

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1125–S1209

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3071–3081, and S. Res. 434–445. **Pages S1168–69**

Measures Reported:

S. 38, to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act. (S. Rept. No. 111–157) **Page S1168**

Measures Passed:

Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 404, supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan. **Pages S1126–27**

Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Rebuilding of Haiti: Senate agreed to S. Res. 414, expressing the sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of Haiti following the humanitarian crisis caused by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti. **Pages S1127–28**

Importance of Progress in Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 422, recognizing the important progress made by the people of Ukraine in the establishment of democratic institutions following the presidential run-off election on February 7, 2010, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1128–29**

School Social Work Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 426, designating the week of February 28 through March 7, 2010, as “School Social Work Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1129**

Children’s Dental Health Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 434, expressing support for Children’s Dental Health Month and honoring the memory of Deamonte Driver. **Pages S1129–31**

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 435, supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. **Pages S1129–31**

Support for the People on Madeira Island: Senate agreed to S. Res. 436, expressing support for the people affected by the natural disasters on Madeira Island. **Pages S1129–31**

Iraqi Parliamentary Elections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 437, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the positive effect of the upcoming Iraqi parliamentary elections on Iraq’s political reconciliation and democratic institutions. **Pages S1129–31**

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 438, designating March 2, 2010, as “Read Across America Day”. **Pages S1129–31**

National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 372, designating March 2010 as “National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1206–07**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 3426, to amend the resolving clause. **Pages S1206–07**

People and Government of Chile following Earthquake: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 431, expressing profound concern, deepest sympathies, and solidarity on behalf of the people of the United States to the people and Government of Chile following the massive earthquake, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1207**

Women in the Armed Forces of the United States: Senate agreed to S. Res. 441, recognizing the history and continued accomplishments of women in the Armed Forces of the United States. **Pages S1207–09**

Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania: Senate agreed to S. Res. 442, congratulating the people

of the Republic of Lithuania on the Act of the Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania, or Act of March 11, and celebrating the rich history of Lithuania. **Pages S1207–09**

Honoring the Life and Service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena: Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, honoring the life and service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena. **Pages S1207–09**

Authorizing Testimony and Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *City of Vancouver v. Galloway*. **Pages S1207–09**

Authorizing the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S1207–09**

Measures Considered:

Tax Extenders Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S1126, S1131–53, S1154–59, S1159–64

Adopted:

Stabenow Amendment No. 3382 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow companies to utilize existing alternative minimum tax credits to create and maintain American jobs through new domestic investments. **Page S1151**

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 3406 (to Amendment No. 3336), to make technical changes. **Page S1164**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3349 (to Amendment No. 3336), to clarify the effective date of section 244. **Page S1164**

Reid (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 3346 (to Amendment No. 3336), to improve title V. **Page S1164**

Withdrawn:

Whitehouse Amendment No. 3354 (to Amendment No. 3336), to encourage energy efficiency and conservation and development of renewable energy sources for housing, commercial structures, and other buildings, and to create sustainable communities. **Pages S1158–59**

Pending:

Baucus Amendment No. 3336, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1126**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for 2 years the low-

income housing credit rules for buildings in GO Zones. **Page S1126**

Reid (for Murray) Modified Amendment No. 3356 (to Amendment No. 3336), to extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth. **Pages S1126, S1160–61**

Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (to Amendment No. 3336), to require the Senate to be transparent with taxpayers about spending. **Pages S1126, S1149–50**

Baucus (for Webb/Boxer) Amendment No. 3342 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on excessive 2009 bonuses received from certain major recipients of Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the deduction allowable for such bonuses. **Pages S1126, S1147–49**

Feingold/Coburn Amendment No. 3368 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide for the rescission of unused transportation earmarks and to establish a general reporting requirement for any unused earmarks. **Page S1126**

Reid Amendment No. 3417 (to Amendment No. 3336), to temporarily modify the allocation of geothermal receipts. **Page S1161**

