

**Close Big Oil Tax Loopholes Act and Offshore Production and Safety Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, the Majority Leader be recognized to move to proceed to consideration of S. 940, to reduce the Federal budget deficit by closing big oil tax loopholes, and S. 953, to authorize the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify the requirements for exploration; that there be up to four hours of debate prior to a vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 940; that the vote on the motion to proceed be subject to a 60 vote threshold; provided further, that at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 18th, 2011, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953, to authorize the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify the requirements for exploration; that there be up to four hours of debate prior to a vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953; that the vote on the motion to proceed be subject to a 60 vote threshold; if a motion to proceed contained in this agreement does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, the motion be withdrawn; and that the time for debate on the motions to proceed to S. 940 and S. 953, be equally divided in the usual form. **Pages S2999, S3002**

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

Terry D. Garcia, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Frankie Annette Reed, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3001.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 50.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings are scheduled.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, 10:15 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the United States Northern Command and

the United States Southern Command, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine oversight and reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 516, to extend outer Continental Shelf leases to accommodate permitting delays and to provide operators time to meet new drilling and safety requirements, S. 843, to establish outer Continental Shelf lease and permit processing coordination offices, S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and S. 917, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine financing 21st century infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine strategic implications of Pakistan and the region, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 618, to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Egypt and Tunisia, S. 954, to promote the strengthening of the Haitian private sector, S. Con. Res. 15, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, and reaffirming United States leadership and support for efforts to combat malaria as a critical component of the President's Global Health Initiative, and the nominations of Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel, Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, George Albert Krol, of

New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Henry S. Ensher, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, Mara E. Rudman, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Matthew Maxwell Taylor Kennedy, of California, and James A. Torrey, of Connecticut, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Sim Farar, of California, and William J. Hybl, of Colorado, both to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine strengthening medical and public health preparedness and response, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine addressing the U.S. Postal Service's financial crisis, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine improving security and facilitating commerce at America's northern border and ports of entry, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 3:30 p.m., SD-562.

### House

No hearings were held.