

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2535–S2604

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3244–3255, and S. Res. 495–499. **Page S2587**

Measures Passed:

Cost of Living Adjustment for Members of Congress: Senate passed S. 3244, to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost of living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2011. **Page S2544**

Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act: Senate passed S. 3253, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. **Page S2573**

National Adopt A Library Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 496, designating April 23, 2010, as “National Adopt A Library Day”. **Page S2573**

National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 497, designating the third week of April 2010 as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week”. **Pages S2573–74**

40th Anniversary of Earth Day: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 255, commemorating the 40th anniversary of Earth Day and honoring the founder of Earth Day, the late Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2596–S2600**

Casey (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3729, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2600**

Supporting the Goals and Ideals of World Malaria Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 499, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, and reaffirming United States leadership and support for efforts to combat malaria as a critical component of the President’s Global Health Initiative. **Pages S2600–01**

Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3217, to promote the

financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices. **Pages S2553–66**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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, April 22, 2010, a vote on cloture will occur at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2010. **Page S2553**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2010. **Page S2553**

House Messages:

Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1963, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2566–73**

Appointments:

Commission on Key National Indicators: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111–148, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission on Key National Indicators: Dr. Ikram Kahn of Nevada (for a term of 3 years) and Dr. Dean Ornish of California (for a term of 2 years). **Page S2574**

Impeachment of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.: The Chair submitted to the Senate for printing in the Senate Journal and in the Congressional Record the amended replication of the House of Representatives to the Answer of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., to the articles of impeachment against Judge Porteous, pursuant to S. Res. 457, 111th Congress, Second Session, which replication was received by the Secretary of the Senate on April 22, 2010. **Pages S2601–03**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 123), Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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William N. Nettles, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

David A. Capp, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Anne M. Tompkins, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Noel Culver March, of Maine, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

George White, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

Brian Todd Underwood, of Idaho, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Kelly McDade Nesbit, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Peter Christopher Munoz, of Michigan, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Wifredo A. Ferrer, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jonathan Woodson, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Rose M. Likins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Luis E. Arreaga-Rodas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Timothy McGee, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, which was sent to the Senate on December 21, 2009.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—123) Page S2544

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:33 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2603.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ARMY AND DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Army and the Department of Air Force, after receiving testimony from Louis Jerome Hansen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Infrastructure, and Senior Official Performing Duties of Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Joseph F. Calcara, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations and Housing, Brigadier General James C. Boozer, Director, Operations Directorate, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Major General Raymond W. Carpenter, Acting Director of the Army National Guard, James Snyder, Assistant Chief, Army Reserve, all of the Department of Army, Terry A. Yonkers, Assistant Secretary for Installations, Environment and Logistics, Kathleen I. Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations, Major General Patrick J. Moisisio, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, and Major General David L. Commons, Mobilization Assistant to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, all of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; and Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, and John Frost, Council Member, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nuclear Posture Review, after receiving testimony from James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and General Kevin P. Chilton, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense; Ellen O. Tauscher, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; and Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

CHINA'S EXCHANGE RATE POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine China's exchange rate policy and trade imbalances, after receiving testimony from Senator Graham; Clyde Prestowitz, Economic Strategy Institute, Nicholas Lardy, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Daniel J. Ikenson, Cato Institute, and Derek Scissors, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Charles H. Blum, Fair Currency Coalition, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Mark A. Suwyn, NewPage Corporation, Miamisburg, Ohio; and Jack W. Shilling, Murrysville, Pennsylvania.

2011: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2011, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2010, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2012 through 2015.

IMPACTS OF OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the environmental and economic impacts of ocean acidification, after receiving testimony from James P. Barry, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Moss

Landing, California, on behalf of the National Academies Committee on Development of an Integrated Science Strategy for Ocean Acidification Monitoring, Research, and Impacts Assessment; Thomas Ingram, Diving Equipment and Marketing Association, San Diego, California; John T. Everett, Ocean Associates, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Sigourney Weaver, New York, New York; and Donald A. Waters, Pensacola, Florida.

