

Daily Digest

CORRECTION

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 888–909, S. Res. 165–172, and S. Con. Res. 15.

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Measures Passed:

12th Annual National Charter Schools Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 158, congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 12th annual National Charter Schools Week, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Paul) Amendment No. 318, to amend the preamble.

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V–E Day 66th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 166, commemorating May 8, 2011, as the 66th anniversary of V–E Day, the end of World War II in Europe.

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Cinco de Mayo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo.

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Commemorating Law Enforcement Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 168, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.

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Authorizing Testimony, Documents and Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 169, to authorize testimony, documents and legal representation.

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Appointments:

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100–696, appointed and reappointed the following Senators as members of the

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Senator Durbin (reappointment), and Senator Nelson (NE) (appointment) vice Senator Landrieu.

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FAA Reauthorization Bill Conferee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Isakson be added as a conferee for the FAA Reauthorization Bill, H.R. 658.

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Cole Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 5, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur at approximately 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 9, 2011.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, May 9, 2011, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that there be one hour of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

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Chen Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Edward Milton Chen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, that there be 3 hours for debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:15 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2753–54.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities received a closed briefing on Department of Defense plans and programs relating to counterterrorism, counternarcotics, and building partnership capacity from Garry Reid, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, James A. Schear, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Partnership Strategy and Stability Operations, and William F. Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, all of the Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's fiscal year 2012 budget, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000;

S. 52, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes;

S. 275, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection

in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline;

S. 363, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 453, to improve the safety of motorcoaches, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 485, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 646, to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 692, to improve hurricane preparedness by establishing the National Hurricane Research Initiative, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Scott C. Doney, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and a promotion list in the U.S. Coast Guard.

CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a joint staff discussion draft pertaining to cyber security of the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure and for other purposes, after receiving testimony from Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Gerry Cauley, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, and David K. Owens, Edison Electric Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and William Tedeschi, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ENFORCING AMERICA'S TRADE LAWS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine enforcing America's trade laws in the face of customs fraud and duty evasion, after receiving testimony from Allen Gina, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, Customs and Border Protection, and J. Scott Ballman, Jr., Deputy Assistant Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Ronald K. Lorentzen, Deputy Assistant

Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration; Robert L. Mahoney, Northwest Pipe Company Tubular Products Group, Portland, Oregon; Richard Adee, Adee Honey Farms, Bruce, South Dakota, on behalf of the American Honey Producers Association; Roger B. Schagrin, Committee to Support United States Trade Laws, Annapolis, Maryland; Karl G. Glassman, Leggett and Platt, Incorporated, Carthage, Missouri; and Marguerite Trossevin, Jochum Shore and Trossevin PC, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Retail Industry Leaders Association.

U.S. POLICY IN PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing United States policy and its limits in Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Samina Ahmed, International Crisis Group, Islamabad, Pakistan; and Moeed Yusuf, United States Institute of Peace (USIP), and Michael Krepon, The Stimson Center, both of Washington, D.C.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS IN DISASTERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs concluded a hearing to examine understanding the power of social media as a communication tool in the aftermath of disasters, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Renee Preslar, Arkansas Department of Emergency Manage-

ment Deputy Public Information Officer, North Little Rock; and Suzy DeFrancis, American Red Cross, Shona L. Brown, Google.org, and Heather Blanchard, CrisisCommons, all of Washington, D.C.

IMPROVING HEALTH QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving health quality and patient safety, after receiving testimony from Carolyn M. Clancy, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Timothy L. Charles, Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Philip S. Mehler, Denver Health, Denver, Colorado.

RACIST STEREOTYPES ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine stolen identities, focusing on the impact of racist stereotypes on indigenous people, after receiving testimony from Tex G. Hall, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, New Town, North Dakota; Suzan Shown Harjo, The Morning Star Institute, Washington, D.C.; Charlene Teters, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Stephanie A. Fryberg, University of Arizona, Tucson, on behalf of the American Psychological Association (APA); Chaske Spencer, Urban Dream Productions, New York, New York; Jim E. Warne, Warrior Society Development, San Diego, California; and Tina Osceola, Hollywood, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 59 public bills, H.R. 1735–1793, and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 252–254, were introduced. **Pages H3106–09**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3111**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend William Byrne, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H3065**

Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act: The House passed H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 149 noes, Roll No. 298. **Pages H3078–94**

