

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4709–S4786

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3464–3474, and S. Res. 547–548. **Pages S4744–45**

Measures Reported:

S. 1507, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to reform Postal Service retiree health benefits funding, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–203) **Page S4744**

Measures Passed:

Oil Pollution Act: Senate passed S. 3473, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. **Page S4785**

House Messages:

American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4711–41**

Adopted:

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 182), Baucus Amendment No. 4326 (to Amendment No. 4301), to increase transparency regarding debt instruments of the United States held by foreign governments, to assess the risks to the United States of such holdings. **Pages S4736–38**

Cornyn/Kyl Modified Amendment No. 4302 (to Amendment No. 4301), to increase transparency regarding debt instruments of the United States held by foreign governments, to assess the risks to the United States of such holdings. (By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 183), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4711, S4735–36, S4738**

Rejected:

Roberts Amendment No. 4325 (to Amendment No. 4301), to exempt pediatric medical devices from the medical device tax. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 180), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4728–29, S4733**

Pending:

Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4711**

Franken Amendment No. 4311 (to Amendment No. 4301), to establish the Office of the Homeowner Advocate for purposes of addressing problems with the Home Affordable Modification Program. **Page S4711**

Sanders Amendment No. 4318 (to Amendment No. 4301), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate big oil and gas company tax loopholes, and to use the resulting increase in revenues to reduce the deficit and to invest in energy efficiency and conservation. **Pages S4738–39, S4739–41**

Vitter Amendment No. 4312 (to Amendment No. 4301), to ensure that any new revenues to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund will be used for the purposes of the fund and not used as a budget gimmick to offset deficit spending. **Page S4739**

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

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 179), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budget points of order, with respect to Cardin Amendment No. 4304 (to Amendment No. 4301), to provide for the extension of dependent coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Cardin Amendment No. 4304 (to Amendment No. 4301), as being in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S4711, S4732–33**

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 181), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budget points of order, with respect to Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 4303 (to Amendment No. 4301), to establish 3-year discretionary spending caps. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 4303 (to

Amendment No. 4301), as being in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S4711, S4719, S4729–32, S4734–35

EPA Greenhouse Gases Resolution—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, June 10, 2010, following any Leader remarks, Senate begin consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the endangerment finding and the cause or contribute findings for greenhouse gases under section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act, and that the debate time on the motion to proceed be allotted in 30 minute alternating blocks, with Senator Murkowski controlling the first 30 minute block, and with the first block commencing at 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June 10, 2010.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the suspensions under section 902(a)(3) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 with respect to issuance of permanent munitions export licenses for exports to the People's Republic of China insofar as such restrictions pertain to the Light Scanner 32 System used for gene mutation genotyping for individualized cancer treatment; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–61)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mimi E. Alemayehou, Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2015.

Johnnie Carson, an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2015.

Edward W. Brehm, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2011.

James Frederick Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mark Lloyd Ericks, of Washington, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

Joseph Patrick Faughnan, Sr., of Connecticut, to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Harold Michael Oglesby, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Donald Martin O'Keefe, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of California for the term of four years.

Charles Thomas Weeks II, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Kenneth James Runde, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Robert E. O'Neill, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—183)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4786.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1619, to establish the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, to establish the Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities, to establish a comprehensive planning grant program, to establish a sustainability challenge grant program, after receiving testimony from Jackie Nytes, City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Joe McKinney, Land-of-Sky Regional Council, Asheville, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations; Lyle D. Wray, Capitol Region Council of Governments,

