

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2145–S2214

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 734–753, and S. Res. 132–134. **Pages S2187–88**

Measures Passed:

Parkinson's Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 134, supporting the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month. **Pages S2213–14**

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S2154–81, S2182

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 55), Landrieu (for Coburn) Amendment No. 281, to save at least \$20 million annually by ending federal unemployment payments to jobless millionaires and billionaires. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was agreed to).

Pages S2156, S2168–71, S2179–80

By 64 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 57), Landrieu (for Coburn/Warner) Amendment No. 273, to save at least \$5 billion by consolidating some duplicative and overlapping government programs. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was agreed to).

Pages S2156, S2180

Coburn Amendment No. 184, to provide a list of programs administered by every Federal department and agency.

Pages S2154, S2180–81

Landrieu (for Coburn) Amendment No. 217, to save at least \$8.5 million annually by eliminating an unnecessary program to provide federal funding for covered bridges.

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Rejected:

By 7 yeas to 93 nays (Vote No. 51), Landrieu (for Baucus) Amendment No. 236, to prohibit the regulation of greenhouse gasses from certain sources. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring

60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

Pages S2155–56, S2158–61, S2177–78

By 7 yeas to 93 nays (Vote No. 52), Landrieu (for Stabenow/Brown (OH)) Amendment No. 277, to suspend, for 2 years, any Environmental Protection Agency enforcement of greenhouse gas regulations, to exempt American agriculture from greenhouse gas regulations, and to increase the number of companies eligible to participate in the successful Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit Program. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

Pages S2155–56, S2178

By 12 yeas to 88 nays (Vote No. 53), Landrieu (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 215, to suspend, until the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, any Environmental Protection Agency action under the Clean Air Act with respect to carbon dioxide or methane pursuant to certain proceedings, other than with respect to motor vehicle emissions. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

Pages S2156, S2165, S2178–79

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 54), 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. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

Pages S2154, S2161–68, S2171–77, S2179

By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 56), Landrieu (for Inouye) Amendment No. 286, to provide for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit recommended rescissions in accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 for Government programs and agencies with duplicative and overlapping missions. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60

affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

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Withdrawn:

Landrieu Amendment No. 244 (to Amendment No. 183), to change the enactment date.

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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.

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Pending:

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending.

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Paul Amendment No. 199, to cut \$200,000,000,000 in spending in fiscal year 2011.

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Sanders Modified Amendment No. 207, to express the sense of the Senate that Social Security benefits for current and future beneficiaries should not be cut and that the Social Security program should not be privatized as part of any legislation to reduce the Federal deficit.

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Hutchison Amendment No. 197, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits.

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Pryor Amendment No. 229, to establish the Patriot Express Loan Program under which the Small Business Administration may make loans to members of the military community wanting to start or expand small business concerns.

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Landrieu (for Cardin) Amendment No. 240, to reinstate the increase in the surety bond guarantee limits for the Small Business Administration.

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Landrieu (for Snowe) Amendment No. 253, to prevent fraud in small business contracting.

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Maiden Speech—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senator Hoeven be recognized at 12 noon, on Thursday, April 7, 2011, for up to 25 minutes to deliver his maiden speech to the Senate.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

D. Brent Hardt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Donald W. Koran, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Sharon L. Gleason, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

Susan Owens Hickey, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S2214**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, which was sent to the Senate on March 14, 2011.

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Messages from the House:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—57)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2214.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 112th Congress:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Markets, Trade and Risk Management: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Conrad, Baucus, Brown (OH), Bennet, Gillibrand, Chambliss, Cochran, Johanns, Boozman, and Grassley.

Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy Innovation: Senators Brown (OH) (Chair), Harkin, Conrad, Nelson (NE), Casey, Klobuchar, Thune, Lugar, Chambliss, Grassley, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources: Senators Bennet (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Conrad, Baucus, Klobuchar, Boozman, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, and Chambliss.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agricultural Research: Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Brown (OH), Bennet, Gillibrand, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, Johanns, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Marketing and Agriculture Security: Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Leahy, Baucus, Nelson (NE), Casey, Klobuchar, Johanns, McConnell, Boozman, Grassley, and Thune.