Rejected the Luján motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 297. **Pages H3092–93**
Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to remove provisions in the bill that would “deem” the safety and environmental review done in 2007, prior to the BP spill, sufficient for new offshore oil and gas leasing. The amendment would allow lease sales to go forward, but require new environmental and safety reviews, following the BP spill (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 295) and

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Connolly amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to ensure that Lease Sale 220 does not interfere with Naval or other DOD operations (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 296). **Pages H3089–90, H3091–92**

H. Res. 245, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1229) and (H.R. 1230) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 294, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 293. **Pages H3067–78**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Heller, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Second Congressional District of Nevada, effective Monday, May 9, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. **Pages H3094–95**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, May 6th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 10th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H3095**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Pastor. **Page H3095**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3077, H3077–78, H3091, H3091–92, H3093, and H3094. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST PLANNING RULE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing to review the U.S. Forest Service's proposed Forest Planning Rule. Testimony was heard from Harris Sherman, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture; John R. Bortz, Jr., Commissioner, Warren County, Warren, Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

DC COURTS AND COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Related Agencies held a hearing on DC Courts and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was

heard from Eric T. Washington, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals and Chairman of the Joint Commission of Judicial Administration; Lee F. Satterfield, Chief Judge, DC Superior Court; and Adrienne R. Poteat, Acting Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency.

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES—ARMY—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Cemeterial Expenses—Army FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Katherine Condon, Executive Director, Army National Cemeteries Program.

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on American Battle Monuments Commission FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a markup on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing on Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

AMERICAN ENERGY INITIATIVE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the American

Energy Initiative. Testimony was heard from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration; Margo T. Oge, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, EPA; Patrick Davis, Program Manager, Vehicle Technologies Program; Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

NEED TO MOVE BEYOND SGR

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Need to Move Beyond the SGR.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURITY ISSUES IN EUROPE AND EURASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing on Overview of Security Issues in Europe and Eurasia. Testimony was heard from Daniel Benjamin, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; Mark Koumans, Deputy Assistant Secretary—International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

POLITICAL TRANSITIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Shifting Sands: Political Transitions in the Middle East, Part 2. Testimony was heard from Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and Tamara Wittes, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

ENSURING COMPETITION ON THE INTERNET

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on Ensuring Competition on the Internet: Net Neutrality and Antitrust. Testimony was heard from the following FCC officials: Julius Genachowski, Chairman; and Robert McDowell, Commissioner.

OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Office of Commercial Space Transportation’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from George C. Nield, Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, FAA; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS SIZE STANDARDS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Capital Access and Tax held a hearing entitled “Professional Services: Proposed Changes to the Small Business Size Standards.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA MINING POLICIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on EPA Mining Policies: Assault on Appalachian Jobs—Part I. Testimony was heard from Leonard Peters, Secretary, State of Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Teresa Marks, Director, State of Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup of H.R. 1383, Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011; H.R. 802, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program; H.R. 1657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; and legislation regarding the Five year extension of Housing Grant Authority under Section 2102A of Title 38; and H.R. 1671, Andrew Connolly Veterans’ Housing Act. H.R. 1383 was forwarded as amended. H.R. 1657, H.R. 802, and H.R. 1671 were forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup of H.R. 1407, the Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011; H.R. 1484, the Veterans Appeals Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes. All three bills were forwarded, as amended.

STATE AND LOCAL DEFINED PENSION PLANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on transparency and funding of State and local defined benefit pension plans. Testimony was heard from Walker Stapleton, Treasurer of Colorado; and public witnesses.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM AND GENERAL DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM FY 2012 BUDGET OVERVIEW

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on Military Intelligence Program and General Defense Intelligence Program FY2012 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses. This was a Closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for April 2011, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 9 through May 14, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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 Appropriations: May 10, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Coast Guard, focusing on an examination of operational and recapitalization requirements, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 11, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget

estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 11, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 12, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the United States Special Operations Command, and the United States European Command, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

May 12, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the United States Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: May 10, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by an open hearing in SR-232A, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

May 11, Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 1:30 p.m., SR-232A.

