

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1315, Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2903–2920, and S. Res. 530–533. **Pages S3401–02**

Measures Reported:

S. 2433, to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–331)

H. Con. Res. 292, honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments.

S. Res. 511, recognizing that John Sidney McCain, III, is a natural born citizen.

S. Res. 515, commemorating the life and work of Dith Pran. **Page S3400**

Measures Passed:

Farm Security and Rural Investment Act Extension: Senate passed S. 2903, to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008.

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Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act: By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 112), Senate passed S. 1315, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3347–63**

Adopted:

Akaka Amendment No. 4576, of a perfecting nature. **Page S3353**

Rejected:

By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 111), Burr Amendment No. 4572, to increase benefits for disabled United States veterans and provide a fair benefit to World War II Filipino veterans for their service to the United States. **Pages S3347–53, S3354**

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 113), Senate passed H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S3363–75

Adopted:

Kennedy (for Snowe) Amendment No. 4573, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3374**

Congressional Gold Medal: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4286, to award a congressional gold medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her courageous and unwavering commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and democracy in Burma, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S3411–12

National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 510, supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3412**

Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the Modern State of Israel: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 322, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

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Measures Considered:

FAA Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system. **Pages S3411, S3412–13**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 24, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2008. **Page S3411**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Monday, April 28, 2008, with the time until 5:30 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3411**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader be authorized to sign bills and joint resolutions through the recess or adjournment of the Senate through Monday, April 28, 2008. **Page S3411**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy. **Page S3413**

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

C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S3413**

Messages from the House: **Page S3397**

Measures Referred: **Page S3397**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—113) **Pages S3354, S3354–55, S3374**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3412.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for military construction, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Wayne Army, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, Major General Eugene G. Payne, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), and Rear Admiral Mark A. Handley, Deputy Commander, Navy Installations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on sensitive intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 4,206 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

SOVEREIGN INVESTMENTS REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States credit markets, focusing on the United States regulatory framework for assessing sovereign wealth

fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, after receiving testimony from Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Ethiopis Tafara, Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Dennis Johnson, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento; Paul Rose, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus; and David Marchick, Carlyle Group, and Jeanne S. Archibald, Hogan and Hartson LLP, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2688, to improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership;

S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005;

S. 2507, to address the digital television transition in border states, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3985, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements;

H.R. 802, to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2657, to require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2482, to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida; and

Certain promotion lists in the U.S. Coast Guard.

NATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation

concluded a hearing to examine the National Nanotechnology Initiative, focusing on charting the course for its reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Richard M. Russell, Associate Director and Deputy Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Matthew M. Nordan, Lux Research, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; David Rejeski, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.; P. Lee Ferguson, University of South Carolina Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Columbia; Anita Goel, Nanobiosym, Inc., Medford, Massachusetts; and Jim Heath, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2680, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions to address environmental problems associated with the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in the State of Colorado, S. 2805, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Rio Grande Pueblos in the State of New Mexico and provide grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the Rio Grande Pueblos to repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct existing infrastructure, S. 2814, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, H.R. 29, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, H.R. 1803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund, after receiving testimony from Robert W. Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator for

Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Martha Rudolph, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver; Orlando Ortega, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority, Portales; Joseph Michael Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico, on behalf of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council; and Milton G. Davies, Fallbrook Public Utility District, Fallbrook, California.

CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM TAX ASPECTS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax aspects of a cap-and-trade system for carbon dioxide emissions, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.; and Henry Derwent, International Emissions Trading Association, Geneva, Switzerland.

NATIONAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing smart power, focusing on setting an agenda for national security reform, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Armitage, Armitage International, Arlington, Virginia, and Joseph S. Nye, Jr., Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts, both on behalf of the Center for Strategic and International Studies Commission on Smart Power; and James R. Locher, III, Project on National Security Reform, and Gordon Adams, American University School of International Service, both of Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL DEBT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international debt, focusing on creating relief initiatives, including S. 2166, to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, after receiving testimony from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Nancy Birdsall, Center for Global Development, and Gerald F. Flood, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, both of Washington, D.C.; and Peter Blair Henry, Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Stanford, California.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

IRAN'S NUCLEAR AMBITIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to the full range of nuclear technology that Iran desires to acquire, focusing on policy options for the United States and its allies, after receiving testimony from Senators Specter and Feinstein; Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Patricia McNerney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, both of the Department of State; Stephen G. Rademaker, BGR Holding, LLC, and Dennis Ross, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Graham Allison, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and Jim Walsh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

REFORMING EXPORT LICENSING AGENCIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine reforming export licensing agencies for national security and economic interests, focusing on the structure of the Federal government's agencies that are responsible for licensing controlled exports, the process in place for licensing, ways the structures help or hinder their decision-making for licenses, human capital challenges of the export control bureaucracy, and recommendations for improving the export control processes and personal, after receiving testimony from Stephen D. Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs; Beth M. McCormick, Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Department of Defense; Matthew S. Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; Ann Calvaresi Barr, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, Daniel B. Poneman, Scowcroft Group, and Edmund B. Rice, Coalition for Employment through Exports, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

FDA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, focusing on its ability to ensure the safety of food and the drug supply in the United States, after receiving testimony from

Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William K. Hubbard, former Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning, Food and Drug Administration, Alliance for a Stronger FDA, and Robert Brackett, Grocery Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; J. Glenn Morris, Jr., University of Florida, Gainesville; and Gerry Migliaccio, Pfizer Inc., Peapack, New Jersey.

FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine recommendations for improving the process for federal acknowledgment as an Indian tribe, after receiving testimony from Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe; and Anthony Rivera, Jr., Acjachemen Nation, San Juan Capistrano, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 65, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina;

S. 1779, to establish a program for tribal colleges and universities within the Department of Health and Human Services and to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to authorize the provision of grants and cooperative agreements to tribal colleges and universities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.J. Res. 62, to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1193, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico; and

The nomination of Robert G. McSwain, of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, with amendments;

S. 702, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 511, recognizing that John Sidney McCain, III, is a natural born citizen;

H. Con. Res. 292, honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments;

S. Res. 515, commemorating the life and work of Dith Pran; and

The nominations of Michael G. McGinn, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, and Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, both of the Department of Justice, Mark S. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, David Gregory Kays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

DELTA-NORTHWEST MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the merger between Delta Air Lines, Inc., and Northwest Airlines, Inc., after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar and Chambliss; Douglas M. Steenland, Northwest Airlines, Inc., Eagan, Minnesota; Richard H. Anderson, Delta Air Lines, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Kevin Mitchell, Business Travel Coalition, Radnor, Pennsylvania; and Darren Bush, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5885–5910; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 332–335; and H. Res. 1146–1159 were introduced. **Pages H2758–59**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2759–61**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 906, to promote and coordinate global change research, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–605, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5720, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide assistance for housing, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–606); and

H.R. 5749, to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–607). **Page H2758**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Chaplain Paul L. Sherouse, Wing Chaplain, Andrews Air Force Base, Air Force District of Washington. **Page H2661**

Amending Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 2903, to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H2720–21**

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2830, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, by a recorded vote of 395 ayes to 7 noes, Roll No. 223. **Pages H2663–66, H2666–2720, S2721–36**

Rejected the Chabot 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 195 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 222. **Pages H2733–35**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–604 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Homeland Security, and the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Pages H2677–H2720, H2721–33**

Accepted:

Oberstar manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that increases FY08 funding to the Coast Guard to \$8.4 billion; increases the authorized number of Coast Guard personnel by 1,500 members, to 47,000; increases maritime security response teams; mandates protection and enforcement of security zones encompassing all Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) areas by the Coast Guard; requires certification that the Coast Guard has adequate resources to provide such protection; directs the Department of Homeland Security to provide an analysis of the threat and consequences of a terrorist attack on gasoline and chemical shipments and report the findings to Congress; establishes an Assistant Commandant for Port and Waterways Security responsible for overseeing all regulations dealing with security in ports and waterways; eliminates Lead System Integrators for the Deepwater Program, establishing instead a civilian Chief Acquisitions Officer reporting directly to the Coast Guard Commandant; increases safety requirements on commercial fishing vessels and mandates training for operators; requires lower emissions of sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide so that ships meet EPA standards and the U.S. complies with an international maritime pollution convention; requires double hulls on ships carrying more than 600 cubic meters of oil; requires ships to begin installing ballast water treatment systems to protect against the introduction of invasive species into ports and waterways; considers all Coast Guard vessels homeported in Guam as ineligible to receive repairs at foreign shipyards; requires the Coast Guard Academy to establish a policy on sexual harassment; authorizes the Coast Guard to issue regulations requiring licensed pilots to carry portable electronic devices for navigation; and requires the EPA to study the underground petroleum spill on the Brooklyn shoreline; **Pages H2713–14**

LaTourette amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that amends section 720 of the substitute (regarding waterside security around liquified natural gas tankers and terminals) to state that the Coast Guard may consider security assets and personnel provided by state and local officials contracted or otherwise made available to an LNG terminal operator in determining whether security resources are available to carry out necessary waterside security measures; **Pages H2714–15**

Matsui amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that requires the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to maintain on an Internet site a numerical accounting

of missing persons and alleged crimes committed on cruise ships. The database would be updated quarterly and aggregated by cruise line. The amendment would require cruise lines to include a link to this database on their public websites; **Pages H2715–17**

Bilirakis amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that strikes section 708 of the substitute amendment (maritime biometric identification) and replaces it with a requirement that the Commandant of the Coast Guard, within one year of enactment, conduct a program for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security. It requires a cost analysis of expanding these capabilities to other Coast Guard and DHS vessels. The analysis may include a plan to give priority to vessels and units more likely to encounter those suspected of making illegal border crossings through the maritime environment; **Pages H2719–20**

Markey amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to notify the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) of any determination by the Secretary that a proposed waterside liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility is suitable or unsuitable for the marine traffic associated with the LNG facility. Within 90 days of such notification, FERC must respond to the Secretary's determination with what action the Commission has taken regarding a proposal to construct and operate a waterside LNG; **Pages H2721–22**

Zoe Lofgren (CA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that allows the Secretary of Homeland Security to use a secondary authentication system for individuals applying for transportation security cards when fingerprints are not able to be taken or read to enhance transportation security; **Pages H2722–23**

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that requires the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to study, within 180 days of enactment, the role of state and local law enforcement in augmenting Coast Guard resources by enforcing Coast Guard-imposed security zones around vessels transiting to, through, or from U.S. ports and conducting port security patrols; **Pages H2723–25**

Cuellar amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that directs the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, within 90 days of enactment, to conduct a mission requirement analysis for the navigable portions of the Rio Grande River, Texas, international water boundary. The analysis would identify what re-

sources would be needed to further the Coast Guard's mission along the Rio Grande River;

Pages H2727–28

Kirk amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that includes vessels that operate exclusively in the Great Lakes ecosystem among vessels that would be required to have a ballast water treatment system, at the request of the Secretary of Agriculture; **Pages H2728–29**

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess, within 30 days of enactment, the enrollment sites for transportation security cards, including the feasibility of keeping them open for longer durations and the quality of their customer service and application processing times; **Pages H2729–30**

Stupak amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that permits the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey, without consideration, the Coast Guard Station Marquette and Lighthouse Point in Marquette County, Michigan, to the City of Marquette, Michigan. The conveyance could not occur until the Coast Guard has relocated to a newly constructed station, any environmental remediation required under federal law has been completed, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard determines that retention of the lighthouse is not needed for Coast Guard missions; **Pages H2730–32**