Senators Stabenow and Roberts are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense Health Programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General, and Major General Patricia D. Horoho, Chief, Nurse Corps, both of the Army, Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., Surgeon General, and Rear Admiral Elizabeth S. Niemyer, Director, Nurse Corps, both of the Navy, Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General, and Major General Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, Assistant Surgeon General, Nursing Services, both of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine strategic systems in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General James M. Kowalski, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Force, Lieutenant General Mark D. Shackelford, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Major General David J. Scott, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Requirements, Major General William A. Chambers, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, and Brigadier General Garrett Harencak, USAF, Commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, all of the Air Force, and Rear Admiral Terry J. Benedict, USN, Director

of Strategic Systems Programs, Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

ACCOUNTING PROFESSION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the role of the accounting profession in preventing another financial crisis, after receiving testimony from James L. Kroeker, Chief Accountant, and Lynne E. Turner, former Chief Accountant, both of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; James R. Doty, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Cynthia Fornelli, Center for Audit Quality, and Thomas Quaadman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness, all of Washington, D.C.; Leslie Seidman, Financial Accounting Standards Board, Norwalk, Connecticut; and Anton R. Valukas, Jenner and Block, Chicago, Illinois.

THE STATE OF COMMUNITY BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection to examine the state of community banking, focusing on opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Maryann F. Hunter, Deputy Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sandra L. Thompson, Director, Risk Management Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Jennifer Kelly, Senior Deputy Comptroller for Midsize and Community Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; John P. Ducrest, Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions Commissioner, Broussard, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; William A. Loving, Pendleton Community Bank, Franklin, West Virginia, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA); Paul Reed, Ohio Bankers League, Pomeroy; and Tommy G. Whittaker, First Farmers Bancshares, Inc., Portland, Tennessee, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ON TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine state and local perspectives on transportation, after receiving testimony from Cindy McKim, California Department of Transportation Director, Sacramento; Paul D. Degges, Tennessee Department of Transportation Chief Engineer, Nashville; Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive, Rockville, Maryland;

William Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner, Billings, Montana; Thomas K. Wright, Regional Plan Association (RPA), Princeton, New Jersey; and Mike Malone, Northwest Arkansas Council, Fayetteville.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE CRISIS IN LIBYA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the crisis in Libya, after receiving testimony from Richard N. Haass, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.; and Dirk Vandewalle, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David Bruce Shear, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Kurt Walter Tong, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Akaka, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

THE 2010 CENSUS AND PLANNING FOR 2020

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the census, focusing on learning lessons from 2010 and planning for 2020, including preliminary lessons learned that highlight the need for funda-

mental reforms, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Groves, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Daniel Castro, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Thomas M. Cook, The National Academies, Houston, Texas; and Arturo Vargas, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Education Fund, Los Angeles, California.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, focusing on government perspectives on protecting privacy in the digital age, after receiving testimony from Cameron F. Kerry, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; and James A. Baker, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, and Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS AND STIMULANTS

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids and stimulants, including S. 605, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I, and S. 409, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, after receiving testimony from Joe Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration; Erica Leary, North Coastal Prevention Coalition, Vista, California; and Mike Rozga, Indianola, Iowa.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1380–1408; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; and H. Res. 207 were introduced.

Pages H2409–11

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2411–12

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1232, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate certain tax benefits relating to abortion, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–55) and

H. Res. 206, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1363) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 112–56).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ellmers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Bishop Henry Fernandez, The Faith Center, Sunrise, Florida.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 321 yeas to 98 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 232.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Jackson (IL) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 36 yeas to 367 nays, Roll No. 229.

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Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011: The House began consideration of H.R. 910, to amend the Clean Air Act 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. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, April 7th.

Pages H2338–91

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

McNerney amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that clarifies that voluntary programs addressing climate change classify as exceptions to the bill's prohibitions.

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Rejected:

Cuellar amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to amend the definition of greenhouse gas, to remove water vapor as a part of the definition, amend the act by striking the removal of existing EPA findings and rules, and exempt all auto standards from the legislation;

Pages H2368–69

Quigley amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to require GAO to report to Congress the results of a study of health care costs in the U.S. as affected by the elimination of EPA regulation under this Act, as compared to health care costs in the U.S. as would be affected by the EPA proceeding under their regulating authority as determined in *Massachusetts v. EPA*;

Pages H2374–75

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to require an EPA study to determine the long term impact of a complete ban on their authority to regulate greenhouse gases (by a recorded vote of 161 yeas to 259 noes, Roll No. 233);

