

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

CORRECTION

Senator Isakson read Washington's Farewell Address.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S929–S1022*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 416–421, S.J. Res. 7–9, S. Res. 77–79, and S. Con. Res. 7–8.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 79, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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#### Measures Passed:

*Death of Former Senator James Albertus McClure of Idaho:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 78, relative to the death of James Albertus McClure, former United States Senator for the State of Idaho.

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*Recognizing Women Serving in the United States Armed Forces:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 8, recognizing women serving in the United States Armed Forces.

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#### Measures Considered:

*Patent Reform Act—Agreement:* Senate began consideration of S. 23, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, agreeing to the committee reported amendments, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 114, to improve the bill.

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Vitter/Toomey Amendment No. 112, to require that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

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Bennet Amendment No. 116, to reduce the fee amounts paid by small entities requesting prioritized examination under Three-Track Examination.

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Bennet Amendment No. 117, to establish additional USPTO satellite offices. **Pages S956–57**

Lee Amendment No. 115, to express the sense of the Senate in support of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. **Page S957**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

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*Reduce Federal Spending—Cloture:* Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 359, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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*Washington's Farewell Address:* Senator Isakson performed the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address.

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*Authorizing Expenditures—Agreement:* A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 70, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration, and the resolution be placed on the Calendar. **Page S1022**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Amy Totenberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. EX. 26), Steve C. Jones, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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

Carl Shapiro, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Messages from the House:** Pages S973–74

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**Text of S. 223 as Previously Passed:** Pages S980–S1021

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—26) Pages S955–56

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator James Albertus McClure, in accordance with S. Res. 78, at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1022.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee; and

The nominations of Sue Kathrine Brown, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, Daniel L. Shields III, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, David Lee Carden, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Pamela L. Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, all of the Department of State, and Eric G. Postel, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and a routine list in the Foreign Service.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues:* Senators Boxer (Chair), Menendez, Casey, Shaheen, Durbin, DeMint, Inhofe, Isakson, and Barrasso.

*Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Global Narcotics Affairs:* Senators Menendez (Chair), Boxer, Webb, Shaheen, Udall (NM), Rubio, Lee, DeMint, Isakson, and Barrasso.

*Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, and International Environmental Protection:* Senators Cardin (Chair), Menendez, Coons, Durbin, Udall (NM), Corker, Rubio, Risch, and Inhofe.

*Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs:* Senators Casey (Chair), Boxer, Menendez, Cardin, Coons, Udall (NM), Risch, Corker, Lee, Rubio, and Isakson.

*Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs:* Senators Webb (Chair), Boxer, Casey, Shaheen, Coons, Inhofe, Risch, Barrasso, and Rubio.

*Subcommittee on European Affairs:* Senators Shaheen (Chair), Cardin, Casey, Webb, Durbin, Barrasso, Risch, Corker, and DeMint.

*Subcommittee on African Affairs:* Senators Coons (Chair), Cardin, Webb, Durbin, Udall (NM), Isakson, Inhofe, Lee, and Corker.

*Senators Kerry and Lugar are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 825–844; and 24 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44; H. Con. Res. 20–23; and H. Res. 108–114, 116–127 were introduced. **Pages H1390–91**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1392**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on January 3, 2011 as follows:

Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules, 111th Congress (H. Rept. 111–714).

Reports were filed on February 22, 2011 as follows:

H.R. 4, to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–15);

H.R. 705, 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, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–16).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–17, Pt. 1);

H.R. 662, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs (H. Rept. 112–18, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 115 providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 44) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–19). **Pages H1389–90**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Latta to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1365**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Gene Hemrick, Washington Theological Union, Washington DC. **Page H1365**

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

*Federal Courts Jurisdiction and Venue Clarification Act of 2011:* H.R. 394, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdic-

tion of the Federal courts, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 148;

**Pages H1367–70, H1374–75**

*Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2011:* H.R. 386, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes; **Pages H1370–71**

