

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11359–11392*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2771–2779. **Page S11382**

**Measures Passed:**

*Feed America Day:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 334, designating Thursday, November 19, 2009, as “Feed America Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11376**

*Drive Safer Sunday:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 335, designating November 29, 2009, as “Drive Safer Sunday”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S11376–77**

*National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 338, designating November 14, 2009, as “National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11377**

**Measures Considered:**

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11362–76, S11377–78**

**Adopted:**

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 344), Coburn Amendment No. 2757 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require public disclosure of certain reports. **Pages S11362, S11369–71**

Menendez Amendment No. 2741 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide, with an offset, an additional \$4,000,000 for grants to assist States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Durbin Amendment No. 2759 (to Amendment No. 2730), to enhance the ability of the Department

of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain health care administrators and providers in underserved rural areas. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Durbin Amendment No. 2760 (to Amendment No. 2730), to designate the North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Illinois, as the “Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center”. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Akaka Amendment No. 2740 (to Amendment No. 2730), to extend the authority for a regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Republic of the Philippines. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Johanns Amendment No. 2752 (to Amendment No. 2730), prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Pages S11362, S11377**

Feingold Amendment No. 2746 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require reporting on alternatives to major construction projects related to the security of strategic nuclear weapons facilities. **Pages S11363–64, S11377**

Udall (NM) Modified Amendment No. 2737 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make available from Medical Services, \$150,000,000 for homeless veterans comprehensive service programs. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Franken/Johnson Modified Amendment No. 2745 (to Amendment No. 2730), to ensure that \$5,000,000 is available for a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2747 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make available \$5,000,000 to improve outreach and provision of services for mental health and neurological conditions to veterans enrolled in programs of education at institutions of higher education. **Page S11377**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 2771 (to Amendment No. 2730), to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces. **Page S11377**

Johnson Amendment No. 2734 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require a report on bid savings realized from cost and scope variations for military construction projects. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for Warner/Webb) Amendment No. 2738 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide for a study on transportation improvements to accommodate installation growth associated with the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) program. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for McConnell) Amendment No. 2773 (to Amendment No. 2730), to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky, as the “Robley Rex Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson/Hutchison Amendment No. 2753 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make a technical correction requested by the Army in the funding of dining projects at forwarding operating bases in Afghanistan. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for Bingaman/Udall (NM)) Amendment No. 2749 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide \$37,500,000 requested by the Air Force for construction of an Unmanned Aerial System Field Training Complex at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, as authorized by section 2301(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (division B of Public Law 111–84), and to provide an offset. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2751 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make a technical correction for the Air Force at Columbus AFB, Mississippi. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for Burr/Akaka) Amendment No. 2743 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide, with an offset, an additional \$750,000 for homeless veterans comprehensive service programs and housing assistance and supportive services. **Pages S11377–78**

Rejected:

By 24 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 345), Coburn motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions. **Page S11371**

Withdrawn:

DeMint Amendment No. 2779 (to Amendment No. 2730), to prohibit the use of funds for the transfer or detention in the United States of detainees at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, if certain veterans programs for fiscal year 2010 are not fully funded. **Pages S11362, S11378**

Johnson (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2781 (to Amendment No. 2779 (to Amendment No. 2730)), to change the enactment date. **Pages S11362–63**

Pending:

Johnson/Hutchison Amendment No. 2730, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11362**

Johnson Amendment No. 2733 (to Amendment No. 2730), to increase by \$50,000,000 the amount available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for minor construction projects for the purpose of converting unused Department of Veterans Affairs structures into housing with supportive services for homeless veterans, and to provide an offset. **Page S11362**

Inouye Amendment No. 2754 (to Amendment No. 2730), to permit \$68,500,000, as requested by the Missile Defense Agency of the Department of Defense, to be used for the construction of a test facility to support the Phased Adaptive Approach for missile defense in Europe, with an offset. **Page S11362**

DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730), to prohibit the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to construct or modify a facility in the United States or its territories to permanently or temporarily hold any individual held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. **Page S11362**

