19, H12319–20, H12320, H12322, H12323, H12334, H12335, H12335–36 and H12336–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRACTED DRIVING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a joint hearing on Driven To Distraction: Technological Devices and Vehicle Safety.

Testimony was heard from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Julius Genachowski, Chairman, FCC; former Representative Steve Largent of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3817, Investor Protection Act of 2009.

COPENHAGEN AND BEYOND: IS THERE A SUCCESSOR TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Copenhagen and Beyond: Is There a Successor to the Kyoto Protocol? Testimony was heard from Todd D. Stern, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Department of State; former Senator Timothy E. Wirth, State of Colorado; Eileen Claussen, former Assistant Secretary, Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3224, To authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland, and for other purposes; H.R. 2843, Architect of the Capitol Appointment Act of 2009; H.R. 3489, To amend the Help America Vote Act of 1972 to prohibit State election officials from accepting a challenge to an individual's eligibility to register to vote in an election for Federal office or to vote in an election for Federal office in a jurisdiction on the grounds that the individual resides in a household in the jurisdiction which is subject to foreclosure proceedings or that the jurisdiction was adversely affected by a hurricane or other major disaster, and for other purposes; and, as amended, H.R. 3542, State Admission Day Recognition Act of 2009.

The Committee also agreed to the following: Committee Resolution (111-6), to adopt voucher documentation standards; and Committee Resolution (111-7), to prohibit text messaging while driving on official business.

USA PATRIOT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Began consideration of H.R. 3845, USA PATRIOT Amendments Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

INDIAN LAND TRUSTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3742, To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; and H.R. 3697, To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Arcuri and Cole; Donald Laverdure, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN SAMOA RESOURCES— EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 3583, American Samoa Protection of Industry, Resources, and Employment Act. Testimony was heard from Togiola T. A. Tulafono, Governor, American Samoa; Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION AND AWARENESS ACT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation favorably approved for full Committee action the Cybersecurity Coordination and Awareness Act.

SMALL BUSINESS AND THE ESTATE TAX

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Small Businesses and the Estate Tax: Identifying Reforms to Meet the Needs of Small Firms and Family Farmers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Recovery Act: Progress Report on Water Resources Infrastructure Investment. Testimony was heard from Nanci E. Gelb, Deputy Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Office of Water, EPA; Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; John Hanger, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DOD QUARTERLY UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Department of

Defense Quarterly Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1269)

S. 1818, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall. Signed on November 3, 2009. (Public Law 111-90)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven L. Jacques, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Affairs, Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, and Marisa Lago, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Markets and Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1757, to provide for the prepayment of a repayment contract between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District, S. 1758, to provide for the allocation of costs to project power with respect to power development within the Diamond Fork System, and S. 1759, to authorize certain transfers of water in the Central Valley Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to continue consideration of S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey L. Bleich, of California, to be Ambassador to Australia, David Huebner, of California, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa, Robert R. King, of Virginia, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador, and Peter Alan Prahar, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine business formation and financial crime, focusing on finding a legislative solution, 10 a.m., SD-342.

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. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1490, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 139, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1472, to establish a section within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to enforce human rights laws, to make technical and conforming amendments to criminal and immigration laws pertaining to human rights violations, S. 1147, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and the nominations of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Kenyen Ray Brown, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, Stephanie M. Rose, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, and Nicholas A. Klinefeldt, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine reducing recidivism at the local level, 2 p.m., SD-226.

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Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on Preventing Child Abuse and Improving Responses to Families in Crisis, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up H.R. 515, Radioactive Import Deterrence Act, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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10 a.m., Thursday, November 5

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Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond two hours), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment; following which, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, and Senator Johnson, or his designee, be recognized to call up the substitute amendment.

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