

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3459–S3552

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2928–2938, and S. Res. 539–541. **Pages S3507–08**

Measures Reported:

S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3507**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 539, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *State of Maine v. Douglas Rawlings*, Jonathan Kreps, James Freeman, Henry Braun, Robert Shetterly, and Dudley Hendrick. **Pages S3461–62**

Higher Education Act Extension: Senate passed S. 2929, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Page S3475**

Commemorating Dith Pran: Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, commemorating the life and work of Dith Pran. **Pages S3549–50**

Political Situation in Zimbabwe: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 533, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the political situation in Zimbabwe, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3550**

Measures Considered:

FAA Reauthorization Act: Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 4585, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3484–96**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, and that Senator Durbin be recognized to offer an amendment. **Page S3550**

Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House on H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Inouye, Pryor, Boxer, Klobuchar, Stevens, Hutchison, and Sununu. **Page S3549**

Independent Office of Advocacy and Small Business Regulatory Reform Act Referral—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 2902, to ensure the independent operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. **Page S3549**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum.

Rebecca A. Gregory, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Yousif Boutrous Ghafari, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

Robert G. McSwain, of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

Kurt Douglas Volker, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Permanent Representative on the

Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Robert J. Callahan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

Barbara J. Stephenson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

William Edward Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Hugo Llorens, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

Samuel W. Speck, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Scot A. Marciel, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Affairs.

Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Stephen George McFarland, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala.

Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

17 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

26 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Eric J. Boswell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Eric J. Boswell, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.

Patricia McMahan Hawkins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Paul G. Gardephe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Clark Waddoups, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

27 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House: Pages S3502–03

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3550.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the

subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

SUBPRIME HOME LENDING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism concluded a hearing to examine improving consumer protections in subprime home lending, after receiving testimony from Lydia B. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Kathleen E. Keest, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; and Ira J. Rheingold, National Association of Consumer Advocates, and Bill Himpler, American Financial Services Association, both of Washington, D.C.

EPA'S TOXIC CHEMICAL POLICIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's toxic chemical policies, focusing on current Toxic Substances Control Act implementation and risk assessment issues, after receiving testimony from Jim Gulliford, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Linda C. Giudice, University of California, San Francisco, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences; Annette Gellert, WELL Network, Tiburon, California; V.M. DeLisi, Fanwood Chemical, Inc., Fanwood, New Jersey, on behalf of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association; Laura M. Plunkett, Integrative Biostrategies, LLC, Houston, Texas; and Lynn R. Goldman, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland.

REAL ID ACT

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 the REAL ID Act (Public Law 109-13) and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, focusing on its implementation, including S. 717, to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005, to restore section 7212 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which provides States additional regulatory flexibility and funding authoriza-

tion to more rapidly produce tamper-and counterfeit-resistant driver's licenses, and to protect privacy and civil liberties by providing interested stakeholders on a negotiated rulemaking with guidance to achieve improved 21st century licenses to improve national security, after receiving testimony from Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy; Derwood K. Staeben, Senior Advisor, Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; State Representative Donna Stone, Delaware General Assembly, Dover, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; and David Quam, National Governors Association, Caroline Fredrickson, American Civil Liberties Union, Roger J. Dow, Travel Industry Association of America (TIA), Sophia Cope, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Angelo I. Amador, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Americans for Better Borders Coalition (ABB), all of Washington, D.C.

WORKPLACE SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, focusing on penalties related to workplace safety, after receiving testimony from Peg Seminario, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; David M. Uhlmann, University of Michigan Law School Environmental Law and Policy Program, Ann Arbor; Ron Hayes, FIGHT Project, Fairhope, Alabama; George Jenson, Jenson Fire Protection, Ellicott City, Maryland; and Donald Coit Smith, Temple, Texas.

RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine living on the street, focusing on finding solutions to protect runaway and homeless youth, including the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act (P.L. 108-96), after receiving testimony from Mark Redmond and Michael Hutchins, both of Spectrum Youth and Family Services, Burlington, Vermont; Victoria A. Wagner, National Network for Youth, Washington, D.C.; Jerome Kilbane, Covenant House, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; and Djimon Hounsou, Los Angeles, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5911–5925; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 336–338, and H. Res. 1155, 1158–1166, were introduced. **Pages H2852–53**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2853–55**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 964, to promote the safe operation of 15 passenger vans, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–608);

H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–609);

H.R. 3522, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly (H. Rept. 110–610);

S. 2457, to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe (H. Rept. 110–611);

H. Res. 1156, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 493) to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment (H. Rept. 110–612); and

H. Res. 1157, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5522) to require the Secretary of Labor to issue interim and final occupational safety and health standards regarding worker exposure to combustible dust (H. Rept. 110–613). **Pages H2851–52**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Rick Larsen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2765**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2768**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. William Lloyd Birch, retired Baptist minister, Florence, South Carolina. **Page H2768**

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

Providing for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe: S. 2457, to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by

Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2769–70**

Ratifying a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly: H.R. 3522, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly; **Pages H2770–71**

Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007: H.R. 3490, amended, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria; **Page H2771**

Honoring the life and legacy of Chief Standing Bear, a pioneer in civil rights for Native Americans, on the 100th anniversary of Chief Standing Bear's death: H. Res. 1043, to honor the life and legacy of Chief Standing Bear, a pioneer in civil rights for Native Americans, on the 100th anniversary of Chief Standing Bear's death; **Pages H2772–73**

Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008: S. 2739, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 291 yeas to 117 nays, Roll No. 226—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2773–H2814, H2830**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2008: H. Res. 1079, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2008, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 224; **Pages H2814–20, H2828–29**

Financial Consumer Hotline Act of 2007: H.R. 4332, to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act to require the Council to

establish a single telephone number that consumers with complaints or inquiries could call and be routed to the appropriate Federal banking agency or State bank supervisor, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 225;

Pages H2820–21, H2829–30

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Watermelon Month: H. Res. 578, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Watermelon Month;

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Expressing support for designation of March 11, 2008, as “National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day”: H. Res. 892, amended, to express support for designation of March 11, 2008 as “National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day”;

Pages H2823–24

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing support for designation of a ‘National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day’.”

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008: H. Res. 1073, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008;

Pages H2824–25

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Letter Carriers Appreciation Day: H. Res. 49, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Letter Carriers Appreciation Day; and

Pages H2825–27

Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5631, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the “Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building”.

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Privileged Message: The House received a privileged message from the Senate requesting that the House return to the Senate the bill H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Flake gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, Food and Energy Security Act of 2007. **Page H2828**

Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Ryan (WI) gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, Food and Energy Security Act of 2007 **Page H2830**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2768 and H2828.

Senate Referrals: S. 2829 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. Con. Res. 74 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and S. 2929 was held at the desk. **Page H2850**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2828–29, H2829, and H2830. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Military Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from James R. Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary, Intelligence, Department of Defense.

HEPARIN DISASTER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Heparin Disaster: Chinese Counterfeits and American Failures.” Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D. Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing on Oversight of Defense Department Acquisitions. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David Patterson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Comptroller; and James Finley, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; RECRUITING AND RETAINING FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 5550, amended, 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; and H.R. 5912, To amend title 39, United States Code, to make cigarettes and certain other tobacco products nonmailable, and for other purposes.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Catching Up Benefits That Will Help Recruit and Retain Federal Employees. Testimony was heard from Greg Long, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; Daniel A. Green, Deputy Associate Director, Employee and Family Support Policy, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, OPM; and public witnesses.

COMBUSTIBLE DUST EXPLOSION AND FIRE PREVENTION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 5522, the Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further con-

sideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Chairman George Miller of California, and Representatives McKeon and Wilson of South Carolina.

SENATE AMENDMENT—GENETIC INFORMATION NONDISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule making in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor to concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion with 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor; 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee Energy and Commerce; and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee Ways and Means. The rule further provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Chairman George Miller of California and Representative McKeon.

GLOBAL WARMING'S IMPACT ON OCEANS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Rising Taxes, Rising Temperatures: Global Warming’s Impact on the Oceans.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EUROPE'S BLACK POPULATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Joe Frans, United Nations Working Group on People of African Descent, former Swedish Parliamentarian, Stockholm, Sweden; Gary Younge, The Guardian, New York, New York; Allison Blakeley, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Philomena Essed, Dutch Equal Treatment Commission, Berkeley, California; and Clarence Lusane, American University, Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D508)

S. 793, to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs. Signed on April 28, 2008. (Public Law 110–206)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 30, 2008**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: 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.

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

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.

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.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to mark up 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.

Subcommittee on Airland, closed business meeting to mark up 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.

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

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: 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.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine secret law and the threat to democratic and accountable government, 9 a.m., SD–226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 3021, 21st Century High-Performance Public School Facilities Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, 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, to mark up 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.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; H. Con. Res. 318, Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation; and a resolution Honoring the Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1333, Civil Air Patrol Homeland Security Support Act of 2007; H.R. 4183, National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act of 2007; and H.R. 5890, Citizen and Community Preparedness Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4279, Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2007; H.R. 5690, To exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes; H.R. 1650, Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2007; H.R. 5593, Congressional Review Act Improvement Act; and H.R. 4044, National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on Wastewater Visas, Growing Backlogs, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up 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; and H.R. 3930, Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area Act of 2007; 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Oversight of Missile Defense (Part 3): Questions for Missile Defense Agency, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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

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

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

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

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2790, To amend title 38, United States

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(At 11 a.m., Senate will meet with the House of Representative in the House Chamber to receive a message from His Excellency Bertie Ahern, the Prime Minister of Ireland.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Joint Meeting with the Senate to receive His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland. Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 1195—To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections; (2) H. Con. Res. 308—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; (3) H. Res. 444—Supporting the goals and ideals of National

Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft; (4) H. Res. 964—Promoting the safe operation of 15-passenger vans; (5) H.R. 1777—Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2007; (6) H. Con. Res. 330—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; (7) H. Res. 1096—Commending the University of Kansas Jayhawks for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I basketball championship; (8) H. Res. 1130—Recognizing the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well being; (9) H. Res. 1100—Congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes Wrestling Team on Winning the 2008 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships; (10) H. Res. 1119—Supporting the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week; and (11) H. Res. 1149—Expressing support for the designation of April 2008 as National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month, and supporting efforts to devote new resources to research the causes of the disease, environmental and otherwise, along with treatments and workforce strategies to support individuals with sarcoidosis. Consideration of H.R. 5522—Worker Protection Against Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Act of 2008 (Subject to a Rule).

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