

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5239–S5264

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3416–3423 and S. Res. 524. **Page S5257**

Measures Reported:

S. 1039, to impose sanctions on persons responsible for the detention, abuse, or death of Sergei Magnitsky, for the conspiracy to defraud the Russian Federation of taxes on corporate profits through fraudulent transactions and lawsuits against Hermitage, and for other gross violations of human rights in the Russian Federation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–191) **Page S5257**

Measures Considered:

Middle Class Tax Cut Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3412, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to middle-class families. **Pages S5239–44**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. **Page S5244**

Appointments:

Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader and the Republican Leader, pursuant to the Public Law 110–298, reappointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Richard Gardner of Nevada. **Page S5264**

State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader and the Republican Leader, pursuant to the Public Law 110–298, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of

Bravery Board: Mike Hettich of Kentucky, vice Nick DiMarco of Ohio. **Page S5264**

Moment of Silence—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3:40 p.m., on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, Senate observe a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed 14 years ago in the line of duty defending this Capitol, the people who work here, and its visitors against an armed intruder. **Page S5264**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010 with respect to Somalia, received during adjournment of the Senate July 20, 2012; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–58) **Pages S5256–57**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 91 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 182), Michael A. Shipp, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S5244–51, S5264**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn. **Page S5244**

Messages from the House: **Page S5257**

Measures Referred: **Page S5257**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S5257, S5264**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S5257, S5264**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5255–56**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S5263**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: **Pages S5263–64**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—182) **Page S5251**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5264.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On Friday, July 20, 2012, Committee con-

cluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Walter M. Shaub, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, who was introduced by Representative Moran, and Rainey Ransom Brandt, and Kimberley Sherri Knowles, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, both introduced by Delegate Holmes Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 6164–6167 were introduced. **Page H5130**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5130–31**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on July 20, 2012 as follows:

H.R. 6082, to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–615).

A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 748, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4078) to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6082) to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure

a more secure energy future in the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–616).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5081**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5082**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. **Page H5082**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m. **Page H5083**

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

Providing for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California: H.R. 1237, amended, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest; **Pages H5083–85**

Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act: H.R. 4484, amended, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University; **Pages H5085–86**

Naming the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife

Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley: H.R. 5958, to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley; **Pages H5086–87**

Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act: H.R. 3388, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; **Pages H5087–88**

Bridgeport Indian Colony Land Trust, Health, and Economic Development Act: H.R. 2467, amended, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony; **Pages H5096–98**

Repealing an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting: H.R. 5859, amended, to repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting; **Pages H5098–H5100**

Pilot's Bill of Rights: S. 1335, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots; **Pages H5100–02**

Edwin L. Mechem United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 3742, to designate the United States courthouse located at 100 North Church Street in Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the "Edwin L. Mechem United States Courthouse"; **Pages H5102–03**

Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 3556, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the "Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse"; **Pages H5103–04**

Robert Boochever United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 4347, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Robert Boochever United States Courthouse"; **Pages H5104–05**

Nicky "Nick" Daniel Bacon Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3870, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6083 Highway 36 West in Rose Bud, Arkansas, as the "Nicky 'Nick' Daniel Bacon Post Office"; **Pages H5110–11**

Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5837, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 26

East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville, New York, as the "Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building"; **Pages H5111–12**

National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3593, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office"; **Page H5112**

Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, as the Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 501; **Pages H5112–13, H5116–17**

Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building"; and **Pages H5113–14**

Warren Lindley Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 1369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1021 Pennsylvania Avenue in Hartshorne, Oklahoma, as the "Warren Lindley Post Office". **Page H5114**

Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Indian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act: H.R. 2362, amended, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 499 and **Pages H5088–96, H5115**

Allowing a State or local government to construct levees on certain properties otherwise designated as open space lands: S. 2039, to allow a State or local government to construct levees on certain properties otherwise designated as open space lands, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 126 yeas to 254 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H5105–10, H5115–16**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he reported to Congress that he has issued an Executive Order taking additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010 relating to Somalia—referred to the Committee on

Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–126). **Pages H5082–83**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5115, H5115–16 and H5116–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

On Friday, July 20, 2012, the Committee concluded a hearing to examine the following:

IMPACT OF THE DODD-FRANK ACT ON MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on Municipal Finance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