DEBT SETTLEMENT INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the debt settlement industry, focusing on the consumer's experience, and how fraudulent, abusive, and deceptive practices pose risk to consumers, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Julie Brill, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Philip A. Lehman, North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh; John Ansbach, United States Organizations of Bankruptcy Alternatives (USOBA), Houston, Texas; and Holly A. Haas, Concord, New Hampshire.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting global food security, focusing on the next steps for Congress and the Administration, after receiving testimony from Jacob Lew, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources; Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID); and Dan Glickman, Washington, DC, and Catherine Bertini, Cortland, New York, both of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TRANSITIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine challenges and lessons learned in transitioning the Federal government including S. 3196, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide that certain transition services shall be available to eligible candidates before the general election, after receiving testimony from Gail Lovelace, Chief People Officer, General Services Administration; Clay Johnson, former Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; and John D. Podesta, Center for American Progress Action Fund, and Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, both of Washington, DC.

FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the future of the United States Postal Service, focusing on action needed to facilitate financial viability, after receiving testimony from Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the United States Postal Service; and Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee continued hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on meeting the needs of the whole student, after receiving testimony from Geoff Canada, Harlem Children's Zone, New York, New York; Karen Pittman, Forum for Youth Investment, Lynsey Wood Jefferies, Higher Achievement, and Anne Henderson, Annenberg Institute for School Reform, all of Washington, DC; Eric Schwartz, Citizen Schools, Boston, Massachusetts; George Sugai, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, Storrs, Connecticut; Jamie Greene, Rhode Island School Library Association, Warren; Clare Struck, Price Lab School, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Nikki Rittling, Wonderful Willards Elementary School, Willards, Maryland; and Dan Cardinali, Communities in Schools, Arlington, Virginia.

INDIAN ENERGY PROMOTION AND PARITY ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the discussion draft of the "Indian Energy Promotion and Parity Act of 2010", after receiving testimony from Joe Garcia, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, DC; Matthew J. Box, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado; Michael Marchand, Economic Development Committee, Portland Oregon; Ralph Andersen, Bristol Bay Native Association, Dillingham, Alaska; and Peter Stricker, Clipper Windpower Development Company Inc., Carpinteria, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kerry B. Harvey,

to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, David J. Hale, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Kenneth J. Gonzales, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, and Alicia Anne Garrido Limtiaco, to be United States Attorney for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, all of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Raymond Joseph Lohier, Jr., of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and Leonard Philip Stark, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, who was introduced by Senator Carper, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HISTORY OF THE FILIBUSTER

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the filibuster, focusing on the history of the filibuster 1789–2008, after receiving testimony from Robert Dove, Parliamentarian Emeritus, United States Senate; Stanley Bach, former Senior Specialist in the Legislative Process, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Sarah Binder, George Washington University, Washington, DC; and Gregory J. Wawro, Columbia University, New York, New York.

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.

HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Broadband Plan and health care technology, after receiving testimony from Mohit Kaushal, Health Care Director, Federal Communications Commission; Farzad Mostashari, Senior Advisor, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, Department of Health and Human Services; Eric Dishman, Intel Digital Health Group, Washington, DC; Robin A. Felder, University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, Virginia; and Richard Kuebler, University of Tennessee Health Science Center Telehealth Department, Memphis.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 5107–5135; and 12 resolutions, H. Res. 1287–1298, were introduced. **Pages H2841–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2844–45**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2803**

Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Berman motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2194, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran. **Pages H2806–15**

Agreed to the Ros-Lehtinen motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 11 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 219. **Page H2817**

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Berman, Ackerman, Sherman, Crowley, Scott (GA), Costa, Klein (FL), Ros-Lehtinen, Burton (IN), Royce, and Pence. **Page H2818**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of secs. 3 and 4 of the House bill, and secs. 101–103, 106, 203, and 401 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Frank (MA), Meeks (NY), and Garrett (NJ). **Page H2818**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of secs. 3 and 4 of the House bill, and secs. 101–103 and 401 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Levin, Tanner, and Camp. **Page H2818**

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: The House agreed to refer H. Res. 1287, raising a question of the privileges of the House, to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct by a yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay” and 17 voting “present”, Roll No. 218. Earlier, the previous question was not ordered on H. Res. 1287 by a yea-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 218 nays with 16 voting “present”, Roll No. 217. **Pages H2815–17**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the fol-

lowing measure which was debated on Wednesday, April 21st:

Expressing support for Mathematics Awareness Month: H. Res. 1270, to express support for Mathematics Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 220. **Pages H2817–18**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 26th for morning hour debate. **Page H2822**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2803 and H2827.