May 11, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space programs 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, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

May 12, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on threats faced by our naval forces and the capabilities of our naval forces to respond to those threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, May 10, to hold hearings to examine reviewing the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission's final report, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Dodd-Frank implementation, focusing on monitoring systemic risk and promoting financial stability, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 12, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the need for national mortgage servicing standards, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 10, to hold hearings to examine the Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine manufacturing our way to a stronger economy, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine economic ramifications of cyber threats and vulnerabilities to the private sector, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 10, to hold hearings to examine new developments in upstream oil and gas technologies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 11, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 114, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, S. 127, to establish the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in the State of Texas, S. 140, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 161, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, S. 177, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California, S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 279, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System, S. 302, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in nonwilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park, S. 313, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc, S. 323, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, S. 403, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior, S. 508, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, S. 564, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, S. 599, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 713, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 765, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 779, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, S. 849, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and S. 858, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine carbon capture and sequestration legislation, including S. 699, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to demonstrate the commercial application of integrated systems for long-term geological storage of carbon dioxide, and S. 757, to provide incentives to encourage the development and implementation of technology to capture carbon dioxide from dilute sources on a significant scale using direct air capture technologies, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: May 10, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, focusing on Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 10, to hold hearings to examine steps needed for a successful 2014 transition in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 11, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine human rights and democratic reform in Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 11, to hold hearings to examine diverting non-urgent emergency room use, focusing on if it can provide better care and lower costs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the middle class, focusing on if the American dream is slipping out of reach for American families, 9:45 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 10, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, with the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold joint hearings to examine a roadmap for a more efficient and accountable Federal government, focusing on implementing the "Government Performance and Results (GPRA) Modernization Act," 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

May 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if intelligence reform is working, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 10, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law, to hold hearings to examine protecting mobile privacy, focusing on smartphones, tablets, cell phones and privacy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 11, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the AT&T/T-Mobile merger, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

May 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 350, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, S. 623, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, an original bill entitled "Fighting Fraud to Protect Taxpayers Act of 2011," and the nominations of Bernice Bouie

Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Henry F. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Kathleen M. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Nelva Gonzales Ramos, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Richard Brooke Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Sara Lynn Darrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, and Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: May 11, business meeting to consider the nomination of William J. Boarman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office, S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent, and S. 739, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government, 2 p.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 10, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 12, full Committee, hearing to review pending free trade agreements, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 11, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Endowment for the Arts FY12 Budget, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, Members and Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., HT-2, Capitol.

May 11, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Endowment for the Humanities FY12 Budget Oversight, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Smithsonian Institution FY12 Budget Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the House of Representatives FY 2012, 11 a.m., HC-5, Capitol.

May 13, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on U.S. Capitol Police, FY 2012, 10 a.m., HT-2, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, May 11, full Committee, markup of the following: H. Res. 208, Directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any document, record, memo, correspondence, or other communication of the Department of Defense, or any portion of such communication, that refers or relates to any consultation with Congress regarding Operation Odyssey Dawn or military actions in or against Libya; and H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 11, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing on Removing Inefficiencies in the Nation's Job Training Programs, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Reviewing Workers' Compensation for Federal Employees, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing on Examining the Costs of Federal Overreach into School Meals, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 13, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing FCC Process Reform, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 11, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the Debt Ceiling: Examining the Relationship Between the Federal Reserve and Government Debt," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Address the Negative Consequences of the Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Provisions," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 10, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on Governance, Democracy, Human Rights, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation in Africa: The FY2012 Proposed Budget, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 11, full Committee, hearing on the Peace Corps at 50, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on the Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Piercing Burma's Veil of Secrecy: The Truth Behind the Sham Election and the Difficult Road Ahead, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on UN Climate Talks and Power Politics: It's Not about the Temperature, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 12, full Committee, hearing on Export Controls, Arms Sales, and Reform: Balancing U.S. Interests, Part 1, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 11, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled "On the Border and in the Line of Fire: U.S. Law Enforcement, Homeland Security and Drug Cartel Violence." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 12, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 2): A Review of Efforts to Protect the Homeland Through Distribution and Dispensing of CBRN Medical Countermeasures.” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, May 11, full Committee, hearing on GPO—Issues and Challenges: How Will GPO Transition to the Future? 1:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 11, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the USA PATRIOT Act: Dispelling the Myths, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on legislation regarding the Secure Visas Act, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 11, full Committee, hearing on American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 12, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 12, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1160, McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 1670, Sikes Act Amendments Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, May 10, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of Capital Formation,” 12:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled

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May 11, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “Transparency as an Alternative to the Federal Government’s Regulation of Risk Retention,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Health Care, DC, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled “The District of Columbia’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability,” 8:45 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Where Have All the Letters Gone?—The Mailing Industry and Its Future,” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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