

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2955–S2989

Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 832–837, S. Res. 102–104, and S. Con. Res. 17–18. **Page S2969**

Measures Reported:

S. 377, to establish a United States Poland parliamentary youth exchange program. (S. Rept. No. 110–33)

S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO. (S. Rept. No. 110–34)

S. 676, to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter American Foundation. (S. Rept. No. 110–35) **Pages S2968–69**

Measures Passed:

International Women’s Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 102, supporting the goals of “International Women’s Day”. **Pages S2987–88**

Commending the Kingdom of Lesotho: Senate agreed to S. Res. 103, commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women’s Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights. **Pages S2988–89**

Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 544, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the “Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2989**

Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building: Senate passed H.R. 584, to designate the Federal building located at 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest in the District of Columbia as the “Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2989**

Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 342, to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2989**

Improving America’s Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2956–67**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2956**

Landrieu Amendment No. 321 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include levees in the list of critical infrastructure sectors. **Page S2956**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 336 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the use of the peer review process in determining the allocation of funds among metropolitan areas applying for grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative. **Page S2956**

Coburn Amendment No. 325 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure the fiscal integrity of grants awarded by the Department of Homeland Security. **Page S2956**

Coburn Amendment No. 294 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide that the provisions of the Act shall cease to have any force or effect on and after December 31, 2012, to ensure congressional review and oversight of the Act. **Page S2956**

Kyl Modified Amendment No. 357 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend the data-mining technology reporting requirement to avoid revealing existing patents, trade secrets, and confidential business processes, and to adopt a narrower definition of

data-mining in order to exclude routine computer searches. **Pages S2956–57**

Biden Amendment No. 383 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop regulations regarding the transportation of high hazard materials. **Page S2957**

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 367 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish and implement a program to provide additional safety measures for vehicles that carry high hazardous materials. **Page S2957**

Stevens Amendment No. 299 (to Amendment No. 275), to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications. **Page S2957**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 337 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for the use of funds in any grant under the Homeland Security Grant Program for personnel costs. **Page S2956**

Bond/Rockefeller Amendment No. 389 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate should submit a report on the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission with respect to intelligence reform and congressional intelligence oversight reform. **Page S2957**

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

By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 68), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 312 (to Amendment No. 275) (listed above). **Page S2958**

By 69 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 69), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 275 (listed above). **Page S2958**

Chair sustained a point of order under Rule XXII, that the following amendments were not germane, and the amendments thus fell:

Sununu Amendment No. 291 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure that the emergency communications and interoperability communications grant program does not exclude Internet Protocol-based interoperable solutions. **Page S2956**

Salazar/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 290 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review. **Page S2956**

Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 313 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a report to Congress on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and the leadership of al Qaeda. **Page S2956**

Landrieu Amendment No. 296 (to Amendment No. 275), to permit the cancellation of certain loans under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. **Page S2956**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 295 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide adequate funding for local governments harmed by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005. **Page S2956**

Allard Amendment No. 272 (to Amendment No. 275), to prevent the fraudulent use of social security account numbers by allowing the sharing of social security data among agencies of the United States for identity theft prevention and immigration enforcement purposes. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Sessions) Amendment No. 305 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the voluntary inherent authority of States to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States and to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide information related to aliens found to have violated certain immigration laws to the National Crime Information Center. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 310 (to Amendment No. 275), to strengthen the Federal Government's ability to detain dangerous criminal aliens, including murderers, rapists, and child molesters, until they can be removed from the United States. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 311 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for immigration injunction reform. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 312 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the recruitment of persons to participate in terrorism, to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review, to strengthen the Federal Government's ability to detain dangerous criminal aliens, including murderers, rapists, and child molesters, until they can be removed from the United States, to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings and allow adequate punishments for terrorist murders, kidnappings, and sexual assaults. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Kyl) Modified Amendment No. 317 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings and allow adequate punishments for terrorist murders, kidnappings, and sexual assaults. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 318 (to Amendment No. 275), to protect classified information. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 319 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for relief from (a)(3)(B) immigration bars from the Hmong and other groups who do not pose a threat to the United States, to designate the Taliban as a terrorist organization for immigration purposes. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 320 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the Classified Information Procedures Act. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 300 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 309 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the prohibitions on money laundering. **Page S2956**

Thune Amendment No. 308 (to Amendment No. 275), to expand and improve the Proliferation Security Initiative while protecting the national security interests of the United States. **Page S2956**

Cardin Amendment No. 326 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for a study of modification of area of jurisdiction of Office of National Capital Region Coordination. **Page S2956**

Cardin Amendment No. 327 (to Amendment No. 275), to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region. **Page S2956**