McCain/Graham Amendment No. 3427 (to Amendment No. 3336), to prohibit the use of reconciliation to consider changes in Medicare. **Pages S1161–62**

Lincoln Amendment No. 3401 (to Amendment No. 3336), to improve a provision relating to emergency disaster assistance. **Pages S1162–64**

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

By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 40), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 403 of S. Con. Res. 13, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, with respect to section 103(d) of Brown (MA) Amendment No. 3391 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide for a 6-month employee payroll tax rate cut, and the emergency designation was stricken. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Brown (MA) Amendment No. 3391 (to Amendment No. 3336), as being in violation of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 of 2008, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1142–46, S1151–52**

By 22 yeas to 78 nays (Vote No. 41), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Burr Amendment No. 3389 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide Federal reimbursement to State

and local Governments for a limited sales, use, and retailers' occupation tax holiday, and to offset the cost of such reimbursements. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Burr Amendment No. 3389 (to Amendment No. 3336), as being in violation of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 of 2008, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 42), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect Sessions Amendment No. 3337 (to Amendment No. 3336), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Sessions Amendment No. 3337 (to Amendment No. 3336), as being in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 5, 2010.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 43), William M. Conley, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

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Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Paul Luis Oostburg Sanz, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

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

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

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1186–S1205**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S1205–06**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—43) **Pages S1152–53**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1209.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gary Locke, Secretary, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS, AND U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the U.S. Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate; Terrance W. Gainer, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Chief Phillip D. Morse, Sr., United States Capitol Police.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Donley, Secretary, and General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from William J. Lynn, III, Deputy Secretary, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

ENERGY PROGRAMS IN THE RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's implementation of programs authorized and funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, after receiving testimony from Matt Rogers, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Energy; Patricia A. Dalton, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Malcolm Woolf, Maryland Energy Administration, Annapolis, on behalf of the National Association of State Energy Officials; and Michele Nellenbach, National Governors Association, Washington, D.C.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a joint hearing to examine S. 2995, to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector, after receiving testimony from Regina A. McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Collin P. O'Mara, Delaware Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Dover; Albert A. Rizzo, Christiana Care Health Systems, Washington, D.C.,

on behalf of the American Lung Association; Michael D. Durham, ADA Environmental Solutions, Littleton, Colorado; and John M. McManus, American Electric Power, Columbus, Ohio.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William D. Magwood, IV, of Maryland, William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, and George Apostolakis, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Arthur Allen Elkins, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, Earl F. Gohl, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, Sanford Blitz, of Maine, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission, and Marilyn A. Brown, of Georgia, Barbara Short Haskew, of Tennessee, Neil G. McBride, of Tennessee, and William B. Sansom, of Tennessee, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Middle East peace, focusing on ground truths, challenges ahead, after receiving testimony from Daniel C. Kurtzer, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School on Public and International Affairs, Robert Malley, International Crisis Group, Ziad J. Asali, American Task Force on Palestine, and David Makovsky, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine disaster preparedness in the private sector, after receiving testimony from Stephen C. Jordan, Business Civic Leadership Center, John R. Harrald, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Center for Technology, Security and Policy, and Stephen E. Flynn, Center for National Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine childhood obesity, focusing on reversing the epidemic, after receiving testimony from Regina M. Benjamin, Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; Joe Thompson, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center to Prevent Childhood Obesity, Little Rock, Arkansas; Sandra Hassink, American Academy of Pediatrics Obesity Leadership

Workgroup, Wilmington, Delaware; and Rashard Mendenhall, National Football League, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Gloria M. Navarro, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Audrey Goldstein Fleissig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Lucy Haeran Koh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Jon E. DeGuilio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and Tanya Walton Pratt, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2989, to improve the Small Business Act, with amendments.

