

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1613–S1708

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 574–591, and S. Res. 102. **Pages S1676–77**

Measures Passed:

100th Anniversary of the Army Dental Corps: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 96, congratulating the Army Dental Corps on its 100th anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1707**

Shirley Ann Jackson Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 7, providing for the reappointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S1707**

Stephen M. Case Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 8, providing for the appointment of Stephen M. Case as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S1707**

Robert P. Kogod Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 9, providing for the reappointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S1707**

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, agreeing to the committee amendments in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 182, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1641, S1642–43**

McConnell Amendment No. 183, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change.

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Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property. **Pages S1644, S1648–49**

Inhofe (for Johanns) Amendment No. 161, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements to payments made to corporations, payments for property and other gross proceeds, and rental property expense payments. **Pages S1649, S1668–69**

Snowe Amendment No. 193, to strike the Federal authorization of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation. **Pages S1653–65**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, and Senate proceed to votes on or in relation to the following amendments in the order listed: Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 182 (listed above); and Snowe Amendment No. 193 (listed above); that there be two minutes of debate equally divided, prior to each vote; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the votes; provided further, that following the votes, the next first-degree amendments in order be the following: Casey Amendment No. 216; Cornyn Amendment No. 186; Sanders Amendment No. 207; Paul Amendment No. 199; Democratic amendment; and Hutchison Amendment No. 197. **Page S1707**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1708.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, and General David H. Petraeus, U.S. Army, Commander, International Security Assistance Forces NATO, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael Vickers, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, both of the Department of Defense, and 252 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

AMERICA'S HOUSING FINANCE MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's report to Congress, focusing on reforming America's housing finance market, after receiving testimony from Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury; and Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

DEBT REDUCTION TASK FORCE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force, after receiving testimony from former Senator Pete V. Domenici, and Alice M. Rivlin, both Co-Chair, both of the Bipartisan Policy Center Debt Reduction Task Force, Washington, DC.

NASA'S POTENTIAL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine realizing NASA's potential, focusing on programmatic challenges in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Douglas R. Cooke, Associate Administrator, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, William Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Space Operations Mission Directorate, Leland D. Melvin, Associate Administrator, Education, Jaiwon Shin, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, Edward J. Weiler, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, and Woodrow Whitlow, Jr., Associate Administrator, Mission Support Directorate, all of National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SPENDING AND BUDGET DEFICITS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine enhancing the President's authority to eliminate wasteful spending and reduce the budget deficit, after receiving testimony from Virginia A. McMurtry, Specialist in American National Government, and Todd B. Tatelman, Legislative Attorney, both of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Maya MacGuineas, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Arlington, Virginia; and Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, Bethesda, Maryland.

TRIBAL PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for Tribal Programs, after receiving testimony from Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Michael S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Keith Moore, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, and Ray A. Joseph, Principal Deputy Special Trustee, Indian Affairs, all of the Department of the Interior; Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, Sequim, Washington; Mary Jane Oatman-Wakwak, National Indian Education Association, Washington, DC; Earl Barbry, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Marksville, on behalf of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET); James Steele Jr., Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), Pablo, Montana; John Blackhawk, Winnebago Tribe, Winnebago, Nebraska; Michael Finley, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelam, Washington;

and Walter Dasheno, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Espanola, New Mexico.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the “Freedom of Information Act,” focusing on ensuring transparency and accountability in the digital age, after receiving testimony from Miriam Nisbet, Director, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Melanie Pustay, Director,

Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice; Sarah Cohen, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; and John D. Podesta, Center for American Progress Action Fund, and Tom Fitton, Judicial Watch, both of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the fiscal year 2011 Intelligence Authorization bill and the Committee Activities Report for the 111th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 1076–1106; 2 private bills, H.R. 1107–1108; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 49–50; H. Con. Res. 30–31; and H.Res. 168–169, 171–172, were introduced. **Pages H1840–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1843–44**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 170, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 839) to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program, while preserving assistance to homeowners who were already extended an offer to participate in the Program, either on a trial or permanent basis; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 861) to rescind the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and to terminate the program (H. Rept. 112–34). **Page H1840**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Turner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1799**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1804**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1804, H1811**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 30, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeand-nay vote of 232 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H1810, H1825–26**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. **Pages H1810–11**