Cardin Modified Amendment No. 328 (to Amendment No. 275), to require Amtrak contracts and leases involving the State of Maryland to be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia. **Page S2956**

Sessions Amendment No. 347 (to Amendment No. 275), to express the sense of the Congress regarding the funding of Senate approved construction of fencing and vehicle barriers along the southwest border of the United States. **Page S2956**

Coburn Amendment No. 301 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit grant recipients under grant programs administered by the Department from expending funds until the Secretary has reported to Congress that risk assessments of all programs and activities have been performed and completed, improper payments have been estimated, and corrective action plans have been developed and reported as required under the Improper Payments Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note). **Page S2956**

Lieberman (for Menendez) Amendment No. 354 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the security of cargo containers destined for the United States. **Page S2956**

Specter Amendment No. 286 (to Amendment No. 275), to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States. **Pages S2956, S2962**

Ensign Amendment No. 363 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish a Law Enforcement Assistance

Force in the Department of Homeland Security to facilitate the contributions of retired law enforcement officers during major disasters. **Page S2957**

Biden Amendment No. 384 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish a Homeland Security and Neighborhood Safety Trust Fund and refocus Federal priorities toward securing the Homeland. **Page S2957**

Bunning Amendment No. 334 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the authorities relating to Federal flight deck officers. **Page S2957**

Schumer Amendment No. 366 (to Amendment No. 275), to restrict the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue a license authorizing the export to a recipient country of highly enriched uranium for medical isotope production. **Page S2957**

Wyden Amendment No. 348 (to Amendment No. 275), to require that a redacted version of the Executive Summary of the Office of Inspector General Report on Central Intelligence Agency Accountability Regarding Findings and Conclusions of the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001 is made available to the public. **Page S2957**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be vitiated; that the bill be read a third time and a vote occur on final passage on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 immediately upon the disposition of Reid Amendment No. 275 (listed above); that when the Senate convenes on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, and resumes consideration of the bill, all time under cloture be expired and Senate immediately begin voting on the pending germane amendments; provided further that during legislative session on Monday, March 12, 2007, the provisions of Rule 22 not bar a motion to proceed made by the Majority Leader. **Page S2989**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the reappointment of Guy Rocha of Nevada to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S2987**

Messages From the House: **Page S2968**

Messages Referred: **Page S2968**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S2968, S2987**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2969-70**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—69)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 1:11 p.m., until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2989.)

*Committee Meetings**(Committees not listed did not meet)***APPROPRIATIONS: COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION/SBA**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Reuben Jeffery III, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Steven C. Preston, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 1424–1467; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 88–89; and H. Res. 231–235 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2400–01

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 985, to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–42, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1254, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (H. Rept. 110–43); and

H.R. 1255, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–44). **Page H2397**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2343**

Water Quality Financing Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 720, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, by a

yea-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 135. **Pages H2345–77**

Agreed to the Cantor 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 359 yeas to 56 nays, Roll No. 134. Subsequently, Representative Oberstar reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H2374–76**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill and modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–36 shall be considered as adopted and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Page H2364**

Agreed to:

Stupak amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of House Report 110–36) that requires the Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with the State Department and Canadian government, to study wastewater treatment facilities that discharge into the Great Lakes and provide recommendations to improve monitoring, information sharing, and cooperation between the U.S. and Canada and requires the EPA to consult with the International Joint Commission; **Pages H2367–68**

Hall (NY) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of House Report 110–36) that requires that states, in the development of their priority list under section 606(g) of the Clean Water Act, consider whether the project or activity proposed for funding would first address the repair and replacement of existing wastewater infrastructure; **Pages H2370–71**

Platts amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of House Report 110–36) that extends the application of the full-and-open competition requirements of Title II of the Clean Water Act to bid specifications for projects funded in whole or in part with monies provided through the State Revolving Funds; and

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Hirono amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of House Report 110–36) that authorizes technical assistance and grants for the development of integrated water resource plans.

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Rejected:

Baker amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of House Report 110–36) that sought to strike the Davis-Bacon section of the bill (by a recorded vote of 140 yeas to 280 noes, Roll No. 133).

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Withdrawn:

Whitfield amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of House Report 110–36) that sought to establish a two-year pilot program to test under normal weather conditions what an extended summer pool lake level would mean to enhanced boating safety, recreation, navigation, fishing, and tourism activities, while also enabling us to gauge the economic impact of longer and higher water levels.

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H. Res. 229, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 132, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Representative Markey, Chairman; Representatives Blumenauer, Inslee, Larson (CT), Solis, Herseth, Cleaver, Hall (NY), McNerney, Sensenbrenner, Shadegg, Walden (OR), Sullivan, Blackburn, and Miller (MI).