Hartford, Connecticut, on behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils; and Julia W. Gouge, Carroll County Commissioner, Carroll County, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Counties.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3386, to protect consumers from certain aggressive sales tactics on the Internet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1938, to establish a program to reduce injuries and deaths caused by cellphone use and texting while driving, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3302, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish new automobile safety standards, make better motor vehicle safety information available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the public, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3084, to increase the competitiveness of United States businesses, particularly small- and medium-sized manufacturing firms, in interstate and global commerce, foster job creation in the United States, and assist United States businesses in developing or expanding commercial activities in interstate and global commerce by expanding the ambit of the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership program and the Technology Innovation Program to include projects that have potential for commercial exploitation in nondomestic markets, providing for an increase in related resources of the Department of Commerce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2847, to regulate the volume of audio on commercials, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 817, to establish a Salmon Stronghold Partnership program to conserve wild Pacific salmon;

S. 1748, to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

The nomination of Carl Wieman, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; and

A promotion list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps and the Coast Guard.

SAFETY MEASURES FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues related to the

Department of the Interior's May 27th report entitled, Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf, including oversight of recent actions recommended by the Department to address the safety of offshore oil development, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, Steve Black, Counselor to the Secretary, and David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, all of the Department of the Interior.

WATER POWER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2891, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, S. 2779 and H.R. 3671, bills to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, S. 3387, to provide for the release of water from the marketable yield pool of water stored in the Ruedi Reservoir for the benefit of endangered fish habitat in the Colorado River, and for other purposes, S. 3404, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, and 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, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Representative Baca; Timothy J. Meeks, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy; Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Richard S. Walden, Arizona Power Authority (APA), Phoenix; Kenneth L. Olsen, Lake County Commissioner, Leadville, Colorado; Andrew A. Mueller, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Ouray; George M. Caan, Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Las Vegas; Phyllis Currie, Pasadena Water and Power, Pasadena, California; and Doug Peterson, Minnesota Farmers Union, St. Paul.

OIL POLLUTION BILLS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3305, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and S. 3461, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for economic injury caused by the Deepwater Horizon incident, and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to renegotiate the terms of the lease known as "Mississippi Canyon 252" with respect to claims relating to the Deepwater Horizon

explosion and oil spill that exceed existing applicable economic liability limitations, after receiving testimony from D.T. Minich, St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Clearwater, Florida; Michael A. Frenette, Venice Charter Boat and Guide Association, Marrero, Louisiana; RJ Kopchak, Cordova District Fisherman United, Cordova, Arkansas; Kenneth M. Murchison, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge; Barry M. Hartman, K&L Gates LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Ron Baron, Willis, Houston, Texas.

NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM

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 the National Security Personnel System and performance management in the Federal government, after receiving testimony from John H. James, Jr., Direc-

tor, National Security Personnel System, Transition Office, Department of Defense; Charles D. Grimes III, Deputy Associate Director for Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Gregory J. Junemann, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), Canadian Labour Congress (CLC), Washington, D.C., and Patricia Viers, Columbus, Ohio, both of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); and Patricia Niehaus, Federal Managers Association (FMA), Alexandria, Virginia.

ENFORCEMENT OF ANTITRUST LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws, after receiving testimony from Christine A. Varney, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, Federal Trade Commis-

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5486–5497; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1428–1429 were introduced. **Page H4330**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4330–31**

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 H4249**

Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 2008, the Clerk be directed to carry out the modification placed at the desk. **Page H4252**

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

Grid Reliability and Infrastructure Defense Act: H.R. 5026, amended, to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States from cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities; **Pages H4256–62**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to

the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities.”. **Page H4262**

Recognizing June 8, 2010, as World Ocean Day: H. Res. 1330, amended, to recognize June 8, 2010, as World Ocean Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 369 yeas to 44 nays, Roll No. 344; **Pages H4262–66, H4297–98**

President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5278, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the “President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 416 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 345; **Pages H4266–67, H4298–99**

Staff Sergeant Frank T. Carvill and Lance Corporal Michael A. Schwarz Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5133, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 331 1st Street in Carlstadt, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Frank T. Carvill and Lance Corporal Michael A. Schwarz Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 409 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 346; **Pages H4267–69, H4299**

