

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4535–S4565

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1352–1366, and S. Res. 232–233. **Pages S4554–55**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the NASA Space Shuttle Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 233, honoring the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Space Shuttle Program on reaching the historic milestone of the 135th and final flight of the Space Transportation System. **Pages S4563–64**

Measures Considered:

Sense of the Senate Regarding the Budget Deficit: Senate continued consideration of S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 529, to change the enactment date. **Page S4536**

Reid Amendment No. 530 (to Amendment No. 529), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4536**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 531, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4536**

Reid Amendment No. 532 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 531) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4536**

Reid Amendment No. 533 (to Amendment No. 532), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4536**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 108), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S4542**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 89 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 109), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4542**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 14, 2011; provided further, that all time during adjournment, morning business and recess count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4565**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—109) **Page S4542**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4565.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine the required force level of strategic airlift aircraft mandated by title 10, United States Code, and the administration's request to eliminate that requirement in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Christine H. Fox, Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, and General Raymond E. Johns, Jr., USAF, Commander, Air Mobility Command, all of the Department of Defense.

UNAUTHORIZED CHARGES ON TELEPHONE BILLS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unauthorized charges on telephone bills, focusing on why crammers win and consumers lose, after receiving testimony from Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Chicago; Elliot Burg, Vermont Attorney General's Office, Montpelier; David Spofford, Xigo, LLC, Manassas, Virginia; Walter B. McCormick, Jr., United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C.; and Susan Eppley, Decatur, Georgia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 538, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act, with an amendment;

S. 899, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria, with an amendment;

S. 846, to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse;

S. 1302, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy;

S. 1313, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee approved a proposed resolution relating to the Corps Study, and proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration.

TAX REFORM AND THE TAX TREATMENT OF DEBT AND EQUITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of debt and equity, after receiving testimony from Thomas Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Pamela F. Olson, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Victor Fleischer, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder; Mihir A. Desai, Harvard University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts; and Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, of New York, to be Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PREVENTING TERRORIST TRAVEL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on preventing terrorist travel, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and David Heyman, Assistant Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Janice L. Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Violence Against Women Act," focusing on building on seventeen years of accomplishments, and what national data collection efforts are underway to address some information gaps, after receiving testimony from Eileen R. Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Michael Shaw, Waypoint

Services, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Jane A. Van Buren, Women Helping Battered Women, Inc., Burlington, Vermont; Phillip C. McGraw, Los Angeles, California; and Julie Poner, Indianapolis, Indiana.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Morgan Christen, of Alaska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Sharon L. Gleason, to be United States District Judge for the District

of Alaska, who were both introduced by Senators Begich and Murkowski, Scott Wesley Skavdahl, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, who was introduced by Senators Enzi and Barrasso, Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Richard G. Andrews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, who was introduced by Senator Carper, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2508–2526; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 72 were introduced. **Pages H5017–18**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5019–20**

Report Filed: A report was filed on June 24, 2011 as follows:

First Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–146). **Page H5017**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ellmers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4949**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H4954–55**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4963**

Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 2018, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to preserve the authority of each State to make determinations relating to the State's water quality standards, by a yeand-nay vote of 239 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 573.

Pages H4957–62, H4963–87, H4987–95

Rejected the McNerney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 572.

Pages H4992–94

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 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:

Hanabusa amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that requires the Administrator of the EPA to submit to Congress, within one year and then annually thereafter, a report on any increase in waterborne pathogenic microorganisms (including protozoa, viruses, bacteria, and parasites), toxic chemicals, or toxic metals (such as lead and mercury) in waters regulated by a State under the provisions of H.R. 2018, including any amendments to the bill;

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Cohen amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that clarifies that nothing in the bill can limit the EPA Administrator's authority to regulate a pipeline that crosses a streambed; and

Pages H4983–84

Capito amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that requires the EPA to analyze the impact of certain covered actions on employment levels and economic activity and requires public notice and a hearing in those instances where a covered action has more than a de minimis impact on employment or economic activity in any given state (by a recorded vote of 268 ayes to 152 noes, Roll No. 566).