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Marchant wherein he resigned from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure pending his appointment to the Committee on Financial Services.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12th for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 14th.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Inglis wherein he resigned from the

Committee on Education and Labor, effective immediately.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2377.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2350–51, H2373–74, H2375–76 and H2376–77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA Overview. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Preparing for Disasters, Natural or Otherwise. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Roger T. Rufe, Jr., Director, Operations Coordination; and R. David Paulison, Director, FEMA and Under Secretary, Federal Emergency Management; William O. Jenkins, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Mark Myers, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on (Panel I) Centers for Disease Control/(Panel II) Emergency Preparedness: Office of the Secretary, Centers for Disease Control, NIH. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Gerald W. Parker, M.D., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of

the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

FRAUDULENT PHONE RECESS ACCESS PREVENTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled "Combating Pretexting: H.R. 936, Prevention of Fraudulent Access to Phone Records Act." Testimony was heard from Lydia Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Thomas Navin, Chief, Wireline Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "The Section 8 Voucher Reform Act." Testimony was heard from Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 12 through March 17, 2007

Senate Chamber

On Monday, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 4, Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act.

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 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 14, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 14, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine federal funding for the No Child Left Behind Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine solvency and reform proposals for the Federal Housing Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 15, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine international food assistance, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., SD-138.

March 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

March 16, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2008 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, and the Office of Compliance, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 15, to receive a closed briefing on Iraq, 8:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 14, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine technology solutions for climate change, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 15, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine water resources needs and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 14, to hold hearings to examine charting a course for health care moving toward universal coverage, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James R. Kunder, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator, Paul J. Bonicelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Katherine Almquist, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the United States Agency for International Development, Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Eli Whitney Debevoise II, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, 3 p.m., SD-419.

March 14, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine strategies to end the violence relating to extrajudicial killings in the Philippines, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Zalmay Khalilzad to be a Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be a Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 13, to hold joint hearings with House Committee

on Education and Labor to examine improving No Child Left Behind to close the achievement gap, relating to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., 2175 RHOB.

March 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers, Keeping Seniors Safe From Act of 2007, S. 657, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine enhancing patient access and drug safety relating to Prescription Drug User Fees, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 13, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine United States international efforts to secure radiological materials, focusing on Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission efforts to secure radiological materials through the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other multilateral organizations, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the threat of Islamic radicalism to the homeland, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Benjamin Hale Settle, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Frederick J. Kapala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Halil Suleyman Ozerden, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act relating to open government, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. 261, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 231, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012, S. 368, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 627, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and S. Con. Res. 14, commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progress

Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States and possibility of certain subpoenas in connection with investigation into replacement of United States Attorneys, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 14, to hold hearings to examine S. 223, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 13, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing to review the federal food stamp program and its impact on children's health, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Education, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight, executive, on CIA Budget, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 13 and 14, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on NASA, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn and 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn on March 13 and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn on March 14.

March 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secret Service, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Arts Panel, 10:30 a.m., on the Social and Economic Status of Native Americans, 1:30 p.m., and on Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of the Special Trustee, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Department of Education: Elementary and Secondary Education, and Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Visitor Center, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Navy Budget, 9:30 and a hearing on Veterans' Claims Process, 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Millennium Challenge Account, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Status of Public Housing and HOPE VI, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on Science Research, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on National Archives and Records Administration, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Land Management, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Department of Education: Student Financial Aid, Higher Education, Institute of Education Sciences, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on Long-Term Challenges for Military Construction and Budget Overview, 10:30 a.m., and on VA Research, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 14, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

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March 15, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on U.S. House of Representatives: Budget, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on Base Realignment and Closure, 10 a.m., and on European Command, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

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Committee on Armed Services, March 13, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance capabilities, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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March 13, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the adequacy of the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request to meet readiness needs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on harnessing technology innovation: challenges and opportunities, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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March 14, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Global

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March 15, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward South Pacific Island Nations, Including Australia and New Zealand, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

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Committee on Homeland Security, March 13, to mark up H.R. 1401, Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 14, Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled "Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grants: Are the Departments of Homeland Security and Commerce Effectively Coordinating to Meet our Nation's Emergency Communications Needs?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 14, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Countering the Nuclear Threat to the Homeland: Evaluating the Procurement of Radiation Detection Technologies," 2 p.m., 1539 Rayburn.

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March 15, full Committee, hearing entitled "Disaster Declarations: Where is FEMA in a Time of Need?" 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

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March 14, full Committee, hearing on the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 713, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 754, To designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as

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