Recognizing the National Museum of American Jewish History: H. Res. 1381, to recognize the National Museum of American Jewish History, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, as the only museum in the Nation dedicated exclusively to exploring and preserving the American Jewish experience;

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Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to compile the cost estimates prepared by the Congressional Budget Office which are included in reports filed by committees of the House on approved legislation and post such estimates on the official public Internet site of the Office of the Clerk: H. Res. 1178, amended, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to compile the cost estimates prepared by the Congressional Budget Office which are included in reports filed by committees of the House on approved legislation and post such estimates on the official public Internet site of the Office of the Clerk, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 342; and

Pages H4271–74, H4288–89

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to ensure that cost estimates prepared by the Congressional Budget Office are available to the public.”.

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Honoring the life of John Robert Wooden: H. Res. 1427, to honor the life of John Robert Wooden.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt national policies and pursue international agreements to prevent ocean acidification: H. Res. 989, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt national policies and pursue international agreements to prevent ocean acidification, to study the impacts of ocean acidification on marine ecosystems and coastal economies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 341.

Pages H4252–56, H4287–88

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Congratulating Clinton County and the county seat of Wilmington, Ohio, on the occasion of their bicentennial anniversaries: H. Res. 1121, to congratulate Clinton County and the county seat of Wilmington, Ohio, on the occasion of their bicentennial anniversaries.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families.

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Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Frank (MA) motion to disagree to the Senate amendments and agree to a conference on H.R. 4173, to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, and to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets.

Pages H4289, H4300–02

Rejected the Bachus motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 343.

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Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Frank (MA), Kanjorski, Waters, Maloney, Gutierrez, Watt, Meeks (NY), Moore (KS), Kilroy, Peters, Bachus, Royce, Biggert, Capito, Hensarling, and Garrett (NJ).

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From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of subtitles A and B of title I, secs. 1303, 1609, 1702, 1703, title III (except secs. 3301 and 3302), secs. 4205(c), 4804(b)(8)(B), 5008, and 7509 of the House bill, and sec. 102, subtitle A of title I, secs. 406, 604(h), title VII, title VIII, secs. 983, 989E, 1027(j), 1088(a)(8), 1098, and 1099 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Peterson, Boswell, and Lucas.

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From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 3009, 3102(a)(2), 4001, 4002, 4101–4114, 4201, 4202, 4204–4210, 4301–4311, 4314, 4401–4403, 4410, 4501–4509, 4601–4606, 4815, 4901, and that portion of sec. 8002(a)(3) which adds a new sec. 313(d) to title 31, United States Code, of the House bill, and that portion of sec. 502(a)(3) which adds a new sec. 313(d) to title 31, United States Code, secs. 722(e), 1001, 1002, 1011–1018, 1021–1024, 1027–1029, 1031–1034, 1036, 1037, 1041, 1042, 1048, 1051–1058, 1061–1067, 1101, and 1105 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Waxman, Rush, and Barton (TX).

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From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 1101(e)(2), 1103(e)(2), 1104(i)(5) and (i)(6), 1105(h) and (i), 1110(c) and (d), 1601, 1605, 1607, 1609, 1610, 1612(a), 3002(c)(3) and (c)(4), 3006, 3119, 3206, 4205(n), 4306(b), 4501–4509,

4603, 4804(b)(8)(A), 4901(c)(8)(D) and (e), 6003, 7203(a), 7205, 7207, 7209, 7210, 7213–7216, 7220, 7302, 7507, 7508, 9004, 9104, 9105, 9106(a), 9110(b), 9111, 9118, 9203(c), and 9403(b) of the House bill, and secs. 112(b)(5)(B), 113(h), 153(f), 201, 202, 205, 208–210, 211(a) and (b), 316, 502(a)(3), 712(c), 718(b), 723(a)(3), 724(b), 725(c), 728, 731, 733, 735(b), 744, 748, 753, 763(a), (c), and (i), 764, 767, 809(f), 922, 924, 929B, 932, 991(b)(5), (c)(2)(G) and (c)(3)(H), 1023(c)(7), and (c)(8), 1024(c)(3)(B), 1027(e), 1042, 1044(a), 1046(a), 1047, 1051–1058, 1063, 1088(a)(7)(A), 1090, 1095, 1096, 1098, 1104, 1151(b), and 1156(c) of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Conyers, Berman, and Smith (TX). **Page H4300**