Poe amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that states the findings of Congress that stateless submersible or semi-submersible vessels on international voyages are a serious international problem, facilitate international crimes, and are a threat to the safety and security of the United States. The amendment makes it a federal criminal offense subject to fines, imprisonment, or both for the operation and embarkation of any stateless submersible or semi-submersible vessel (by a recorded vote of 408 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 220); and

Pages H2717–18, H2732–33

McNerney amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that states that the marine safety provisions of the bill shall not impair the legal authority of the Coast Guard to carry out its homeland security mission, including protecting ports and waterways, stopping human smuggling, and preventing terrorist organizations from attacking the United States (by a recorded vote of 408 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 221).

Pages H2718–19, S2733

Withdrawn:

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–604) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck title X

(appeals to national transportation safety board) and title XI (marine safety) from the bill. **Pages H2725–27**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H2736**

H. Res. 1126, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, April 23rd.

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland. **Page H2737**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, April 25th, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29th, for morning hour debate. **Page H2737**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 30th. **Page H2737**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 1148, providing additional amounts for the expenses of the select committee established under House Resolution 611. **Page H2737**

Commission on Wartime Contracting—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Dean G. Popp of Virginia to the Commission on Wartime Contracting. **Pages H2751–52**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2661, 2666, and H2748.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 77 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. 2324 and S. 1315 were held at the desk. **Page H2756**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on Pages H2732–33, H2733, H2735, and H2735–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BIOLOGICAL COUNTERMEASURES AND THREATS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Biological Countermeasures and Threats. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Darrell Galloway, Director, Joint Science and Technology Office, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; MG Stephen

Reeves, USA, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense; Tony Tether, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; and Michael Kilpatrick, M.D., Deputy Director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and Robin Robinson, Director, Biomedical Advanced Research Development Authority, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

SOCIAL SCIENCE'S NATIONAL SECURITY ROLE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, and the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on the role of the social and behavioral sciences in national security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: COL Martin Schweitzer, USA, Commander, 4th Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg; and Andre van Tilborg, Deputy Under Secretary (Science and Technology); Mark Weiss, Director, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, NSF and a public witness.

CHILD ABUSE; TEEN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS DECEPTION

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Child Abuse and Deceptive Marketing by Residential Programs for Teens. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Kay Brown, Director, Workforce and Income Security; and Greg Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and public witnesses.

FDA GLOBALIZATION ACT/FOOD—COSMETIC PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Food and Drug Administration Globalization Act, food provisions. Testimony was heard from Stephen Sundlof, D.V.M., Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC/HOUSING RESCUE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Began markup of the following bills: H.R. 5830, FHA Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention Act of 2008; H.R. 5829, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2008.

Will continue April 30.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH WAR POWERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on War Powers for the 21st Century: The Executive Branch Perspective. Testimony was heard from Richard F. Grimmett, Specialist in International Security, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and the following former officials of the Department of State: Brian Atwood, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Stephen G. Rademaker, U.S. Assistant Secretary, Arms Control.

U.S. SYRIA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Policy and the Road to Damascus: Who's Converting Whom? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. EXPORT PROMOTION STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on U.S. Export Promotion Strategy. Testimony was heard from Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary, Trade Promotion, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses,

HOMELAND SECURITY REFORM. LOCAL NEEDS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Evolving the Office of Intelligence and Analysis to Better Serve State, Local and Tribal Needs." Testimony was heard from Matthew Bettenhausen, Executive Director, Office of Homeland Security, State of California; Juliette Kayyem, Under Secretary, Homeland Security, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

AIRLINE INDUSTRY COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws held a hearing on Competition in the Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5593, Congressional Review Act Improvement Act; and H.R. 4004, amended, To amend the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act to exempt from the means test in bankruptcy cases, for a limited period, qualifying reserve-component members who, after September

11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 60 days.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3639, Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act; and H. R. 5350, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Scott of Virginia; Kenneth McDermond, Deputy Regional Director, California and Nevada Regional Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; William F. Broglie, Chief Administrative Officer, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 859, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 3227, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2007; H.R. 3930, Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area Act of 2007, and for other purposes; H.R. 3981, Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act; and H.R. 5540, Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington, Miller of North Carolina, Turner and Salazar; Mitch Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, John L. Nau, III, Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and public witnesses.