On Friday, July 20, 2012, the Committee concluded a hearing to examine the following:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 5744 the “Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2012”; H.R. 5960, the “Depleting Risk from Insect Infestation, Soil Erosion, and Catastrophic Fire Act of 2012”; and H.R. 6089, to address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States by expanding authorities established in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States, to make permanent Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management authority to conduct good-neighbor cooperation with States to reduce wildfire risks, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar, Markey, and Tipton; and Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Ed Roberson, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Doyel Shamley, Natural Resource Coordinator, Apache County, Arizona; Tom Jankovsky, Commissioner, Garfield County, Colorado; Dan Gibbs, Commissioner, Summit County, Colorado; and public witnesses.

On Friday, July 20, 2012, the Committee concluded a hearing to examine the following:

HELIUM: SUPPLY SHORTAGES IMPACTING OUR ECONOMY, NATIONAL DEFENSE AND MANUFACTURING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Helium: Supply Shortages Impacting our Economy, National Defense and Manufacturing”. Testimony was heard from Tim Spisak, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

Committee Hearings

On Monday, July 23, 2012, the Committee concluded a hearing to examine the following:

REGULATORY FREEZE FOR JOBS ACT OF 2012; AND CONGRESSIONAL REPLACEMENT OF PRESIDENT OBAMA’S ENERGY-RESTRICTING AND JOB-LIMITING OFFSHORE DRILLING PLAN

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4078, the “Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012”; and H.R. 6082, the “Congressional Replacement of President Obama’s Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan”. The Committee granted, by a record vote, a structured rule for H.R. 4078. The rule provides two hours of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–28, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 4078 printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 4078 with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for a structured rule for H.R. 6082. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–29 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 6082 printed in Part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part C of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 6082 with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Issa and Hastings (WA), Representatives Cummings, Lankford, Griffin (AR), Watt, Johnson (GA), Manzullo, Frank (MA), Posey, Schweikert, Markey (MA), Woolsey, and Courtney.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine housing partnerships in Indian country, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine private student loans, focusing on providing flexibility and opportunity to borrowers, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the Cable Act at 20, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine assessing the opportunities for, current level of investment in, and barriers to the expanded usage of natural gas as a fuel for transportation, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental

Health, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine Environmental Protection Agency authorities and actions to control exposures to toxic chemicals, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the student visa system, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine responding to Citizens United and Super PACs, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed markup session to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 24 through July 27, 2012

Senate Chamber

Cloture was filed on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3412, Middle Class Tax Cut Act. If no agreement is reached, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill will occur on Wednesday.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 26, to hold hearings to examine S. 3239, to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: July 25, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on education, 10 a.m., SD–124.

July 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the proper size of the nuclear weapons stockpile to maintain a credible U.S. deterrent, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 24, to hold hearings to examine housing partnerships in Indian country, 10 a.m., SD–538.

July 24, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine private student loans, focusing on providing flexibility and opportunity to borrowers, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council's annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 24, to hold hearings to examine the Cable Act at 20, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the International Space Station, focusing on research, collaboration, and discovery, 10 a.m., SR-253.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine short-supply prescription drugs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 24, to hold hearings to examine assessing the opportunities for, current level of investment in, and barriers to the expanded usage of natural gas as a fuel for transportation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

July 25, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 24, with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine Environmental Protection Agency authorities and actions to control exposures to toxic chemicals, 10 a.m., SD-406.

July 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, S. 357, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to identify and declare wildlife disease emergencies and to coordinate rapid response to those emergencies, S. 810, to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, S. 1494, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, S. 2071, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, S. 2156, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, to set prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, S. 2282, to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017, S. 3370, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation, S. 2251, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska, as the Robert Boochever United States Courthouse, S. 2326, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the "Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse", S. 1735, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi, the nomination of Major General John Peabody, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration, and proposed resolutions in the Corps Study, city of Norfolk, Virginia and Port Fourchon, Louisiana, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: July 25, to hold hearings to examine education tax incentives and tax reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 24, to receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

July 25, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Iran's support for terrorism in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SD-419.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, focusing on economic statecraft, 3 p.m., SD-419.