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 1000A, 1007, 1101(e)(3), 1203(d), 1212, 1217, 1254(c), 1609(h)(8)(B), 1611(d), 3301, 3302, 3304, 4106(b)(2) and (g)(4)(D), 4604, 4801, 4802, 5004, 7203(a), 7409, and 8002(a)(3) of the House bill, and secs. 111(g), (i) and (j), 152(d)(2), (g) and (k), 210(h)(8), 319, 322, 404, 502(a)(3), 723(a)(3), 748, 763(a), 809(g), 922(a), 988, 989B, 989C, 989D, 989E, 1013(a), 1022(c)(6), 1064, 1152, and 1159(a) and (b) of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Towns, Cummings, and Issa. **Page H4300**

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 1071 and 1104 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Velázquez, Shuler, and Graves. **Page H4300**

FHA Reform Act of 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 5072, to improve the financial safety and soundness of the FHA mortgage insurance program. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 10th. **Page H4277**

H. Res. 1424, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 340, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 339. **Pages H4277–87**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that it is in the national interest of the United States to terminate the suspensions under the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (Public Law 101–246) with respect to the issuance of permanent munitions export licenses for exports to the People's Republic of China insofar as such restrictions pertain to the LightScanner 32 System used for gene mutation genotyping for individualized cancer treatment—re-

ferred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–120). **Page H4314**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4314.

Senate Referrals: S. 3473 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4286, H4286–87, H4287–88, H4288, H4296–97, H4297, H4298–99, H4299. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL ENERGY TITLE IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the implementation of the 2008 Farm bill energy title. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Cheryl Cook, Under Secretary, Rural Development; Jonathan Coppess, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; and Carmela Bailey, National Program Leader, Biobased Products and Bioenergy, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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 FCC. Testimony was heard from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, FCC.

INTERAGENCY NATIONAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Interagency National Security Reform: Pragmatic Steps Towards a More Integrated Future. Testimony was heard from John H. Pendleton, Director, Force Structure and Defense Planning Issues, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the State of the Economy: View from the Federal Reserve. Testimony was heard from Benjamin S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

ANTIBIOTIC DEVELOPMENT AND USE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Promoting the Development of Antibiotics and Ensuring Judicious Use in Humans.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA; and Robin Robinson, Director, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority; and public witnesses.

WOMEN IN POLITICS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on Women as Agents of Change: Advancing the Role of Women in Politics and Civil Society. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Melanne Vermeer, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women’s Issues, Office of Global Women’s Issues; and Esther Brimmer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs; Swanee Hunt, former U.S. Ambassador to Austria; and public witnesses.

CONVICTS REENTERING SOCIETY BARRIERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions: Barriers to Reentry for the Formerly Incarcerated. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERIOR TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 4347, Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Laura Davis, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “Strengthening the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.” Testimony was heard from Representative Larson, a member of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission; and the following officials of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives and Records Administration: David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States; and Chairwoman of the Commission; and Kathleen M. Williams, Executive Director of the Commission.

OIL SPILL CLEANUP TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Deluge of Oil Highlights Research and Technology Needs for Effective Cleanup of Oil Spills. Testimony was heard from Douglas Helton, Incident Operations Coordinator, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; CAPT Anthony Lloyd, USCG, Chief, Office of Incident Management and Preparedness, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Sharon Buffington, Chief, Engineering and Research Branch, Offshore Energy, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Albert Venosa, Director, Land Remediation and Pollution Control Division, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and public witnesses.