Additional Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011: The House passed H.J. Res. 48, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, by a recorded vote of 271 yeas to 158 noes, Roll No. 179. **Pages H1811–25**

Rejected the Critz motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeand-nay vote of 190 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 178. **Pages H1823–24**

H. Res. 167, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution, was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 177, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H1806–10**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Marchant, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective today. **Page H1826**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 168, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H1826**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeand-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1811, H1824, H1825, and H1825–26. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FY 2012 BUDGET

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY2012.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Requests. Testimony was heard from Elisabeth Hagen, Under Secretary for Food Safety, Department of Agriculture.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Harley G. Lappin, Director, Bureau of Prisons.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Securities and Exchange Commission. Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2012 Oversight & Budget. Testimony was heard from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Pell Grants. Testimony was heard from Martha Kanter, Under Secretary, Department of Education.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Testimony was heard from Daniel W. Yohannes, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development—Transformation Initiative FY 2012 Oversight and Budget. Testimony was heard from the following HUD officials: Jerry Williams, Chief Information Officer; Estelle Richman, Chief Operating Officer; and Raphael Bostic, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on military health system overview and Defense Health Program cost efficiencies. Testimony was heard from Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; LTG Eric Schoomaker, USA, Surgeon General; VADM Adam Robinson, USN, Surgeon General; and Lt. Gen. Charles Bruce Green, USAF, Surgeon General.

LONG-TERM READINESS CHALLENGES IN THE PACIFIC

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on long-term readiness challenges in the Pacific. Testimony was heard from Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment; Michael Schiffer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, East Asia; and Major General Randolph Alles, Director, J-5, Strategic Planning and Policy, U.S. Pacific Command.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for national security space activities. Testimony was heard

from Erin C. Conaton, Under Secretary of the Air Force, DOD; Gen. William L. Shelton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command; Gregory L. Schulte, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Space Policy, DOD; and Betty Sapp, Principal Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

TACTICAL AVIATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force tactical aviation programs. Testimony was heard from David M. Van Buren, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air force for Acquisition, USAF; VADM David Venlet, USN, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Lightning II Program, DOD; Michael J. Sullivan, Director for Acquisition and Sourcing, GAO; VADM Mark Skinner, USN, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, USN; Lt. Gen. Terry G. Robling, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Aviation, USMC; Rear Admiral Kenneth E. Floyd, USN, Director of the Air Warfare Division, Lt. Gen. Mark D. “Shack” Shackelford, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Lt. Gen. Herbert J. “Hawk” Carlisle, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

BURYING SCHOOLS IN PAPERWORK

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing on Education Regulations: Burying Schools in Paperwork. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011; and H.J. Res. 37, a resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices. H.R. 910 was ordered reported, as amended; and H.J. Res. 37, was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup and passed, as amended, their Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

STRENGTHENING THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Strengthening the Border—Finding the Right Mix

of Personnel, Infrastructure and Technology.” Testimony was heard from the following Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security officials: Michael J. Fisher, Chief of the Border Patrol; Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation and Acquisition; and Michael C. Kostelnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of CBP Air & Marine; also, MG Hugo E. Salazar, Adjutant General, Arizona National Guard; and Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO.

WIRELESS TAX FAIRNESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1002, the “Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION, SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION, AND SOUTHEASTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled “Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration and the Southeastern Power Administration” including the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget requests and other spending as it relates to the four Power Marketing Administrations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE AND MUNICIPAL DEBT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled, “State and Municipal Debt: The Coming Crisis? Part II.” Testimony was heard from Dan Liljenquist, State Senator, Utah; and public witnesses.

OBAMACARE AND WAIVERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled, “Obamacare: Why the Need for Waivers?” Testimony was heard from Steven Larsen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and public witnesses.

