

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3268–3277, and S. Res. 503–504. **Pages S2758–59**

#### Measures Passed:

**Cost of Living Adjustment:** Senate passed H.R. 5146, to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost of living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2011, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2768**

**Airport and Airway Trust Fund:** Senate passed H.R. 5147, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2768**

**Expressing Condolences to Those Affected by the Tornado in Mississippi:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 504, expressing the condolences of the Senate to those affected by the tragic events following the tornado that hit central Mississippi on April 24, 2010. **Page S2768**

#### Measures Considered:

**Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement:** Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S2726–50**

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

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 127), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2729**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not in-

voked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and the motion was rendered moot.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2010; that after the reporting of the bill and the recognition of Senators Dodd and Shelby to make opening statements on the bill, Senator Lincoln then be recognized to speak for up to 20 minutes, to be followed by Senator Chambliss to be recognized for up to 20 minutes; that on Thursday, no amendments or motions be in order prior to the offering of the Dodd-Lincoln substitute amendment; and that once the substitute amendment is offered, it be considered read. **Pages S2752, S2768**

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

Carlton W. Reeves, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Paul Kinloch Holmes III, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

Denise Jefferson Casper, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Barry R. Grissom, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Charles Gillen Dunne, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

Patti B. Saris, of Massachusetts, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Patti B. Saris, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2015.

Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2015.

25 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2768.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from former Representative Philip R. Sharp, and Robert W. Fri, both of Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C.; Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy; and Eric P. Loewen, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas LLC, Wilmington, North Carolina.

### APPROPRIATIONS: COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION AND SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Mary Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

### MILITARY COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine military com-

penation and benefits, including special and incentive pays, in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from William J. Carr, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy; Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Carla Tighe Murray, Senior Analyst, National Security Division, Congressional Budget Office; and James R. Hosek, RAND National Security Research Division, Santa Monica, California.

### MOTOR CARRIER OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine motor carrier safety efforts including S. 779, to amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to the length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways, after receiving testimony from Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Francis France, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, both of Washington, D.C.; David J. Osiecki, American Trucking Associations, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and Todd Spencer, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Grain Valley, Missouri.

### PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Senators Baucus, Inhofe and Tester; Marcilynn A. Burke, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Faye Krueger, Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3267, Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2010, with an amendment;

S. 2782, to provide personal jurisdiction in causes of action against contractors of the United States performing contracts abroad with respect to members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the United States, and United States citizen employees of companies performing work for the United States in connection with contractor activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3167, to amend title 13 of the United States Code to provide for a 5-year term of office for the Director of the Census and to provide for authority and duties of the Director and Deputy Director of the Census, with an amendment;

S. 3249, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program and for other purposes, with an amendment; and

The Nominations of Todd E. Edelman, Milton C. Lee, Jr., and Judith Anne Smith, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, and Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, both to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, and Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals.

#### CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine contract management at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, after receiving testimony from Kay L. Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; and Rodney L. Benson, Director, Office of Acquisition and Grants Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

#### 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 standards and assessments, after receiving testimony from Steven L. Paine, West Virginia Superintendent of Schools, Charleston; Gary W. Phillips, American Institutes for Research (AIR), Washington, D.C.; Charlene Rivera, The George Washington University Center for Equity and Excellence in Education, Alexandria, Virginia; Cynthia B. Schmeiser, ACT, Inc., Iowa City, Iowa; and Martha L. Thurlow, National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO), Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and John A. Gibney, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, who was introduced by Senators Webb and Warner, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 5159–5174; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 270; and H. Res. 1306 were introduced.