Senate Referrals: S. 3244 was referred to the Committees on House Administration and Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H2840**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2815–16, H2816, H2817, and H2817–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MOVIE FUTURES TRADING EXCHANGES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review proposals to establish exchanges trading “movie futures.” Testimony was heard from Dan Berkovitz, General Counsel, CFTC; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, 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 USDA, Office of Inspector General Oversight. Testimony was heard from Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office Justice Programs (OJP) FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Health Program/Wounded Warrior. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles L. Rice, M.D., President, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; LTG Eric Schoomaker, USA, Surgeon General and Commander, U.S. Medical Command; VADM Adam M. Robinson, Jr., USN, Surgeon General of the Navy; and LTG Charles B. Green, M.D., USAF, Surgeon General of the Air Force.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Financial Crisis and TARP. Testimony was heard from Herbert Allison, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Financial Stability; and Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program.

ARMY/AIR FORCE NATIONAL GUARD-RESERVE EQUIPMENT POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army and Air Force National Guard and Reserve component equipment posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Harry M. Wyatt III, USAF, Director, Air National Guard; MG Raymond W. Carpenter, USA, Acting Director, Army National Guard; LTG Jack C. Stultz, USA, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve; and LTG Charles E. Stenner, Jr., USAF, Chief, U.S. Air Force Reserve.

WORK-LIFE BALANCE AWARD ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 4855, Work-Life Balance Award Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The Environment and Human Health: the Role of HHS." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Linda Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and the National Toxicology Program; and Henry Falk, M.D., Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Health, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2336, GREEN Act of 2009; and H.R. 5017, Rural Housing Preservation and Stabilization Act of 2010.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010. Will continue April 27.

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCES IN LAOS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on the Legacies of War: Unexploded Ordnances in Laos. Testimony was heard from Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Ambassador for ASEAN Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

PRIVATE STUDENT LOAN BANKRUPTCY FAIRNESS ACT OF 2010

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 5043, Private Student Loan Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2010. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on Achieving the Promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act in the Digital Age—Current Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities. Testimony was heard from Samuel Bagenstos, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERFISHING/CATCH SHARES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on A Community Perspective on Catch Shares. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CABIN FEE ACT OF 2010

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 4888, Cabin Fee Act of 2010. Testimony was heard from Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

CRISIS IN KYRGYZSTAN/AFGHAN SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "Crisis in Kyrgyzstan: Fuel, Contractors, and Revolution along the Afghan Supply Chain." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HELIUM-3 SUPPLY CRISIS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Caught by Surprise: Causes and Consequences of the Helium-3 Supply Crisis. Testimony was heard from William Hagan, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; William Brinkman, Director, Office of Science, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on the Department of Transportation's Oversight and Management of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and Cynthia Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and a public witness.

VA'S FIDUCIARY PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Examining VA's Fiduciary Program: How Can VA Better Protect Vulnerable Veterans and Their Families? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General; and Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT EDUCATION/TRAINING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing to examine the role of education and training in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Testimony was heard from Representative Moore of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GUANTANAMO DETAINEE TASK FORCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Guantanamo Detainee Task Force. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine Wall Street and the financial crisis, focusing on the role of credit rating agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 26 through May 1, 2010

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of 3217, Restoring American Financial Stability Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5 p.m.

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 Appropriations: April 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine a national assessment of energy policies, focusing on significant achievements since the 1970s and an examination of U.S. energy policies and goals in the coming decades, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 28, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 29, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 29, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 29, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine holding banks accountable, focusing on if treasury and banks

are doing enough to help families save their homes, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 28, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine military compensation and benefits, including special and incentive pays, in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

April 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on United States policy towards Yemen and Somalia, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 29, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine short-termism in financial markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 27, Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine promoting our national parks as travel destinations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 28, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold an oversight hearing to examine motor carrier safety efforts, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 29, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine children's privacy, focusing on new technologies and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 27, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 27, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 745 and H.R. 2265, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, S. 1138 and H.R. 2442, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, S. 1573 and H.R. 2741, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, S. 3099, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir, S. 3100, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch, H.R. 325, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project, H.R. 637, to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, H.R. 1120, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Fa-

ilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, H.R. 1219, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, H.R. 1393, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and H.R. 2522, to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, 3 p.m., SD-366.

