

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12261–S12354*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2825–2835, and S. Res. 367–369. **Page S12321**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 372, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–101)

S. 1353, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to include non-profit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### Measures Passed:

*National Miners Day:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 337, designating December 6, 2009, as “National Miners Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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*Collection for Charitable Purposes in Senate Buildings:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 369, to permit the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 355), Mikulski Amendment No. 2791 (to Amendment No. 2786), to clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventive services for women. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to). **Pages S12265, S12277**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote 357), Bennet Amendment No. 2826 (to Amendment No. 2786), to protect and improve guaranteed Medicare benefits. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to). **Pages S12278–93**

#### Withdrawn:

By 41 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 356), Murkowski Amendment No. 2836 (to Amendment No. 2786), to ensure patients receive doctor recommendations for preventive health services, including mammograms and cervical cancer screening, without interference from government or insurance company bureaucrats. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S12276–77**

By 42 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 358), McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S12265, S12293–94**

#### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12265–S12300, S12301–17**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 2870 (to Amendment No. 2786), to promote fiscal responsibility by protecting the Social Security surplus and CLASS program savings in this Act. **Pages S12303–06**

Hatch motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Pages S12306–17**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill after any Leader remarks on Friday, December 4, 2009, with debate only in order until 11:30 a.m., with no

amendments, motions to commit, or any other motion, other than a motion to reconsider a vote, if applicable, in order during this period, except those that are currently pending; with the time after the Leader time, equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority controlling the first portion of time. **Page S12317**

**Treaty Approved:** The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with France (Treaty Doc. 111-4) with 1 declaration and 1 condition. **Pages S12350-51**

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

David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Victoria Angelica Espinel, of the District of Columbia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

Alan C. Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2015.

Lawrence G. Romo, of Texas, to be Director of the Selective Service.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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

Donald L. Cook, of Washington, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Malcolm Ross O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Douglas B. Wilson, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Nancy D. Freudenthal, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

Denzil Price Marshall, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

Benita Y. Pearson, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—358) **Pages S12277, S12293**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 4, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12353.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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 Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary, 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 for the remainder of the term expiring July 26, 2011.

**AMERICAN MEDICAL ISOTOPES PRODUCTION ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine 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, after receiving testimony from Parrish Staples, Director, Office of European and African Threat Reduction, Global Threat Reduction Initiative, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Kevin D. Crowley, Nation Research Council of the National Academies, Washington, D.C.; and Roy Brown, Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals (CORAR), St. Louis, Missouri.

**NATIONAL PARKS BILLS**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 760, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “National World War I Memorial”, S. 1838, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 2097, to authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I, S. 2722, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2726, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, S. 2738, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons

and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution, H.R. 1849, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial, to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and H.R. 3689, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, after receiving testimony from Senators Rockefeller, Thune, and Webb; Representative Cleaver; Katherine H. Stevenson, Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Harry G. Robinson III, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Edwin L. Fountain, World War I Memorial Foundation, and Maurice A. Barboza, Liberty Fund D.C., all of Washington, D.C.; David Madden, Louisiana State University United States Civil War Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina; and Brian Alexander, National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri.

**WATER AND WILDLIFE BILLS**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 373, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious animal, S. 1519, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States, S. 1421, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp, S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine, H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, S. 1214, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994, H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and H.R.

509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, after receiving testimony from Senator Levin; Dan Ashe, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Edmond Mouton, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, New Iberia; Eric C. Schwaab, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Annapolis, on behalf of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Robert L. Bendick, The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia; and Gordon Roberston, American Sportfishing Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on assessing the road ahead, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Caryn A. Wagner, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1790, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with amendments;

S. 1635, to establish an Indian Youth telemental health demonstration project, to enhance the provision of mental health care services to Indian youth, to encourage Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and other mental health care providers serving residents of Indian country to obtain the services of predoctoral psychology and psychiatry interns, with amendments; and

S. 633, to establish a program for tribal colleges and universities within the Department of Health and Human Services and to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to authorize the provision of grants and cooperative agreements to tribal colleges and universities, with an amendment.

#### INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT REAUTHORIZATION AND EXTENSION ACT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine S. 1790, to amend the

Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, after receiving testimony from Ronald L. Tankersley, American Dental Association, Newport News, Virginia; Evangelyn Dotomain, Alaska Native Health Board, Anchorage; and Patricia Tarren, Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Contract Health Services, after receiving testimony from Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Connie Whidden, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood; and Mickey Peercy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1353, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to include non-profit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and Louis B. Butler, Jr., 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, John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, Sharon Jeanette Lubinski, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, Sanford C. Coats, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Stephen James Smith, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 4189–4211; 1 private bill, H.R. 4212; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 217, and H. Res. 943–949, were introduced. **Pages H13519–20**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H13520–21**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2652, to amend title 46, United States Code, to improve vessel safety, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–351);

H.R. 2650, to amend title 14, United States Code, to modernize the leadership of the Coast Guard and to modernize the administration of marine safety by the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 111–352);

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 (H. Rept. 111–276, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 3542, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to fly the flag of a State over the Capitol each year on the anniversary of the date of the State's admission to the Union, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–353). **Page H13519**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H13469**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 169 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 925. **Pages H13469, H13480–81**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, December 2nd:

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines:* H. Res. 28, amended, to express 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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 926 and **Pages H13481–82**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "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 as well as other statutes, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit systems and other modes of surface transportation." **Page H13482**

*Satellite Home Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009:* H.R. 3570, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reauthorize the satellite statutory license and to conform the satellite and cable statutory licenses to all-digital transmissions, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 930. **Pages H13494–95**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes." **Page H13495**

**Permanent Estate Tax Relief for Families, Farmers, and Small Businesses Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 4154, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal and to retain the estate tax with a \$3,500,000 exemption, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 929. **Pages H13482–94**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Heller motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 927. **Pages H13491–92**

Rejected the second Heller motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 928. **Page H13492**

Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 4154, the Clerk shall (1) add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4154; (2) conform the title of H.R. 4154 to reflect the addition to the engrossment of the text of H.R. 2920; (3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (4) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

H. Res. 941, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 924, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 923. **Pages H13472–80**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 7th for morning hour debate.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13479–80, H13480, H13481, H13481–82, H13491–92, H13493–94, H13494, and H13494–95. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE OFFSETS—COSTS AND BENEFITS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the costs and benefits of agriculture offsets. Testimony was heard from Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, USDA; Joseph Kile, Assistant Director, Microeconomic Studies, CBO; and public witnesses.

### AFGHANISTAN STRATEGIC REVIEW

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Afghanistan: The Results of the Strategic Review, Part I. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and ADM. Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Jacob J. Lew, Deputy Secretary, Management and Resources, Department of State.

### CALLING CARD CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 3993, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Lois Greisman, Director, Division of Marketing Practices, FTC; Patricia Acampora, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, New York State; and public witnesses.

### INTERNET GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT/REGULATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2266, Reasonable Prudence in Regulation Act; and H.R. 2267, Internet Gambling

Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SUDAN—U.S. POLICY REVIEW

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Sudan: A review of the Administrations's New Policy and A Situation Update. Testimony was heard from MG Scott Gration, USAF (ret.), U.S. Special Envoy, Republic of Sudan, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled "The United States Secret Service and Presidential Protection: An Examination of a System Failure." Testimony was heard from Mark J. Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division; Eileen Regen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Grace Chung Becker, former Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

### NEW ORLEANS POST-KATRINA HEALTH CARE CHALLENGES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Post-Katrina Recovery: Restoring Health Care in the New Orleans Region." Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Health Care, GAO; Marcia K. Brand, M.D., Deputy Administration, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; from the following officials of the State of Louisiana: Alan Levine, Secretary, Department of Health and Hospitals; Joia Crear-Perry, M.D., Director, Clinical Services, Health Department, City of New Orleans; and public witnesses.

### MARINE/HYDROKINETIC ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Marine and Hydrokinetic Energy Technology: Finding the Path to Commercialization. Testimony was heard

from Jacques Beaudry-Losique, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Renewable Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### **NASA—INDEPENDENT AUDIT**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a joint hearing on Independent Audit of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: Thomas Howard, Acting Inspector General; and Elizabeth Robinson, Chief Financial Officer; and a public witness.

#### **NRO FACILITY UPDATE**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on NRO Facility Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### **House**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

#### **Joint Meetings**

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for November 2009, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

