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Senate

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 12, 2681–2682, and S. Res. 464–467.

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Measures Passed:

Supplemental Environmental Projects: Senate passed S. 2146, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects. Page S1434

Honoring William F. Buckley, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 466, honoring the life of William F. Buckley, Jr.

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Harriett Woods: Senate agreed to S. Res. 96, expressing the sense of the Senate that Harriett Woods will be remembered as a pioneer in women's politics.

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World Friendship Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 464, designating March 1, 2008 as "World Friendship Day". Pages \$1435-36

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 465, designating March 3, 2008, as "Read Across America Day". Page S1436

Measures Considered:

New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act and the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation. Pages \$1393–\$1417

The motion to proceed was withdrawn. Page S1417 Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2663, to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs.

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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 Friday, February 29, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008. Page S1434

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3:30 p.m., on Monday, March 3, 2008.

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Measures Read the First Time: Pages \$1419, \$1436 Additional Cosponsors: Pages \$1419-20 Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:18 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$1436.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT REFORMS

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 government-wide intelligence community management reforms, including S. 82, to reaffirm the au-

thority of the Comptroller General to audit and evaluate the programs, activities, and financial transactions of the intelligence community, focusing on ensuring effective Congressional oversight and the role of the Government Accountability Office, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Frederick M. Kaiser, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Marvin C. Ott, National Defense University National War College National Security Policy; and Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, and Ronald Anthony Marks, Oxford Analytica, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008, in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D203)

H.R. 5264, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act. Signed on February 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–191)

H.R. 5478, to provide for the continued minting and issuance of certain \$1 coins in 2008. Signed on February 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–192)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 3 through March 8, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2663, Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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: March 4, Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD–124.

March 4, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–192.

March 4, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Agency for International Development, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

March 5, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Navy, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

March 5, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Treasury, 3 p.m., SD–138.

March 6, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD–192.

March 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Central Command and

the United States Special Operations Command, and the future years defense program; with the possibility of a closed session in S–407 immediately following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

March 4, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the military space programs, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the Department of the Air Force, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

March 5, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health, the Army's Mental Health Advisory Team reports, and Department of Defense and service-wide improvements in mental health resources, including suicide prevention, for servicemembers and their families, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Southern and Northern Command, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the state of the banking industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reforming the regulation of government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 4, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting seashores from oil spills, focusing on operational procedures and ship designs, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

March 6, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Coast Guard and conduct oversight, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 4, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Energy Information Administration's revised Annual Energy Outlook, 10 a.m., SD–366.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the initial amendment between the United States and the Russian Federation on the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation, 3 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: March 6, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's 2008 trade agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 4, to hold hearings to examine Kosovo, focusing on the Balkans region, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine strengthening national security, focusing on smart power and military perspective, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 5, business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatal and postnatal diagnosed conditions, S. 999, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, and S. 1042, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, and any pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the rising cost of heating homes, focusing on Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), 10:30 a.m., SD–430.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine unemployment in the economy, focusing on ways to secure families and build opportunities, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 4, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster housing strategy, 10 a.m., SD–342.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine National Security Presidential Directive-54 and Homeland Security Presidential Directive-23 (NSPD-54/HSPD-23) and the comprehensive national cyber security initiative, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine census in peril, focusing on getting the 2010 decennial back on track, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 5, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Postal Service one year after reform, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 6, to hold hearings to examine the state of facilities in Indian country jails, schools, and health facilities, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 5, to continue oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 6, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control

and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, and the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Brian Stacy Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, William Joseph Hawe, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Stanley Thomas Anderson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and John A. Mendez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 4, to hold joint hearings with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine veterans of foreign wars of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine disabled American veterans, 2 p.m., 345–CHOB.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine a sundry of associations outlook on veterans affairs issues, 9:30 a.m., 345–CHOB.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 4, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 5, to hold hearings to examine elderly hunger in America, focusing on the steps needed to prevent this now and in the future, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 4, Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Contracting, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 5, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, Economic Development Administration, 10 a.m., H–309 Rayburn, and on NASA, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Southern Command, and executive on U.S. Central Command, 3 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 5, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Coast Guard 2009 Budget Impact on Maritime Safety, Security, and Environment, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Indian Affairs—Office of the Special Trustee, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Expanding Health Care Access, 10 a.m., and on Health Issues and Opportunities at the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Overview, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Library of Congress, 10 a.m., H–144 Capitol.