Pages H2362–66, H2385–86

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to insert a new section to provide considerations and procedures in finalizing greenhouse gas regulations (by a recorded vote of 157 yeas to 266 noes, Roll No. 234);

Pages H2366–68, H2386–87

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to clarify that the Agency can continue to provide technical assistance to states taking action to limit greenhouse gas emissions (by a recorded vote of 182 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 235);

Pages H2369–72, 2387

Waxman amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to add a new section with respect to Congressional Acceptance of Scientific Findings: Congress accepts the scientific findings of the Environmental Protection Agency that climate changes is occurring, is caused largely by human activities, and poses significant risks for public health and welfare (by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 236);

Pages H2372–74, H2387–88

Polis amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to ensure the EPA Administrator can protect the public health in case of public health emergency (by a recorded vote of 168 yeas to 257 noes, Roll No. 237);

Pages H2375–79, H2388–89

Markey amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to ensure that any prohibition on or limitation to EPA's Clean Air Act authority contained in the bill would not apply to any action EPA could take to reduce demand for oil (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 238);

Pages H2379–80, H2389

Rush amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to prevent the provisions of this act from going into effect until the EPA Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, certifies that the consequences of not regulating greenhouse gas emissions, and its subsequent impact on climate change, including the potential to create sustained natural and humanitarian disasters and the ability to likely foster political instability where societal demands exceed the capacity of governments to cope, do not jeopardize American security interests at home or abroad (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 239);

Pages H2380–81, 2389–90

Doyle amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to include a study to determine whether regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Air Act to address climate change, if not repealed or otherwise made unauthorized by section 2 of the bill, would cause greenhouse gas leakage and reduce the international competitiveness of United States producers of energy-intensive products (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 240); and

Pages H2382–83, H2390–91

Kind amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to codify the Environmental Protection Agency's Tailoring Rule in order to protect farms, small businesses, and small- and medium-sized stationary sources from greenhouse gas regulation (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 241).

Pages H2383–85, H2391

H. Res. 203, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 231, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 158 noes, Roll No. 230.

Pages H2338–49, H2349–50

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, April 7th.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2338, H2348–49, H2349–50, H2350, H2385–86, H2386–87, H2387, H2387–88, H2388–89, H2389, H2389–90, H2390–91, H2391. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE BEEF INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the state of the beef industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigations—FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, FBI.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FEMA budget. Testimony was heard from William Craig Fugate, FEMA Administrator.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Labor Relations Board—FY 2012. Testimony was heard from Wilma B. Liebman, Chairman, National Labor Relations Board; and Lafe Solomon, Acting General Counsel.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the United Nations and other International Organizations. Testimony was heard from Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Aviation Administration—FY 2012 Oversight & Budget. Testimony was heard from Randy Babbitt, FAA Administrator.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts—FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Julia S. Gibbons, Judge; and James C. Duff, Director.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Army. Testimony was heard from Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Environment and Energy; and MG James Boozer, Director of Operations for U.S. Army Installations Command.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert F. Willard, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and General Walter (Skip) Sharp, USA, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on improving management and acquisition of information technology systems in the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; and Teresa M. Takai, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration and Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

STREAMLINING FEDERAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing on “Streamlining Federal Education and Workforce Programs: A Look at the GAO Report on Government Waste.” Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, GAO.

NUCLEAR POWER PLANT INCIDENT IN JAPAN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Government Response to the Nuclear Power Plant Incident in Japan”. Testimony was heard from Martin J. Virgilio, Deputy Executive Director, Reactor and Preparedness Programs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

COST OF MEDICAL LIABILITY SYSTEM PROPOSALS FOR REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Cost of the Medical Liability System Proposals for Reform, including H.R. 5, the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued markup on the following: H.R. 31, the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Accountability and Transparency for Taxpayers Act; H.R. 1221, the Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2011; H.R. 1222, the GSE Subsidy Elimination Act of 2011; H.R. 1223, GSE Credit Risk Equitable Treatment Act of 2011; H.R. 1224, the Portfolio Risk Reduction Act of 2011; H.R. 1225, the GSE Debt Issuance Approval Act of 2011; H.R. 1226, the GSE Mission Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1227, the GSE Risk and Activities Limitation Act of 2011; 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn. The following were forwarded to the full Committee with amendment: H.R. 31; H.R. 1222; H.R. 1223; H.R. 1224; H.R. 1226; H.R. 1227. The following was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment: H.R. 1222; and H.R. 1225.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Improve the Structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance and Housing held a markup of H.R. 1309, flood insurance reform act of 2011. The bill was forwarded to the full Committee with amendments.