July 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 13, 2006, and Signed by the United States of America on June 30, 2009 (Treaty Doc 112-7), 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 26, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) reauthorization, focusing on helping to meet the child care needs of American families, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 25, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine assessing grants management practices at Federal agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 26, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the regulation of tribal gaming, focusing on brick and mortar to the internet, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 24, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the student visa system, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 24, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine responding to Citizens United and Super PACs, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ensuring judicial independence through civics education, 10 a.m., SH-216.

July 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 225, to permit the disclosure of certain information for the purpose of missing child investigations, S.J. Res. 44, granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding, and the nominations of Thomas M. Durkin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Jon S. Tigar, and William H. Orrick III, of the District of Columbia, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 1 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 24, to hold a closed markup session to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: July 25, to hold hearings to examine enhancing women's retirement security, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Swaps and Futures Markets: Recent Events and Impending Regulatory Reforms", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 26, Full Committee, hearing on the Department of Homeland Security—Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, July 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Afghan National Security Forces and Security Lead Transition: The Assessment Process, Metrics, and Efforts to Build Capability, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 25, Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Veterans' Affairs, joint hearing on Back from the Battlefield: DOD and VA Collaboration to Assist Service Members Returning to Civilian Life, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Digital Warriors: Improving Military Capabilities for Cyber Operations, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Civilian Workforce Requirements—Now and Across the Future Years Defense Program, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, July 24, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Education Reforms: Discussing the Value of Alternative Teacher Certification Programs", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Examining Proposals to Strengthen the National Labor Relations Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 24, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy and Subcommittee on Energy and Power, joint hearing entitled "NRC Policy and Governance Oversight", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, begin markup of the "No More Solyndras Act", 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, continue markup of the "No More Solyndras Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 24, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Examining Consumer Credit Access Concerns, New Products and Federal Regulations," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn

July 24, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Impact of Dodd-Frank's Insurance Regulations on Consumers, Job Creators, and the Economy," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled "The 10th Anniversary of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 24, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing entitled "U.S. Engagement in Central Asia", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Investigating the Chinese Threat, Part Two: Human Rights Abuses, Torture and Disappearances", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 24, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled "Securing Federal Facilities: An Examination of FPS Progress in Improving Oversight and Assessing Risk", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Understanding the Homeland Threat Landscape", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

July 26, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled "Preventing Nuclear Terrorism: Does DHS have an Effective and Efficient Nuclear Detection Strategy?", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 24, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3179, the "Marketplace Equity Act of 2011", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled "The Aftermath of Fraud by Immigration Attorneys", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Beyond the Streets: America's Evolving Gang Threat", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing entitled "Cloud Computing: An Overview of the Technology and the Issues facing American Innovators", 12:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 24, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Impact of Catastrophic Forest Fires and Litigation on People and Endangered Species: Time for Rational Management of our Nation's Forests", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 726, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; H.R. 3319, to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe; and legislation to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; and H.R. 6141, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Investigation of President Obama's Gulf Drilling Moratorium:

Questioning of Key Department of the Interior Officials”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 24, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Dawood National Military Hospital, Afghanistan: What Happened and What Went Wrong?”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “Credit Crunch: Is the CFPB Restricting Consumer Access to Credit?”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled “Meth Revisited: Review of State and Federal Efforts to Solve the Domestic Methamphetamine Production Resurgence”, 9:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “GAO Report: The Obama Administration’s \$8 Billion Extralegal Healthcare Spending Project”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Drought Forecasting, Monitoring and Decision-making: A Review of the National Integrated Drought Information System”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Review of DOE Vehicle Technologies Program Management and Activities: Assuring Appropriate and Effective Use of Taxpayer Funding”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Tales of Resilience: Small Business Survival in the Recession”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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July 25, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Public Charity Organizational Issues, Unrelated Business Income Tax, and the Revised Form 990, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

July 25, Full Committee held a hearing on SSI financial eligibility requirements and the use of technology to improve their administration, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 26, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The Majority Leader will be recognized.

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

(At 3:40 p.m., the Senate will observe a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 24

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the Rules: (1) H.R. 459—Federal Reserve Transparency Act; (2) H.R. 4157—Preserving America's Family Farms Act, as amended; and (3) H.R. 5986—To amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric program and to add South Sudan to the list of countries eligible for designation under that Act, to make technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the textile and apparel rules of origin for the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, and to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. Consideration of H.R. 6082—Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan (Subject to a Rule).

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