OIL SPILL LIABILITY/FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Liability and Financial Responsibility for Oil Spills under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and Related Statutes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Holt, Castor of Florida, and Jackson Lee of Texas; Tom Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Bob Abbey, Acting Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

VA INSPECTOR GENERAL’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General’s Open Recommendations: Are We Fixing the Problems? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Deputy Inspector General, and Robert A. Petzel, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration.

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**JOURNALISTS AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA IN OSCE REGION**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the significant challenges faced by journalists and independent

media throughout the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on physical threats and violence targeting journalists, including the murder of scores of investigative reporters, after receiving testimony from Dunja Mijatovic, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Representative on Freedom of the Media, Vienna, Austria; Sam Patten, Freedom House, Washington, D.C.; and Muzaffar Suleymanov, Committee to Protect Journalists, New York, New York.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D629)

H.R. 5128, to designate the United States Department of the Interior Building in Washington, District of Columbia, as the “Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building”. Signed on June 8, 2010. (Public Law 111–176)

H.R. 5139, to provide for the International Organizations Immunities Act to be extended to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo. Signed on June 8, 2010. (Public Law 111–177)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John S. Pistole, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the United States-China economic relationship, focusing on a new approach for a new China, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111–05), 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine production over protections, focusing on a review of process safety management in the oil and gas industry, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine assessing the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on states, localities and the private sector, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dennis J. Toner, of Delaware, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2802, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation, S. 2906, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify a provision relating to leases involving certain Indian tribes, S. 1448, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribe to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land, and the nominations of Tracie Stevens, of Washington, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, and JoAnn Lynn Balzer, of New Mexico, and Cynthia Chavez Lamar, of New Mexico, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, 3 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 193, to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships, H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, H.R. 908, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program, S. 258, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, and the nominations of Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Scott M. Matheson, Jr., of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, James Kelleher Bredar, and Ellen Lipton Hollander, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Susan Richard Nelson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Thomas Edward Delahanty II, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine, Wendy J. Olson, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, Kevin Charles Harrison, and Donald J. Cazayoux, Jr., both to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana, Henry Lee Whitehorn, Sr., to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana, James A. Lewis, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, and Charles Gillen Dunne, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 3101, Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “The BP Oil Spill: Human Exposure and Environmental Fate,” 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Human Rights and Democracy Assistance: Increasing the Effectiveness of U.S. Foreign Aid, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on Thailand: The Path Toward Reconciliation, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on H.R. 3721, Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, with emphasis on Our Natural Resources at Risk: The Short and Long Term Impact of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill,” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3785, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area Boundary Study Act of 2009; H.R. 4823, Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area Act of 2010; H.R. 5009, Wasatch Wilderness and Watershed Protection Act of 2010; H.R. 5110, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act of 2010; H.R. 5131, Coltsville National Historical Park Act; H.R. 5152, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2010; and H.R. 5194, Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on From the Lab Bench to the Marketplace: Improving Technology Transfer, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Using Practical Design and Context-Sensitive Solutions in Developing Surface Transportation Projects, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 114, Veterans Entrepreneurial Transition Business Benefit Act; H.R. 3685, To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the main page of the Internet Web site of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet Web site and to publicize such Internet Web site; H.R. 4319, Specially Adapted Housing Assistance Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 4635, Foreclosure Mandatory Mediation Act of 2010; H.R. 4664, To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for a one-year moratorium on the sale or foreclosure of property owned by surviving spouses of servicemembers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom; H.R. 4765, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes; H.R. 5360, Blinded Veterans Adaptive Housing Improvement Act of 2010; and draft legislation, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on possible policy responses to long-term unemployment, 9:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Transportation Security Administration, 10 a.m. 304-HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the endangerment finding and the cause or contribute findings for greenhouse gases under section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to proceed to consideration thereon at approximately 3:45 p.m., and if the motion is agreed to, vote on adoption of the joint resolution.

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