Feingold/Sanders Amendment No. 2748 (to Amendment 2730), to make available \$5,000,000 for grants to community-based organizations and State and local government entities to conduct outreach to veterans in under-served areas. **Pages S11364–69**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, and that the following list of amendments be the only amendments remaining in order, with no second-degree amendments in order to any listed amendments: Johnson Amendment No. 2733 (to Amendment No. 2730) (listed above); Feingold/Sanders Amendment No. 2748 (to Amendment 2730) (listed above); Cochran Amendment No. 2763; DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730) (listed above); Inouye Amendment No. 2754 (to Amendment No. 2730) (listed above); and McCain Amendment No. 2776; that the previous order regarding a managers amendment remain in effect; that the vote with respect to DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730) occur when Senate resumes consideration of the bill at 2:15 p.m.; and that upon disposition of the amendment, the provisions of the previous order with respect to disposition of the substitute and passage of the bill remain in effect; that there be two minutes of debate prior to each vote, except that prior to the vote on DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730), there be five minutes of debate, with all debate time, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, with any other relevant provisions of the order of November 10, 2009 in effect. **Page S11378**

**Appointments:**

**Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the appointments with respect to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission made on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, be vitiated. **Page S11377**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following appointments be considered to have been made on Tuesday, November 10, 2009:

**United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Patrick A. Mulloy of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011, and William A. Reinsch of Maryland, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011. **Page S11377**

**Hamilton Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, following the disposition of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, the order of Tuesday, November 10, 2009, with respect to the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, be executed. **Page S11378**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Walter Crawford Jones, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S11390–92**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which was sent to the Senate on October 1, 2009, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S11392**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S11382**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S11382–84**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S11384–89**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S11380–82**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S11389–90**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S11390**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—345) **Page S11371**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11390.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 4068–4082 ; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 904–907 were introduced. **Page H13001**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H13001–03**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed on November 7, 2009 as follows:

H.R. 3618, to provide for implementation of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (H. Rept. 111–331, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3360, to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels (H. Rept. 111–332); and

H.R. 3791, to amend sections 33 and 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–333, Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 86, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–334);

H.R. 118, to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–335);

H.R. 2781, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–336);

H.R. 2888, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon and to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–337); and

H. Res. 841, expressing support for designation of November 29, 2009, as "Drive Safer Sunday" (H. Rept. 111–338). **Pages H13000–01**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Connolly (VA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H12973**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, November 17th, for morning hour debate. **Page H12974**

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

**W. Hazen Hillyard Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 North Main Street in Smithfield, Utah, as the "W. Hazen Hillyard Post Office Building", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 368 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 891; **Pages H12974–75, H12980–81**

**Extending the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees:** S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees; **Pages H12975–76**

**Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3539, to designate the facil-

ity of the United States Postal Service located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 367 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 890; **Pages H12976–77, 12980**

**Providing that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances:** H.R. 1506, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances; and **Pages H12977–78**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office Designation Act:** S. 1314, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 373 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 889. **Pages H12978–80**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H12979**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H12973.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 806 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, S. 1860 was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and S. 1422 was held at the desk. **Page H13000**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12979–80, H12980, H12980–81. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1316)

S. 475, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency. Signed on November 11, 2009. (Public Law 111–97)

S. 509, to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington. Signed on November 11, 2009. (Public Law 111–98)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the United States child nutrition programs, focusing on opportunities to fight hunger and improve child health, 10:30 a.m., SD–562.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine protecting consumers from overdraft fees, focusing on the Fairness and Accountability in Receiving Overdraft Coverage Act, 3 p.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine aggressive sales tactics on the Internet and their impact on American consumers, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the international aspects of global climate change, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States counterterrorism priorities and strategy across Africa's Sahel region, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1524, to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, S. 2727, to provide for continued application of arrangements under the Protocol on Inspections and Continuous Monitoring Activities Relating to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms in the period following the Protocol's termination on December 5, 2009, S. 1739, to promote freedom of the press around the world, S. 1067, to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, S. Res. 341, supporting peace, security, and innocent civilians affected by conflict in Yemen, S. Res. 345, deploring the rape and assault of women in Guinea and the killing of political protesters, H. Con. Res. 36, calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise in all appropriate bilateral and multilateral fora the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson,

and calling on Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc.110–21), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 21, 1994, as Amended by the Protocol signed on December 8, 2004, signed January 13, 2009, at Paris, together with a related Memorandum of Understanding, signed January 13, 2009 (Treaty Doc.111–04), the nominations of Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, 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, Peter Alan Prahar, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, 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 to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Carmen Lomellin, of Virginia, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, James LaGarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and any pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States and the G–20, focusing on remaking the international economic architecture, 3 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine H1N1 flu, focusing on getting the vaccine to where it is needed most, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on preventing terrorist attacks and protecting privacy in cyberspace, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* November 19, to hold hearings to examine financial regulatory reform, focusing on protecting taxpayers and the economy, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 17 through November 21,  
2009

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, vote on or in relation to certain amendments, and passage of the bill; following which, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

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

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the United States child nutrition programs, focusing on opportunities to fight hunger and improve child health, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reforming the United States financial market regulation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* November 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense, and Lawrence G. Romo, of Texas, to be Director of the Selective Service, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine protecting consumers from overdraft fees, focusing on the Fairness and Accountability in Receiving Overdraft Coverage Act, 3 p.m., SD-538.