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations from the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Ex-Prisoners of War, Blinded Veterans Association, Military Officers Association of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, and the Wounded Warrior Project, after receiving testimony from Gene Crayton, Paralyzed Veterans of America, St. Louis, Missouri; Edwin M. Robins, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Cleveland, Ohio; James M. Sims, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Annandale, Virginia; Kenny Hanson, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Roy Kekahuna, Blinded Veterans Association, Las Vegas, Nevada; Rene A. Campos, Military Officers Association of America, Washington, D.C.; John R. McCauslin, Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland; and Andrew Kinard, Wounded Warrior Project, Boston, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 4753–4782; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; H. Con. Res. 247–249; and H. Res. 1138–1143 were introduced. **Pages H1167–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1169–70**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1137, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (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 for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–426) and

H. Res. 1031, impeaching G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, for high crimes and misdemeanors (H. Rept. 111–427). **Page H1167**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baldwin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1107**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Stark wherein he resigned as acting chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Recognizing the importance and significance of the 2010 Census: H. Res. 1086, to recognize the importance and significance of the 2010 Census and to encourage each community within Indian Country to name an elder to be the first member of that community to answer the 2010 Census, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 415 ayes to 1 no with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 85. **Pages H1109–12, H1113–14**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, March 2nd:

Expressing the appreciation of Congress for the service and sacrifice of the members of the 139th

Airlift Wing, Air National Guard: H. Res. 699, amended, to express the appreciation of Congress for the service and sacrifice of the members of the 139th Airlift Wing, Air National Guard, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 84; **Page H1113**

Designating March 2, 2010, as “Read Across America Day”: H. Res. 1111, to designate March 2, 2010, as “Read Across America Day”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 414 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 86; and **Pages H1114–15**

Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of the National School Lunch Program: H. Res. 362, amended, to express the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of the National School Lunch Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 89. **Pages H1123–24**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to 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, with the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–426, by a ye-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 90. **Pages H1125–27**

H. Res. 1137, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 yeas to 209 noes, Roll No. 88, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 87. **Pages H1115–23**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, March 3rd:

Congratulating the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints: H. Res. 1079, amended, to congratulate the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl XLIV and for bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 1 nay with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 91. **Pages H1147–48**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, March 5th, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9th for morning hour debate. **Page H1151**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Melancon wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget, effective immediately. **Page H1151**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1113, H1113–14, H1114–15, H1122–23, H1123, H1123–24, H1147, H1147–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Child Nutrition. Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Kenneth E. Melson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FY 2011 Budget for the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Secretary Gary Locke.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Contingency Transportation and Logistics Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Kathleen M. Gainey, Director for Logistics, J4, The Joint Staff; VADM Alan Thompson, Director, Defense Logistics Agency; LG Mitchell H. Stevenson, Deputy Chief of Staff, G4, USA, and LTG Frank A. Panter, Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics, USMC.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Nuclear Nonproliferation, DOE. Testimony was heard from Steven Black, Chief Operating Officer, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Department of Energy.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND GENERAL
GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Inez Tenenbaum, Chairman; and Nancy Nord, Commissioner.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on DHS Intelligence Programs and the Effectiveness of State and Local Fusion Centers. Testimony was heard from Caryn Wagner, Under Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and CPT. William Harris, Information and Analysis Center, Delaware State Police.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Transportation Security Administration: Are We Making Smart Investments for Real Transportation Security? Testimony was heard from Gale Rossides, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

**INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Strengthening Native American Communities: Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Trust Resources and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Larry EchoHawk, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; and Donna Erwin, Acting Special Trustee for American Indians.

**LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held an overview hearing on Combating

Health Care Fraud and Abuse. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William Corr, Deputy Secretary; Dan Levinson, Inspector General; and Omar Perez, Special Agent, Office of Inspector General; and Gary Grindler, Acting Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND RELATED PROGRAMS
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Eric Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State.

DOD FY 2011 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Defense Department Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Lynn, III, Deputy Secretary; and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller.