**HAMP TERMINATION ACT OF 2011; AND
NSP TERMINATION ACT OF 2011**

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 839 and H.R. 861. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 839 and provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services 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 the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each amendment made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the 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 division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 839 with or without instruction.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 861. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services 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 the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each amendment made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report (except that amendment Number 9 and amendment number 10 may be offered only en bloc), 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 division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of

the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 861 with or without instructions.

On H.R. 839, testimony was heard from: Rep. Biggert; Rep. Gary Miller of California; Rep. Waters; Rep. Maloney of New York; Rep. Miller of North Carolina; and Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas.

On H.R. 861, testimony was heard from: Rep. Biggert; Rep. Gary Miller of California; Rep. Waters; Rep. Maloney of New York; Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas; and Rep. Laura Richardson.

**EFFECTIVELY PROTECTING HOMELAND
SECURITY WITH SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on An Overview of Science and Technology Research and Development Programs and Priorities to Effectively Protect Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Tara O'Toole, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; Warren Stern, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; David Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup and passed their views and estimates on the Small Business Administration's FY 2012 budget request.

**FREEDOM OF AMERICANS ON THE HIGH
SEAS**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Assuring the Freedom of Americans on the High Seas: The United States Response to Piracy. Testimony was heard from Admiral Kevin Cook, Director of Prevention Policy for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship, USCG; William Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, DOD; Kurt Amend, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Political and Military Affairs, Department of State; and Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Maritime Security and Coast Guard Issues; GAO.

**MEDPAC ANNUAL MARCH REPORT TO
CONGRESS**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health met for organizational purposes and held a hearing on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's (MedPAC) annual March Report to the Congress which details the Commission's recommendations for updating Medicare payment policies. Testimony was heard from Glen M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Navy, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services, to receive a closed briefing on the updated National Intelligence Estimate on Iran and other related matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on the Budget, to hold a joint hearing with the Task Force on Government Performance to examine modernizing performance, focusing on using the new framework, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the state of online consumer privacy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings to examine the report to the President from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine health reform, focusing on lessons learned during the first year, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to receive a closed briefing on Libya, 9 a.m., SVC-217.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph M. Torsella, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on Afghanistan, focusing on progress and expectations, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments and the nominations of Kelvin K. Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, and Jonathan Andrew Hatfield, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, business meeting to consider the nominations of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, and Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bernice Bouie Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, J. Paul Oetken, and Paul A. Engelmayer, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations from AMVETS, Jewish War Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, Gold Star Wives, Blinded Veterans Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Fleet Reserve Association, 9:30 a.m., SDG-50.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine securities lending in retirement plans, 2 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing to review the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, agricultural conservation practices, and their implications on national watersheds, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2012 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Science, Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Southwest Border Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Fish and Wildlife Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight Hearing, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Health and Human Services FY12 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Veterans Affairs Budget, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the United Nations and other International Organizations, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on developments in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request from the U.S. Cyber Command, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Military Health System Overview and Defense Health Program Cost Efficiencies: A Beneficiary Perspective, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on amphibious operations, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled “The FY2012 Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budgets.” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Made in America: Increasing Jobs through Exports and Trade.” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Promote Job Creation, Capital Formation, and Market Certainty”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on the Agency for International Development and the Millennium Challenge Corporation: Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Requests and Future Directions in Foreign Assistance, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Examining the Cyber Threat to Critical Infrastructure and the American Economy.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on the Obama Administration’s De Facto Moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico: Community and Economic Impacts, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing on TSA Oversight Part I: Whole Body Imaging, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing on Project Labor Agreements and the Cost of Doing Business in the Construction Industry, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1076, to prohibit Federal funding of National Public Radio and the use of Federal funds to acquire radio content, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing on Spurring Innovation and Job Creation: The SBIR Program, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on the following: S. 307, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 217 West King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, as the “W. Craig Broadwater Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; H.R. 872, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; H.R. 1079, 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, U.S.C., to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes, and Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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