D.C. DISTRICT ATTORNEY ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 1296, District of Columbia District Attorney Establishment Act. Testimony was heard from Eugene Boyd, Analyst, Federalism and Economic Development Policy, Government and Finance Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

ELIMINATING SMOKE AND MIRRORS IN THE MAIL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and

the District of Columbia also held a hearing entitled "Eliminating Smoke and Mirrors in the Mail." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO; and Mary Anne Gibbons, General Counsel; Dan Blair, Chairman, Postal Rate Commission; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

NASA'S INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's International Space Station Program: Status and Issues. Testimony was heard from William Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Space Operations Mission Directorate, NASA; Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; Edward P. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY'S AVIATION SECURITY RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Aviation Security Research and Development at the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Susan Hallowell, Director, Transportation Security Laboratory; and Adam Tsao, Chief of Staff, Office of Operational Process and Technology, Transportation Security Administration; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES' ECONOMIC STIMULATION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Role of Small Businesses in Stimulating the Economy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HIGHWAY FREIGHT MOVEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Freight Movement from Origin to Destination. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS CLAIMS MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs approved for full action the Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008.

BRIEFING—SPECIAL PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Special Program.

The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FY 2009 BUDGET—SPECIAL PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Special Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE AND RECORD GAS PRICES

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Pumping up Prices: The Strategic Petroleum Reserve and Record Gas Prices." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

WOMEN: MIGRATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine women, migration and development in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the impact of migration on family and society, the special concerns of migrant women of color, and the economic contributions of women migrants to their home countries through remittances, after receiving testimony from Manuel Orozco, Inter-American Dialogue, and Susan Martin, Georgetown University Institute for the Study of International Migration, both of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.J. Res. 70, congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States. Signed on April 23, 2008. (Public Law 110-203)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive information relating to the treatment of detainees, 9 a.m., SR-222.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 28 through May 3, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2881, FAA Reauthorization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

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: April 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy and the U.S. nuclear weapon non-proliferation efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 30, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)/Space Programs, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

April 30, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 3 p.m., SD-192.

April 30, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the United States Capitol Police, and the Library of Congress, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.

May 1, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, with the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold joint hearings to examine addressing the issue of homeless veterans in America, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: April 29, Subcommittee on Personnel, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

April 29, Subcommittee on SeaPower, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 29, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

April 29, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009, 4 p.m., SR-222.

April 30, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall

under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

April 30, Subcommittee on Airland, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009, 10 a.m., SR-222.

April 30, Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

May 1, Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

May 2, Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 1, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine financial literacy for today's homebuyers, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 29, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine improving consumer protection in subprime home lending, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kameran L. Onley, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Jeffrey F. Kupfer, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 3:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the adequacy of state and federal regulatory structures for governing electric utility holding companies relating to the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the military build-up on Guam, focusing on the impact on civilian community, planning, and response, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 29, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's toxic chemical policies, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 29, to hold an oversight hearing to examine trade functions, focusing on customs and other trade agencies, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Bureau of Consular Affairs), and T. Vance McMahan, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, 4 p.m., SD-419.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, James B. Cunningham, of New York, to be Ambassador