TOXIC CHEMICAL CONTROL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on TSCA and Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals: Examining Domestic and International Actions. Testimony was heard from Jim Jones, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, EPA; John Thompson, Division Director, Officer of Environmental Policy, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State; Ted Sturdevant, Director, Department of Ecology, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

RECOVERY ACT OVERSIGHT BROADBAND

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet continued hearings entitled "Oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Broadband, Part 3." Testimony was heard from Jonathan S. Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and a public witness.

HAITI DEBT RELIEF

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4573. Debt Relief for Earthquake Recovery in Haiti Act of 2010.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing entitled "Haiti Debt Relief." Testimony was heard from Nancy Lee, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE RESOLUTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported H. Res. 252, Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution.

RESTORING AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on Restoring America's Reputation in the World: Why it Matters. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID FRAUD CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the Enforcement of the Criminal Laws Against Medicare and Medicaid Fraud. Testimony was heard from Greg Andres, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department Justice; Timothy J. Menke, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Department of Health and Human Services and public witnesses.

FY 2011 FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget request for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Rowan Gould, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

FY 2011 BUDGET REQUEST—POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget request for the Power Marketing Administrations, U.S. Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from the following Power Marketing Administrations, Department of Energy: Stephen J. Wright, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; Timothy J. Meeks, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration;

Jon C. Worthington, Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration; and Kenneth E. Legg, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4098, Secure Federal File Sharing Act; H.R. 946, amended, Plain Language Act of 2009; and H.R. 4621, amended, Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act; H. Res. 1036, Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States; H.R. 4214, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, as the "Roy Wilson Post Office;" H.R. 4547, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 119 Station Road in Cheyney, Pennsylvania, as the "Captain Luther H. Smith U.S. Army Air Forces Post Office;" H.R. 4628, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 Westwood Avenue in Westwood, New Jersey, as the "Sergeant Christopher R. Hrbek Post Office Building;" and H.R. 4624, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the "SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office."

PROSTATE CANCER

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Prostate Cancer: New Questions About Screening and Treatment." Testimony was heard from William L. Dahut, M.D., Clinical Director, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Carolyn J. M. Best, Program Manager, Prostate Cancer Research Program, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program, U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command.

USDA HUMANE SLAUGHTER ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "Continuing Problems in USDA's Enforcement of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act." Testimony was heard from Jerold Mande, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety, USDA; Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, the Hiring Incentives to

Restore Employment Act (originally making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes). The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

SCIENCE EDUCATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Reform in K–12 STEM Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Small Business: Approved Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget.

ADDRESSING DISASTERS IN CITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on U.S. Mayors Speak Out: Addressing Disasters in Cities. Testimony was heard from the following Mayors: Robert J. Duffy, Rochester, New York; C. Ray Nagin, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Franklin Cownie, Des Moines, Iowa; and public witnesses.

FY 2011 AGENCY BUDGETS/PRIORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2011. Testimony was heard from Robert Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, EPA; the following officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary for the Army (Civil Works); and LTG Robert L. “Van” Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3948, amended, Test Prep for Heroes Act; H.R. 3484, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for certain qualifying work-study activities for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3976, amended,

Helping Heroes Keep Their Homes Act of 2009; H.R. 4079, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to temporarily remove the requirement for employers to increase wages for veterans enrolled in on-the-job training programs; H.R. 4592, amended, To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in energy-related positions; H.R. 950, amended, To amend chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, to increase educational assistance for certain veterans pursuing a program of education offered through distance learning; H.R. 1879, amended, National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2009; H.R. 3561, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational assistance provided to certain veterans for flight training; H.R. 3577, Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2009; H.R. 3579, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of the reporting fees payable to educational institutions that enroll veterans receiving educational assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1169, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles and adapted equipment.

BRIEFING—FY 2011 INTELLIGENCE BUDGET RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on FY Intelligence Budget for Research and Development. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010

(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 February 2010, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, March 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, March 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4213, Tax Extenders Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 9 a.m.

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