November 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2009", 10 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine aggressive sales tactics on the Internet and their impact on American consumers, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary, and to be Chief Financial Officer, and Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, Philip E. Coyle, III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Anthony R. Coscia, of New Jersey, and Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

November 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 592, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, S. 850, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks, S. 1224, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 2764, to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, and S. 2768, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine the international aspects of global climate change, 10 a.m., SD-366.

November 18, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, focusing on natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine environmental stewardship policies related to offshore energy production, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 18, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Economic Development Revitalization Act of 2009", 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* November 19, to hold hearings to examine United States preference programs, focusing on options for reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

November 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary, and Charles Collins, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* November 17, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States counterterrorism priorities and strategy across Africa's Sahel region, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

November 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1524, to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, S. 2727, to provide for continued application of arrangements under the Protocol

on Inspections and Continuous Monitoring Activities Relating to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms in the period following the Protocol's termination on December 5, 2009, S. 1739, to promote freedom of the press around the world, S. 1067, to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, S. Res. 341, supporting peace, security, and innocent civilians affected by conflict in Yemen, S. Res. 345, deploring the rape and assault of women in Guinea and the killing of political protesters, H. Con. Res. 36, calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise in all appropriate bilateral and multilateral fora the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling on Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110–21), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 21, 1994, as Amended by the Protocol signed on December 8, 2004, signed January 13, 2009, at Paris, together with a related Memorandum of Understanding, signed January 13, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–04), the nominations of Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, 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, Peter Alan Prahar, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, 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 to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Carmen Lomellin, of Virginia, to be Permanent Representative of the United

States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, James LaGarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and any pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States and the G–20, focusing on re-making the international economic architecture, 3 p.m., SD–419.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, all of the Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, all of the Department of State, 3:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* November 18, business meeting to consider S. 510, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, and the nominations of David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Pamela S. Hyde, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, any pending nominations, and subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD–430.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nominations for Commissioner and for General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine H1N1 flu, focusing on getting the vaccine to where it is needed most, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

November 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel I. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

November 18, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine accountability for foreign contractors, focusing on the Lieutenant Colonel Dominic 'Rocky' Baragona Justice for American Heroes Harmed by Contractors Act, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Fort Hood Attack, focusing on a preliminary assessment, 10 a.m., SD–342.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alan C. Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* November 19, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine drug smuggling and gang activity in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* November 17, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on preventing terrorist attacks and protecting privacy in cyberspace, 10 a.m., SD-226.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SDG-50.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Susan B. Carbon, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, and John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, both of the Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

November 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 448, 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. 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. 1147, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 1353, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, S. 678, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and the nominations of Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, 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, Victoria Angelica Espinel, of the District of Columbia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, and Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Dep-

uty Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* November 18, to hold hearings to examine easing the burdens through employment, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* November 17, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* November 17, hearing to review the Financial Stability Improvement Act discussion draft, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

November 19, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture, to review rural broadband programs funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* November 19, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Confronting the Cartels: Addressing U.S.-Mexican Border Security, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* November 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on Afghanistan and Iraq: Perspectives on U.S. Strategy, Part III, 2 p.m., 210 HVC.

November 18, full Committee, hearing on Resourcing the National Defense Strategy: Implications of Long Term Budget Trends, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

*Committee on the Budget,* November 17, hearing on Building an Executive-Legislative Partnership for Performance Budgeting, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* November 17, hearing on Protecting Employees, Employers and the Public: H1N1 and Sick Leave Policies, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Improving the Literacy Skills of Children and Young Adults, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* November 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Prioritizing Chemicals for Safety Determination, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing on a discussion draft of the Universal Service Reform Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 18, Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on H1N1 Preparedness: An Overview of Vaccine Production and Distribution, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, joint hearing on Exploring the Offline and Online Collection and Use of Consumer Information, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, November 17, to continue consideration of the Committee Print of the Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 18, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Flag on the Bag?: Foreign Assistance and the Struggle Against Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 19, full Committee, hearing on Is it Time to Lift the Ban on Travel to Cuba? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the State of Political and Religious Freedom in the Middle East, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, November 17, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1517, To allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service; H.R. 2611, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Securing the Cities Initiative of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; H.R. 3239, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit a report on the effects of the Merida Initiative on the border security of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 3837, Strengthening and Updating Resources and Equipment Act; H.R. 3963, Criminal Investigative Training Restoration Act; H.R. 3978, First Responder Anti-Terrorism Training Resources Act; H.R. 3980, Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act; and H. Res. 28, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