March 6, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Budget request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to continue on NASA, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn, and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 6, Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Intelligence Program Budget, 1:30 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., and on Department of Energy—Environmental Management Legacy Management, 3 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on OMB, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Border Security Programs and Operations—Challenges and Priorities, 9:30 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on GPO, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 6, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, executive, on Central Command, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol, and on Department of Veterans' Affairs-Medical Care, 1:30 p.m., H–143 Capitol.

March 6, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2008 Emergency Supplemental Request for State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on FAA-Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request and Next Generation Air Traffic Control System, 2 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 5, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request and Status for Space Activities, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Treats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Northern Command, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 6, full Committee, on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 4, hearing on Challenges and Opportunities for Improving School Nutrition, 3:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 5, Sub-committee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Competition in the Sports Programming Marketplace," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 5, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing entitled "Foreign Government Investment in the U.S. Economy and Financial Sector," 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 6, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Need for Credit Union Regulatory Relief and Improvements," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 4, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, joint hearing on Declaration and Principles: Future U.S. Commitments to Iraq, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on With Castro Stepping Down, What's Next for Cuba and the Western Hemisphere? 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on Central Asia: An Overview, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, joint hearing on Empty Promises: Diplomatic Assurances and Rendition to Torture, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 5, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Nuclear Smuggling Detection: Recent Tests of Advanced Spectroscopic Portal Monitors," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 5, oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 5312, Automobile Arbitration Fairness Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, joint oversight hearing on Empty Promises: Diplomatic Assurances and Rendition to Torture, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 5, oversight hearing entitled "Poaching American Security: Impacts of Illegal Wildlife Trade," 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 6, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 877, Adams National Historical Park Boundary Addition Act; H.R. 1423, Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act; H.R. 1693, National Liberty Memorial Act; H.R. 2675, HALE Scouts Act; H.R. 3651, Utah National Guard Readiness Act; and H.R. 3734, Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 5, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on 2010 Census Communications, Partnership Programs, Census in Schools, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Oversight of Ballistic Missile Defense (Part I): Threats, Realities, and Tradeoffs, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on Investing in the Future of the Federal Workforce: Paid Parental Leave Improves Recruitment and Retention, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 7, full Committee, hearing on Executive Compensation II: CEO Pay and the Mortgage Crisis," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, March 4, to consider the following: H.R. 2857, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act; and the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, March 5, Sub-committee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2009 Research and Development Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Toxic Trailers: Have the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Failed to Protect Public Health? 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on The Department of Homeland Security's R&D Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 5, Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, hearing on Improving the SBA's Access to Capital Programs for our Nation's Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 6, full Committee, hearing entitled "Are New Procurement Methods Beneficial to Small Business Contractors?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 6, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Doing Business with the Government: The Record and Goals for Small, Minority, and Disadvantaged Businesses, 11 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 5, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Tax Treatment of Derivatives, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 5, executive, briefing on FISA Part II, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 5, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on FBI Intelligence Reforms, 8:45 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

March 6, full Committee, executive, briefing on Intelligence Budget Overview—DNI, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, March 6, hearing entitled "The Renewable Energy

Economy: a New Path to Investment, Jobs and Growth," 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: March 4, to hold hearings to examine enlargement issues facing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) prior to the summit in Bucharest, Romania, focusing on democratic development, 3 p.m., B–318, Rayburn Building.

Joint Economic Committee: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the current employment situation of 2008, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Joint Economic Committee: March 6, to hold hearings with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee of Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine investing in the future of the federal workforce, focusing on paid parental leave to improve recruitment and retention, 9:30 a.m., 2154–RHOB.

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Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2663, Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act; following which, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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