*Removal Clarification Act of 2011:* H.R. 368, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 150; and

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*Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011:* H.R. 347, amended, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 149. **Pages H1372–73, H1375**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1374**

**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Harman, wherein she resigned as Representative for the Thirty-Sixth Congressional District of California, effective today. **Page H1374**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Harman, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Page H1374**

**Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive The Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting The Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia. **Page H1376**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages 1374–75, H1375, H1375–76. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL REGULATION ESTABLISHMENT REVIEW

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) of 1946 at 65—Is Reform Needed to Create Jobs, Promote Economic Growth and Reduce Costs? Testimony was heard from Susan Dudley, Research Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration, Director, Regulatory Studies Center, the George Washington Institute of Public Policy; and public witnesses.

### FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule waiving all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides that all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Harold Roger, Rep. Norm Dicks, and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

### PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a joint hearing on America's Presidential Libraries. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Archives and Records Administration: David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States; Thomas Putnam, Director, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum; R. Duke Blackwood, Director, Ronald Reagan Presidential Library; Thomas Schwartz, Historian, State of Illinois, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum; and public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE BUDGET

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Met and approved the Committee's budget for the 112th Congress.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D69)

S. 188, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 98 West First Street, Yuma, Arizona, as the "John M. Roll United States Court-

house". Signed on February 17, 2011. (Public Law 112-2)

H.R. 514, to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and roving wiretaps until December 8, 2011. Signed on February 25, 2011. (Public Law 112-3)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of a long-term continuing resolution on the Department of Defense and proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* To hold hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 112th Congress, 4:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* To hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for education, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Finance:* To hold hearings to examine changes in the law and tax environment since the "Tax Reform Act of 1986", 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* To hold hearings to examine breaking the cycle of North Korean provocations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine public relations contracts at the General Services Administration's Heartland Region, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Business meeting to mark up the Omnibus Budget for Senate committees, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* To hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., 345, Cannon Building.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations*, March 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10:30 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations, on FY 2012 Budget Request, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations, Department of Energy Weapons Activities FY 2012 Budget Request, 2362–B Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations, on FY 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 1, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Major Management Challenges at the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., and on Major Management Challenges at the U.S. Forest Service, 1 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Patent and Trademark Office FY 2010 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Defense, on Department of Defense Budget Review, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Department of Energy, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors FY 2012 Budget Requests, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations, on Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Homeland Security Appropriations, on Department of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Major Management Challenges at the EPA, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on FY 2012 Budget Request, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on NASA FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations, oversight hearing on FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations, oversight of the State Department and foreign operations programs, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 1, hearing on the FY 2012 national defense authorization budget request from the Department of the Navy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the FY 2012 national defense au-

thorization budget request for the Department of Defense science and Technology programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on equipping the warfighter in Afghanistan, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 2, full Committee, hearing on the FY 2012 national defense authorization budget request from the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the status of U.S. Strategic Forces, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, full Committee, hearing on the FY 2012 on national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations Command, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Are We Ready? An Independent Look at the Required Readiness Posture of U.S. Forces, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 1, hearing on Education Regulations: Weighing the Burden on Schools and Students, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Examining Recent Regulatory and Enforcement Actions of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 1, hearing entitled “The Consequences of Obamacare: Impact on Medicaid and State Health Care Reform,” 9:45 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Regulations and Their Effect on American Jobs,” 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, to mark up H.J. Res. 37, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: A Continuing Threat to Medicare and Medicaid,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Made in America: Innovations in Job Creation and Economic Growth,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “FY 2012 HHS Budget and the Implementation of Public Laws 111–148 and 111–152,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 1, hearing entitled “Mortgage Finance Reform: An Examination of the Obama Administration’s Report to Congress,” 10 a.m., followed by an oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department’s budget request for FY 2012, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 2, hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “The Effect of Dodd-