April 28, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1241, to amend Public Law 106-206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer, S. 1571 and H.R. 1043, bills to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California, S. 2762, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 3075, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, S. 3185, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, and H.R. 86, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 27, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine collaborative solutions to wildlife and habitat management, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 29, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine doubling United States exports, focusing on United States seaports, 1 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 27, business meeting to consider S. 2971, to authorize certain authorities by the Department of State, S. 3087, to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and the nominations of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Department of State, and Michael P. Meehan, of Virginia, and Dana M. Perino, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine historical and modern context for United States-Russian arms control, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 27, to hold hearings to examine putting safety first, focusing on strengthening enforcement and creating a culture of compliance at mines and other dangerous workplaces, 2 p.m., SD-430.

April 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Joshua Gotbaum, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Eduardo M. Ochoa, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 28, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on standards and assessments, 2 p.m., SD-430.

April 29, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on meeting the needs of special populations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 27, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine Wall Street and the financial crisis, focusing on the role of investment banks, 10 a.m., SD-106.

April 28, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine contract management at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

April 29, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine developing Federal employees and supervisors, focusing on mentoring, internships, and training in the Federal government, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 29, to hold hearings to examine S. 2802, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation, S. 1264, to require the Secretary of the Interior to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project in the State of Colorado and provide grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to assess, repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct existing infrastructure, and S. 439, to provide for and promote the economic development of Indian tribes by furnishing the necessary capital, financial services, and technical assistance to Indian-owned business enterprises, to stimulate the development of the private sector of Indian tribal economies, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 27, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

April 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1346, to penalize crimes against humanity and for other purposes, S. 657, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 446, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. Res. 339, to express the sense of the Senate in support of permitting the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 1684, to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registry program, and the nominations of David B. Fein, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Paul

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Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 27, to hold hearings to examine Federal efforts to expand small business internet access, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 27, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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April 28, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on FY 2011 Budget Request for the GSA, 10:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget Overview: National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on FY 2011 Budget Request for the FCC, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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April 27, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Army Reserve, Army National Guard, and Air National Guard Training and Operations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Closing the Gap: Addressing Critical Rotary Wing Shortfalls for U.S. Special Operations Forces in Fiscal Year 2011 and Beyond, 2:30 p.m., 210 HVC.

April 28, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Air Mobility Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 29, full Committee, hearing on Security and Stability in Pakistan: Developments in U.S. Policy and Funding, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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April 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on the Consumer Product Safety Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing entitled "The National Broadband Plan: Competitive Availability of Navigation Devices," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 27, to continue markup of H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2555, Homeowners' Defense Act of 2009; H.R. 1264, Multiple Peril Insurance Act of 2009; H.R. 5114, Flood Insurance Reform Priorities Act of 2010; and H.R. 4790, Shareholder Protection Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Preserve Public Housing," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Promoting Small and Micro Enterprise in Haiti," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Reviewing FinCEN Oversight Reports," 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Credit Default Swaps on Government Debt: Potential Implications of the Greek Debt Crisis," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 27, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on A Relic of the Cold War: Is it Time to Repeal Jackson-Vanik for Russia? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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April 28, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2695, Credit Card Fair Fee Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on Protecting the American Dream Part II: Combating Predatory Lending Under the Fair Housing Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Collateral Consequences

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April 29, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budgets for Regional Economic Development Commissions, Priorities and Impacts on Regional Economics and Employment, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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April 29, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Status of Veterans Small Businesses, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

April 29, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1017, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 2506, Veterans Hearing and Assessment Act; and draft legislation on Continuing Professional Education Reimbursement, followed by a hearing on VA's Implementation of the Enhanced Contract Care Pilot Program, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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