

House Messages:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—House Message: Senate began consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate 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, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Durbin motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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Durbin motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Durbin Amendment No. 3498 (to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate), of a perfecting nature.

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Durbin Amendment No. 3499 (to Amendment No. 3498), of a perfecting nature.

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Durbin motion to refer in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Durbin Amendment No. 3500, to provide for a study.

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Durbin Amendment No. 3501 (to Amendment No. 3500), of a perfecting nature.

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Durbin Amendment No. 3502 (to Amendment No. 3501), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 11, 2010, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 15, 2010.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that Senate resume consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 15, 2010.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1487.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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 Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense

Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Victor E. Renuart, Jr., Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General Douglas M. Fraser, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Joint Strike Fighter, focusing on significant challenges the Department of Defense faces to restructure the program, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics, Christine H. Fox, Director, and Fred Janicki, Weapons Systems Cost Analysis, both of the Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary, and Major General C. D. Moore, USAF, Acting Program Executive Officer F-35 Lightning II Program, all of the Department of Defense; and Michael Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

VIDEO AND BROADBAND MARKET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine consumers, competition, and consolidation in the video and broadband market, after receiving testimony from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Christine A. Varney, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Brian L. Roberts, Comcast Corporation, and Christopher S. Yoo, University of Pennsylvania Center for Technology, Innovation, and Competition, both of Philadelphia; John Wells, Writers Guild of America, West, Los Angeles, California; Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, DC., on behalf of Free Press; and Colleen Abdoullah, WOW!, Englewood, Colorado, on behalf of the American Cable Association.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY JOBS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals designed to create jobs related to energy efficiency, including proposed legislation on energy efficient building retrofits, including S. 1320, to provide assistance to owners of manufactured homes constructed before January 1, 1976, to purchase Energy Star-qualified manufactured homes, and S. 3079, to assist in the creation of new jobs by providing financial incentives for owners of commercial buildings and multifamily residential buildings to retrofit their

buildings with energy efficient building equipment and materials and for other purposes, after receiving testimony from Paul W. Parfomak, Specialist in Energy and Infrastructure Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Cathy Zoi, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Larry Laseter, WellHome, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Home Star Coalition; Jeffrey D. DeBoer, Real Estate Roundtable, Washington, DC., on behalf of Building Star; Stacey Epperson, Frontier Housing, Morehead, Kentucky; Philip Giudice, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, Boston, on behalf of the National Association of State Energy Officials; Terrence J. Mierzwa, Consumers Energy Company, Jackson, Michigan; and Bob Hanbury, House of Hanbury, Newington, Connecticut, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal, state and local partnerships to accelerate transportation benefits, after receiving testimony from Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Los Angeles, California; Lowell R. Clary, P3 Development Company, LLC, Clary Consulting, LLC, Tallahassee, Florida; Max I. Inman, Mercator Advisors, LLC, Fairfax, Virginia; and Jayetta Z. Hecker, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Elizabeth L. Littlefield, of the District of Columbia, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, who was introduced by former Senator Harris Wofford, and Raul Yzaguirre, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, who was introduced by Representative Hinojosa, and Theodore Sedgwick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, who was introduced by Senator Warner, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DRUG CARTELS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine U.S. officials involved in drug cartels, after receiving testimony from Kevin L. Perkins, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative

Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Thomas M. Frost, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, and James F. Tomscheck, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Internal Affairs, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

EQUAL PAY IN AMERICAN WORKPLACES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pay equity in the new American workplace, including S. 182, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and S. 904, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, after receiving testimony from Representative DeLauro; Stuart J. Ishimaru, Acting Chairman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Heather Boushey, Center for American Progress Action Fund, and Deborah L. Frett, Business and Professional Women's Foundation, both of Washington, DC.; Deborah L. Brake, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Jane M. McFetridge, Jackson Lewis LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, with amendments;

S. 2772, to establish a criminal justice reinvestment grant program to help States and local jurisdictions reduce spending on corrections, control growth in the prison and jail populations, and increase public safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and Kelvin Corneilius Washington, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina, and Christopher Tobias Hoye, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada, both 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: 16 public bills, H.R. 4820–4834; and 14 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 251–252; and H. Res. 1162–1167, 1169–1174, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4098, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on the use of peer-to-peer file sharing software to prohibit the personal use of such software by Government employees (H. Rept. 111–431);

H.R. 946, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–432);

H.R. 4252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California (H. Rept. 111–433);

H.R. 1769, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington and to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–434);

H.R. 2788, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California (H. Rept. 111–435);

H.R. 4003, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–436);

H.R. 4192, to designate the Stornetta Public Lands as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–437);