Frank on Small Financial Institutions and Small Businesses,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to End Taxpayer Funding for Ineffective Foreclosure Mitigation Programs,” 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 3, full Committee, to consider the following measures: the HAMP Termination Act; the FHA Refinance Program Termination Act; the NSP Termination Act; and the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 1, hearing on Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 3, hearing on Reforming the United Nations: Lessons Learned, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 2, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Terrorist Threat to the U.S. Homeland—Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP),” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 3, full Committee, hearing entitled “The President’s FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, March 1 and March 2, hearings on Committee Funding for the 112th Congress, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 1, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on Making Immigration Work for American Minorities, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on Oversight of the Office of the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 1, oversight hearing on the Impact of the Administration’s Wild Lands Order on Jobs and Economic Growth, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 2, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on the Department of the Interior spending for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 2, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on examining the spending, priorities and the missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Resources program, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 3, full Committee, oversight hearing on Department of Interior Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 1, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing on the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program: Keeping the Door Open, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations, hearing on U.S.

Military Leaving Iraq: Is the State Department Ready? 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing on Pushing the Envelope: The Looming Crisis at USPS, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 3, full Committee, hearing on the Refuse of the Federal Spending Binge: How U.S. Taxpayers are Paying Double for Failing Government Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 1, to consider the following bills: H.R. 662 Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011; and H.R. 4 Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 2, hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 3, hearing on the Department of Energy FY 2012 Research and Development Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 2, hearing on the Small Business Administration FY 2012 Budget Request, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 1, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on a Review of the Administration’s FY 2012 Budget Requests for the U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Maritime Commission, and Federal Maritime Administration; Finding Ways to do More with Less, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Review of the FY 2010 Budget and Priorities of the Environmental Protection Agency: Impacts on Jobs, Liberty, and the Economy, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, March 3, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Veterans Employment and Training Service’s Budget and State Grant Program, 10 a.m., 334 Canon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 3, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a hearing on Small Businesses and Tax Reform, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 3, executive, on Ongoing Intelligence Activities, 10 a.m., 304-HVC.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 1 through March 5, 2011

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 23, Patent Reform Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

## Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 3, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of Title VII of the “Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 1, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of a long-term continuing resolution on the Department of Defense and proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 2, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 2, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, 2 p.m., SD-192.

March 3, 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 3, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 1, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 1, Full Committee, organizational business meeting to consider committee’s rules of procedure for the 112th Congress, 4:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 1, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 1, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for education, 10 a.m., SD-608.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 2, to hold hearings to examine the future of American

manufacturing, focusing on maintaining America’s competitive edge, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 2, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the USDA Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 2, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 1, to hold hearings to examine changes in the law and tax environment since the “Tax Reform Act of 1986”, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine preventing health care fraud, focusing on new tools and approaches to combat old challenges, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 1, to hold hearings to examine breaking the cycle of North Korean provocations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine national security and foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2012 International Affairs Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine navigating a turbulent global economy, focusing on implications for the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 2, to hold hearings to examine improving employment opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 1, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine public relations contracts at the General Services Administration’s Heartland Region, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine eliminating bottlenecks, focusing on streamlining the nominations process, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 2, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine preventing abuse of the Military’s Tuition Assistance Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 2, to hold hearings to examine helping law enforcement find missing children, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Kevin Hunter Sharp, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Claire C. Cecchi, and Esther Salas, both to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, 3 p.m., SD-226.

March 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the

USA PATRIOT Act, S. 49, to amend the Federal anti-trust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures, and the nominations of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Mae A. D'Agostino, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, John A. Kronstadt, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Vincent L. Briccetti, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Arenda L. Wright Allen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael Francis Urbanski, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* March 1, business meeting to mark up the Omnibus Budget for Senate committees, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine exploring minority access to capital and contracting opportunities, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 1, to hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., 345, Cannon Building.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012, 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 1, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 2, to hold hearings to examine ending elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, 2 p.m., SD-106.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2011, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.



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10 a.m., Tuesday, March 1

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 23, Patent Reform Act.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

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