**Pages H3013–14**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H3014–15**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1305, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2499) to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico (H. Rept. 111–468).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Israel to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Pages H2939**

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

***Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act:*** H.R. 3393, amended, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars; **Pages H2942–47**

***Amending title 39, United States Code, to clarify the instances in which the term “census” may appear on mailable matter:*** H.R. 5148, to amend title 39, United States Code, to clarify the instances in which the term “census” may appear on mailable matter; **Pages H2947–49**

***Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service:*** H. Con. Res. 264, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service; and **Pages H2949–50**

***Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2010:*** H.R. 5147, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. **Pages H2950–52**

***Implementing Management for Performance and Related Reforms to Obtain Value in Every Acquisition Act of 2010:*** The House passed H.R. 5013, to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for performance management of the defense acquisition system, by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 230. **Pages H2952–86**

Agreed to the Buyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 229. Subsequently, Representative Skelton reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H2983–85**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2960**

Agreed to:

Skelton amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that makes various technical corrections to the bill. It also provides that nothing in contracts for military purpose non-developmental items shall restrict or otherwise affect the rights in technical data

of the Government, the contractor, or any subcontractor for items developed by the contractor or subcontractor exclusively at private expense; **Pages H2968–69**

Sessions amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that provides that nothing in the Act or amendments made by it shall be construed to affect the competition requirements of 10 U.S.C. 2304 (contract competition requirements); **Pages H2969–70**

Andrews amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that supports a diverse workforce development program with respect to career development for civilian and military personnel in the acquisition workforce; **Page H2970**

Edwards (MD) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that directs the DOD to engage in outreach to businesses in the vicinity of DOD installations to notify them of opportunities to obtain contracts and subcontracts to perform work at such installations; **Pages H2971–72**

Moore (WI) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that specifies that assessment metrics required to measure contractor performance include “compliance of such contractors with department policy regarding the use of certain small businesses”; **Pages H2972–73**

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that specifies that Title IV assistance in the legislation (Expansion of the Industrial Base) be limited to firms within the national technology and industrial base, as defined in section 2500(1) of title 10, United States Code; **Pages H2973–74**

Quigley amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that includes energy efficiency as one of the metrics that may be used in performance assessment of defense acquisitions, and would include energy efficiency of weapons systems as one of the items considered in the Secretary of Defense’s review of defense acquisition guidance; **Page H2974**

Quigley amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that directs the Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) in its next report to Congress to (1) assess whether and to what extent program cost estimators for major defense acquisition programs are independent and (2) whether a lack of independence affects their ability to generate reliable cost estimates; **Pages H2974–75**

Schrader amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that prohibits the award of contracts for personal services by any DOD component for the purpose of obtaining the services of a senior mentor. Nothing would prohibit DOD from hiring retired generals and flag officers as “senior mentors” under

the highly qualified expert provision of 5 U.S.C. section 9903 with additional financial disclosure and conflict of interest requirements in place;

**Pages H2975–76**

Childers amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that ensures that training courses for acquisition personnel include market research strategies to ensure that the surrounding market is considered during the contracting process;

**Pages H2977–78**

Dahlkemper amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that directs the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program providing for cost savings on non-developmental items by allowing a contracting officer to make an award for an existing contract to an entity submitting a new proposal that provides for a savings of greater than 15%, provided that doing so does not constitute a breach of contract;

**Pages H2978–79**

Kissell amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that requires GAO to do a study of the items purchased under 37 U.S.C. section 418, and determine if there is sufficient domestic production of such items to adequately supply members of the Armed Forces. Requires DOD to provide to the House Armed Services Committee, within 6 months of receiving the GAO recommendations, an evaluation of whether items purchased under section 418 of title 37 should be covered under the Berry Amendment;

**Pages H2979–80**

Grayson amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that requires DOD to give cost at least equal importance in evaluating competitive proposals for Federal contracts versus other factors or explain any waivers of such requirement;

**Pages H2980–81**

Hare amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that declares that it is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should ensure full compliance throughout the acquisition process with the Berry Amendment and the Buy American Act. Further, the amendment declares the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense not procure products made by manufacturers in the United States that violate labor standards as defined under the laws of the United States;

**Pages H2981–82**

Hall (NY) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that requires the Director of the Office of Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis ("PARCA") to include performance assessments with significant findings in its annual report. It also requires submission of egregious problems (as defined by the PARCA Director) to the Armed Services Committees (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 227); and

**Pages H2970–71, H2982–83**

Connolly (VA) amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that creates an Industrial Base

Council within the DOD, supported by existing personnel and funds, to provide recommendations to the Secretary on budget and policy matters related to the industrial base. Requires an annual report to Congress on the Council's activities (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 228).