November 18, hearing entitled "Federal Protective Service: Will Continuing Challenges Weaken Transition and Impede Progress?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

November 18, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Is the Flying Public Protected? An Assessment of Security at Foreign Repair Stations," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

November 19, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment hearing entitled "Reassessing the Evolving al-Qa'ida Threat to the Homeland," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, November 17 and 18, Task Force on Judicial Impeachment, to consider possible impeachment of U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., 10:30 a.m., on November 17, and 10 a.m., on November 18, 2141 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on Too Big to Fail: The Role for

Bankruptcy, and Antitrust Law in Financial Regulation Reform, Part II, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Transparency and Integrity in Corporate Monitoring, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, November 17, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2889, Oregon Caves National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 3339, FLTFA Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 3444, Pinnacles National Park Act; H.R. 3538, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act; and H.R. 3726, Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 18, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1672, Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2062, Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009; H.R. 3644, Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Regional Program and National Environmental Literacy Grant Program Act; H.R. 3940, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam; H.R. 2288, Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3603, To rename the Ocmulgee National Monument; H.R. 3759, BLM Contract Extension Act; H.R. 3804, National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009; and H.R. 3388, Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Modification Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, November 17, and the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, to continue joint hearings entitled "Bank of America and Merrill Lynch: How did a Private Deal Turn Into a Federal Bailout? Part IV," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 18, full Committee, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2517, Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009; H.R. 3892, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Highway 64 Bypass in Roper, North Carolina, as the "E.C. Wilkins Post Office;" H.R. 3951, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Roy Rondeno, Sr., Post Office Building;" and H.R. 4017, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 43 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as the "Ann Marie Blute Post Office;" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 18, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled "Greater Autonomy for the Nation's Capital," with discussion of the following bills: H.R. 960, District of Columbia Legislative Autonomy Act of 2009; and H.R. 1045, District of Columbia Budget Autonomy Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 19, full Committee, hearing entitled "Tracking the Money: How Recovery Act Recipients Account for the Use of Stimulus Dollars," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Afghan Elections: What Happened and Where Do We Go From Here?” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, November 17, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3791, Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 2781, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, November 17, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, to continue hearings on The Science of Security Part II; Technical Problems Continue to Hinder Advanced Radiation Monitors, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 18, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 4061, Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on the Growth of Global Space Capabilities: What’s Happening and Why It Matters, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Research and Development Portfolio to Support the Priorities of the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, November 19, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration and Its Programs,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, November 18, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2010, 2167 Rayburn.

November 19, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 4016, Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act of 2009, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, November 18, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, to mark up a draft bill, and to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

November 19, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Adaptive Housing Grants, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

November 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing to review VA Contract Health Care: Project HERO, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, November 17, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the Operation, Impact and Future of the U.S. Preference Programs, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

November 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, joint hearing to review the effect of the economic downturn and increased unemployment on the demand for hunger-relief assistance at food banks and other charities, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

November 19, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Clearing the Disability Claims Backlogs: The Social Security Administration’s Progress and New Challenges Arising From the Recession, 1:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, November 17, executive, briefing on Significant Activities, 12 p.m., 304 HVC.

November 18, executive, briefing on Guantanamo Update, 4 p.m., 304 HVC.

November 19, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Afghanistan/Pakistan, 10 a.m., 304 HVC.

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10 a.m., Tuesday, November 17

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, vote on or in relation to certain amendments, and passage of the bill; following which, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 3618—Clean Hull Act; (2) H. Res. 841—Expressing support for designation of November 29, 2009, as “Drive Safer Sunday”; (3) H.R. 3360—Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act; (4) H. Res. 891—Expressing the gratitude of the House of Representatives for the service to our Nation of the Coast Guard and Marine Corps aircraft pilots and crewmembers lost off the coast of California on October 29, 2009; (5) H.R. 3305—The “H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse” Designation Act; (6) S. 1599—A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions; (7) H. Res. 851—Recognizing the 40th anniversary of SEARCH; (8) H.R. 1839—To amend the Small Business Act to improve SCORE; (9) H.R. 3014—Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Act; (10) H.R. 1834—Native American Business Development Enhancement Act; (11) H.R. 1842—Expanding Entrepreneurship Act; and (12) H.R. 3738—Small Business Early-Stage Investment Act.

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