Pages H4978–80, H4988–89

Rejected:

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that sought to allow the EPA to continue to have the authority to set standards for NPDES Permit programs by striking section 2 (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 565);

Pages H4977–78, H4987–88

Polis amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that sought to exclude from this act permit holders who are on the significant non-compliance list (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 567); **Pages H4980–81, H4989**

Connolly amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that sought to align federal funding with the scope of federal clean water regulations (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 568); **Pages H4981–83, H4989–90**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that sought to exclude from coverage under the bill any waters that EPA determines provide flood protection for communities, are a valuable fish and wildlife habitat that provide benefits to the economy, or are coastal recreational waters (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 569); **Pages H4984–86, H4990**

Carnahan amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that sought to restrict the application of the bill if a major disaster had been declared in the area due to flooding within the last five years, or the waters in question had contributed to such a declaration (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 570); and **Pages H4986–87, H4991**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that sought to strike all after the enacting clause (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 571). **Pages H4975–77, H4991–92**

H. Res. 347, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 564, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:20 p.m.

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration of the measure began on Friday, July 8th. **Pages H4995–H5016**

Agreed to:

Rehberg amendment (No. 57 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that redirects \$2,200,000 with respect to Fossil Energy Research and Development; **Pages H4995–97**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 64 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2011) that reduces funding for departmental administration expenses of the Department of Energy by \$2,500,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account; and **Page H5009**

Fortenberry amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation by \$35 million. **Pages H5009–10**

Withdrawn:

McKinley amendment (No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2011) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$39 million. **Pages H4997–98**

Point of Order sustained against:

Heck amendment that sought to amend language in the bill relating to nuclear waste disposal activities in the State of Nevada. **Pages H5005–06**

Proceedings Postponed:

Matheson amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup by \$10 million; **Pages H4998–99**

Reed amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup by \$41 million; **Pages H4999–H5001**

Holt amendment (No. 65 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2011) that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Science by \$42,665,000; **Pages H5001–03**

Royce amendment (No. 68 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2011) that seeks to reduce funding for Science by \$10 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5003–04**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 43 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that seeks to reduce funding for Science by \$820,488,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H5005**

Schiff amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by \$79,640,000; **Pages H5006–08**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 48 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that seeks to eliminate funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5008–09**

Shimkus amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Yucca Mountain license application by \$10 million; and **Pages H5010–14**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 47 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that seeks to eliminate funding for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission and apply the savings to the spending reduction account. **Pages H5014–16**

H. Res. 337, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Friday, July 8th.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5020.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4963, H4987, H4988–89, H4989, H4989–90, H4990, H4991, H4991–92, H4994, H4994–95. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AID PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Foreign Agriculture and Food Aid Programs. Testimony was heard from Suzanne Heinen, Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture; and Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2012, and Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2012. Both bills were ordered reported, as amended.

MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Medicare and Social Security: The Fiscal Facts.” Testimony was heard from Richard Foster, Chief Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Stephen Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2465, the “Federal Workers’ Compensation Modernization and Improvement Act”; and H.R. 2445, the “State and Local Funding Flexibility Act.” H.R. 2465 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2445 was ordered reported, as amended.

IPAB: THE CONTROVERSIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR MEDICARE AND SENIORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “IPAB: The Controversial Consequences for Medicare and Seniors.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Roe of Tennessee; Rep. Schwartz; Sen. Cornyn, Rep. George Miller of California; Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department

of Health and Human Services; Christopher M. Davis, Analyst on Congress and the Legislative Process, Congressional Research Service; David Newman, Specialist in Health Care Financing, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee continued to mark up H.R. 2273, the “Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2011.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy.” Testimony was heard from Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MORTGAGE ORIGINATION: THE IMPACT OF RECENT CHANGES ON HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Mortgage Origination: The Impact of Recent Changes on Homeowners and Businesses.” Testimony was heard from Sandra F. Braunstein, Director of Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Teresa Payne, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Kelly Cochran, Deputy Assistant Director for Regulations, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Department of the Treasury; James R. Park, Executive Director, Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council; and William B. Shear, Director of Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

SECURING FEDERAL FACILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Securing Federal Facilities: Challenges of the Federal Protective Service and the Need for Reform.” Testimony was heard from L. Eric Patterson, Director, Federal Protective Service; Mark L. Goldstein, Director Physical Infrastructure, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1408, the “South-east Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization and Jobs Protection Act”; H.R. 1904, the “Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of

2011”; H.R. 2150, the “National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act”; H.R. 2170, the “Cutting Federal Red Tape to Facilitate Renewable Energy Act”; H.R. 2171, the “Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act”; H.R. 2172, the “Utilizing America’s Federal Lands for Wind Energy Act”; and H.R. 2173, the “Advancing Offshore Wind Production Act.” H.R. 2150 was ordered reported without amendment. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1408; H.R. 1904; H.R. 2170; H.R. 2171; H.R. 2172; and H.R. 2173.