to Israel, Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and Joseph Evan LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 29, to hold hearings to examine the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, focusing on penalties related to workplace safety, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine preventing childhood injury, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 29, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the REAL ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, focusing on the impact of implementation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 1, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian energy development, focusing on regaining self-determination over reservation resources, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 29, to hold hearings to examine living on the street, focusing on finding solutions to protect runaway and homeless youth, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 30, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine secret law and the threat to democratic and accountable government, 9 a.m., SD-226.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of G. Steven Agee, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, William T. Lawrence, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and G. Murray Snow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 29, closed business meeting to markup certain pending legislation, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 30, to hold hearings to examine making government a model for hiring and retaining elderly workers, 3 p.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 29, Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, Military Intelligence Program, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 30, Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Outsourcing, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Heparin Disaster: Chinese Counterfeits and American Failures," 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Drug and Device Provisions of the 'Food and Drug Administration Globalization Act,'" 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on a measure Enhancing Access to

Broadband Technology and Services for Persons with Disabilities, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 30, to continue markup of the following bills: H.R. 5830, FHA Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention Act of 2008; and H.R. 5829, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2008, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 30, to markup the following measures: the Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Reform Act of 2008; H.R. 3658, To amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service; H.R. 5834, North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2008; H. Res.389, Supporting the goals and ideals of Malaria Awareness Day; H.R. 1011, Calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace and good governance in Chad, as well as in the wider region that includes the northern region of the Central African Republic and the Darfur region of Sudan; H. Res. 1063, Marking the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783, which ended the Revolutionary War with the Kingdom of Great Britain and recognized the independence of the United States of America, and acknowledging the shared values and close friendship between the peoples and governments of the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.Res. 1109, Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life's work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe; H.R. Con.317, Condemning the Burmese regimes's undemocratic constitution and scheduled referendum; and H. Con. Res. 318, Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation, 1:30 p.m.,2172 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, joint hearing on No Direction Home: An NGO Perspective on Iraqi Refugees and IDIs, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, May 1, Subcommittee on Capitol Security, hearing on the Administration and Management of the United States Capitol, 11:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 30, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on Wasted Visas, Growing Backlogs, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Protecting Americans from Unsafe Foreign Products Act, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4081, Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2007; and

H.R. 5689, Smuggled Tobacco Prevention Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 30, to markup the following bills: H.R. 3323, Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2007; H.R. 2649, To make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; H.R. 4841, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act; H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008; H.R. 1464, Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007; H.R. 1771, Crane Conservation Act of 2007; H.R. 5540, Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act; H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2007; H.R. 3981, Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act; H.R. 3930, Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area Act of 2007; and H.R. 5680, To amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 29, full Committee and the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, joint hearing on Oversight of Defense Department Acquisitions, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on Catching Up: Benefits That Will Help Recruit and Retain Federal Employees; followed by a mark up of the following: H.R. 5550, To amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the maximum age to qualify for coverage as a "child" under the health benefits program for Federal employees; a measure to provide for automatic enrollment and automatic default to the Life Cycle Fund in the Thrift Savings Plan; a measure regarding nonprofit solicitations through the U.S. postal system; and a measure regarding the mailing of tobacco through the U.S. postal system, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Missile Defense, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, April 30, hearing on E-Waste: Can the Nation Handle Modern Refuse in the Digital Age? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Aeronautics Research and Development: Status and Issues, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 30, hearing entitled "The Effect of the Credit Crunch on Small Business Access to Capital," 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 30, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Saving Lives and Money through the Pre-disaster Mitigation Program, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Amtrak Reauthorization, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 30, to markup pending business, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 1, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Education Tax Incentives, 10 a.m., Longworth.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, April 29, hearing entitled "Rising Tides, Rising Temperatures: Global Warming's Impact on the Oceans," 1:30 room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: April 29, to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities of Europe's Black population, focusing on hate crimes and discrimination, anti-immigration and national identity debates, and growing security concerns, 10 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Joint Economic Committee: May 1, to hold hearings to examine how high food prices are impacting American families, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Joint Economic Committee: May 2, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April 2008, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, April 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2881, FAA Reauthorization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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