AMERICA’S OVERSEAS BROADCASTING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Is America’s Overseas Broadcasting Undermining our National Interest and the Fight Against Tyrannical Regimes? Testimony was heard from Jennifer Park Stout, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Philo L. Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL HARDBALL—TERRORISTS AND PROLIFERATORS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Financial Hardball: Corraling Terrorists and Proliferators. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNREST IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Unrest in the Middle East and North Africa: Ramifications for U.S. Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ONLINE COMMERCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on Promoting Investment and Protecting Commerce Online: Legitimate Sites v. Parasites, Part II. Testimony was heard from John Morton, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act; and H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth. Testimony was heard from Doug Domenech, Secretary of Natural Resources of Virginia; and public witnesses.

IMPACT OF GREENHOUSE GAS REGULATIONS ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Impact of Greenhouse Gas Regulations on Small Business”. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Claudia Rodgers, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

TSA’S SPOT PROGRAM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a

hearing on Behavioral Science and Security: Evaluating TSA’s SPOT Program. Testimony was heard from Stephen Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Larry Willis, Program Manager, Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OFFSHORE DRILLING SAFETY AND RESPONSE TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Offshore Drilling Safety and Response Technologies. Testimony was heard from Victor Der, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Help Wanted: How Passing Free Trade Agreements Will Help Small Businesses Create New Jobs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRAC AND OFFICE SPACE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Can a Civilian BRAC Commission Consolidate Federal Office Space and Save Taxpayers Billions? Testimony was heard from Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, OMB; Martha Johnson, Administrator, GSA; David J. Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; Brian Lepore, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Issues, GAO; and Anthony J. Principi, Former Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, Chairman, 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND FURTHER ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule waives clause 6(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported before April 11, 2011, providing

for consideration or disposition of a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky, Representatives Dicks and Norton.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 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 an overview of the Federal Housing Administration and the future of housing finance, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219 at approximately 11:15 a.m., 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense and the Department of Navy, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: To hold hearings to examine U.S. Transportation Command and U.S. Africa 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.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine Department of Energy biofuel programs and biofuel infrastructure issues, including S. 187, to provide for the expansion of the biofuels market, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, and Jenni Rane LeCompte, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine combating human trafficking in Asia, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: To hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on progress at the local level, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Business meeting to consider S. 675, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Ha-

waiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and S. 676, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the role of SBA 8(a) Program in enhancing economic development in Indian Country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 410, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 627, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, S. 394, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, and the nominations of Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Esther Salas, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, 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, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review market promotion programs and their effectiveness on expanding exports of U.S. agricultural products, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Institute of Standards and Technology—FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on DOL Job Training Programs, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Air Force Posture, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on Amtrak—FY 2012 Oversight & Budget, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Sustaining the Force: Challenges to Readiness, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing on repeal of law and policies governing service by openly gay and lesbian service members, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing on Education Reforms: Promoting Flexibility and Innovation, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the American Energy Initiative, focusing on discussion draft legislation of the "Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011", 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing on discussion draft legislation to revise the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled “Bullion Coin Programs of the United States Mint: Can They Be Improved?” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on Reforming the United Nations: The Future of U.S. Policy, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Strengthening International Cooperation on Aviation Security”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY–2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 306, Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act; H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; S. 266, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 258, Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2011. 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergov-

ernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “Regulatory Barriers to American Indian Job Creation”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Hearing on H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Hearing on H.R. 1363, the Department of Defense and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, 5:40 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Are We Prepared? Assessing Earthquake Risk Reduction in the United States, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology, hearing entitled “The Creating Jobs Through Small Business Innovation Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Railroad and Hazardous Materials Transportation Programs: Reforms and Improvements to Reduce Regulatory Burdens, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the pending trade agreement with South Korea, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on National Reconnaissance Program and National Geospatial Program FY 2012 Budget Overview, 10 a.m., HVC–304 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, April 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, April 7

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 910—Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011. Consideration of H.R. 1363—Department of Defense and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Subject to a Rule).

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