AIRPORT PERIMETER SECURITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled “TSA Oversight Part 2: Airport Perimeter Security.” Testimony was heard from John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; Stephen M. Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; William Parker, Inspector, K-9 Unit, Amtrak Police Department; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a markup of legislation regarding the Border Security Technology Innovation Act of 2011. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 527, the “Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011”; and H.R. 585, the “Small Business Size Standard Flexibility Act of 2011.” H.R. 527 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 585 was ordered reported, without amendment.

BALLAST WATER REGULATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, and Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint hearing entitled “Reducing Regulatory Burdens, Ensuring the Flow of Commerce, and Protecting Jobs: A Common Sense Approach to Ballast Water Regulation.” Testimony was heard from VADM Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, United States Coast Guard; James Hanlon, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, EPA; Deborah Swackhamer, Chair, EPA Science Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: To hold hearings to examine growing jobs in rural America, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the safety and economics of light water small modular reactors, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine the National Nanotechnology Investment, focusing on manufacturing, commercialization, and job creation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine Sudan, focusing on a roadmap forward, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine learning from what works for employment for persons with disabilities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Cynthia Chavez Lamar, of New Mexico, Barbara Jeanne Ells, of Colorado, and Deborah Downing Goodman, of Oklahoma, all to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine native women, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 1231, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 27, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, and the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Stephen A. Higginson, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alison J. Nathan, and Katherine B. Forrest, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Susan Owens Hickey, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Christopher Drone, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Robert David Mariani, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Cathy Bissoon, and Mark Raymond Hornak, both to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Robert N. Scola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the

Southern District of Florida, and David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on closing the gaps, 10 a.m., SR-418.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit-Public, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Farm Loan Programs, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on Human Capital Management: A High Risk Area for the Department of Defense, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "The Fair Labor Standards Act: Is It Meeting the Needs of the Twenty-First Century Workplace?" 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing is entitled "Regulatory Chaos: Finding Legislative Solutions to Benefit Jobs and the Economy," 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade and the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, joint hearing entitled "Internet Privacy: The Views of the FTC, the FCC, and NTIA," 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, business meeting to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of a subpoena for certain records of the Office and Management and Budget relating to the Department of Energy's issuance of a loan guarantee to Solyndra, Inc. on September 2, 2009. The meeting will begin at noon or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Environment and the Economy Subcommittee hearing in 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Office of Financial Research and the Financial Stability Oversight Council," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 1932, the "Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2011"; H.R. 2480, the "Administrative Conference of the United States Reauthorization Act of 2011"; H.R. 704, the "Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2011"; and H.R. 1002, the "Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: P.L. 110-229, the "Consolidated Natural Resources Act"; H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States; and H.R. 44, the "Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing entitled "Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization and Forest Management Options for a Viable County Payments Program," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Abandoned Mined Lands: Innovative Solutions for Restoring the Environment, Improving Safety and Creating Jobs," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Consumer Financial Protection Efforts: Answers Needed," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled "EPA's Appalachian Energy Permittorium: Job Killer or Job Creator?" 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled "Transparency and Federal Management IT Systems," 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "EPA's IRIS Program: Evaluating the Science and Process Behind Chemical Risk Assessment," 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, markup of legislation regarding Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2011, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "FEMA Reauthorization and Cutting the Red Tape in Recovery," 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Pipeline Safety," 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on Intelligence Oversight, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, hearing entitled "Preventing Violent Extremism in America: A Report From the Bipartisan Policy Center," 2 p.m., 210 Cannon. This is an open hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2055, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Resume consideration of H.R. 2354—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012.

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