**Pages H2976–77, H2983**

H. Res. 1300, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

**Pages H2952–54**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2982–83, H2983, H2985 and H2986. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### 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 Drug Safety. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and public witnesses.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Request for the GSA. Testimony was heard from Martha N. Johnson, Administrator, GSA.

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

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Overview: National Institutes of Health Testimony was heard from Francis Collins, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

### AIR MOBILITY PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Air Mobility Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Michelle D. Johnson, USAF, Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command; David M. Van Buren, Acting Assistant Secretary, Air Force,

Acquisition; LTG Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements; U.S. Air Force; and BG Richard C. Johnston, USAF, Director, Strategic Planning, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

#### **WORKPLACE WHISTLEBLOWER AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Whistleblower and Victims' Rights Provision of H.R. 2067, Protecting America's Workers Act. Testimony was heard from Jordan Barab, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

#### **KATRINA/RITA FEMA TRAILER SALES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Public Sales of Hurricane Katrina/Rita FEMA Trailers: Are They Safe or Environmental Time Bombs?" Testimony was heard from David Garratt, Associate Administrator, FEMA Mission Support Bureau, Department of Homeland Security; James J. Jones, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; Steven Kempt, Acting Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA; Corey Hebert, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Recovery School District, Department of Education, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

#### **CLEAN ENERGY POLICIES REDUCING OIL DEPENDENCE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Clean Energy Policies That Reduce Our Dependence on Oil. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

#### **ANTIBIOTIC RESISTENCE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Antibiotic Resistance and the Threat to Public Health." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

#### **PRESERVE PUBLIC HOUSING**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Preserve Public Housing." Testimony was heard from Sandra Henriquez, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian

Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

#### **PROMOTING HAITI'S SMALL/MICRO ENTERPRISE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled "Promoting Small and Micro Enterprise in Haiti." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Reviewing FinCEN Oversight Reports." Testimony was heard from James H. Freis, Jr., Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Department of the Treasury; Eric Thorson, Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the GAO: Richard J. Hillman, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment; and Eileen Regen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4128, amended, Conflict Minerals Trade Act; H.R. 5138, International Megan's Law of 2010; H.R. 4801, amended, Global Science Program for Security, Competitiveness, and Diplomacy Act of 2010; H.R. 5139, Extending Immunities to the Office of the High Representative and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo Act of 2010, and S. 1067, Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act of 2009.

#### **ENERGY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: OVERSIGHT OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE**

*Committee on House Administration:* Approved Committee Resolution 111-8, Energy Demonstration Project Authorization.

The Committee also held a hearing on Oversight of the Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, Chief Administrative Officer and Inspector General of the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House: Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer; and Theresa Grafenstine, Acting Inspector General.

#### **CREDIT CARD FAIR FEE ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on H.R. 2695, Credit Card Fair Fee Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### UNMANNED MILITARY DRONE TARGETING

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings entitled “The Rise of the Drones II: Examining the Legality of Unmanned Targeting.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PUERTO RICO DEMOCRACY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2499, the “Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009.” The rule provides one hour and 30 minutes of general debate with one hour equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 30 minutes controlled by Representative Velázquez of New York. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Natural Resources or his designee. The Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall, Representatives Rangel, Gutierrez, Velázquez, Hastings of Washington and Foxx; and Resident Commissioner, Pedro R. Pierluisi, Puerto Rico.

### AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5116, America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010.

### SMALL BUSINESS TRADE POLICY

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Impact of Small Business Trade Policy on Job Creation and Economic Growth.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COLUMBIA RIVER—SAN FRANCISCO BAY PROTECTION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on Protecting and Restoring America’s Great Waters, Part II: The Columbia River and San Francisco Bay. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington; Blumenauer and Speier; Nancy Stoner, Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* 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.

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.

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, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* 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:* 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:* 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:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffrey A. Lane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, time to be announced, room to be announced.

*Committee on Finance:* 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:* 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:* 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:* 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:* 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:* 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, Paul

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*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Status of Veterans' Small Businesses, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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