

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 21, Congressional Budget Resolution.

The House passed H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3659–S3725

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 975–982, S. Res. 121–122, and S. Con. Res. 24. **Page S3706**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Budget Resolution: By 52 yeas and 47 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3659–S3702**

Adopted:

Gregg Amendment No. 622, point of order against using reconciliation to create new mandatory programs and 20% limitation on spending reconciliation. **Page S3662**

Pryor/Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 601, to establish a reserve fund to provide additional training for physicians and attract more physicians in States that face a shortage of physicians in training. **Page S3663**

Brownback Amendment No. 581, to provide funds for a Commission on Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies. **Page S3663**

Conrad Amendment No. 623, to clarify the treatment of certain provisions in conference reports. **Pages S3663–64**

Bunning Amendment No. 621, to provide for a deficit-neutral reserve fund for a repeal of the 1993 increase in the income tax on Social Security Benefits. **Page S3665**

Dole Amendment No. 553, to extend financial relief for our reservists and national guard deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq by allowing them to make

penalty-free withdrawals of their retirement funds through the year 2012. **Page S3665**

Feinstein/Boxer Amendment No. 574, to provide an additional \$543,000,000 for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. **Page S3666**

By 59 yeas and 40 nays (Vote No. 105), Smith Modified Amendment No. 510, to provide for the consideration of an increase in the tobacco products user fee rate, but only to the extent that such rate increase does not result in an increase of more than 61 cents per pack of cigarettes, with all revenue generated by such increase dedicated to the reauthorization and expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program. **Pages S3672–73**

Conrad (for Lieberman/Collins) Amendment No. 519, to increase funding for vital first responder homeland security programs, including \$400,000,000 to establish a dedicated interoperability grant program and \$331,000,000 for Emergency Management Performance Grants. **Page S3673**

Conrad (for Burr) Amendment No. 499, to develop biodefense medical countermeasures by fully funding the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) in a fiscally responsible manner. **Page S3673**

Conrad (for Biden) Amendment No. 528, to increase funding by \$100 million for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) programs administered by the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services, with an offset of an unallocated reduction to non-defense discretionary spending and/or reduction to administrative expenses. **Page S3673**

Conrad (for Thune) Amendment No. 546, to provide for a total of \$99,000,000 in COPS Hot Spots funding, as authorized in the Combat Meth Act. **Page S3673**

Conrad (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 602, to increase funding for drug safety oversight at the Food and Drug Administration by \$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2008. **Page S3673**

Conrad (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 619, to provide Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funding, as authorized in the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005. **Page S3673**

Conrad (for Reid/Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 490, to provide funding to eliminate the offset between military retirement pay and disability compensation for America's veterans. **Pages S3673, S3678**

Conrad (for Kerry/Snowe) Amendment No. 616, to increase funding for small business programs at the Small Business Administration such as microloans, Women's Business Centers, and Small Business Development Centers. **Pages S3673, S3675-77**

Conrad (for Warner) Amendment No. 620, to provide funding for NASA aeronautics at the fiscal year 2007 levels.

Conrad (for Kerry/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 615, to include in the veterans' reserve fund services for low-vision and blinded veterans. **Page S3674**

Conrad (for Graham) Amendment No. 614, to increase the budgetary totals for the Department of Commerce to provide additional trade enforcement capability and to provide an offset. **Pages S3674-75**

Specter Modified Amendment No. 613, to create a deficit-neutral reserve for asbestos reform legislation. **Pages S3677-79**

Gregg (for Thune) Amendment No. 465, to provide for a budget point of order against legislation that increases income tax rates on small businesses, family farms, or family ranches. **Page S3679**

By 65 yeas and 33 nays (Vote No. 110), Biden Amendment No. 529, to increase funding for the COPS Program to \$1.15 billion for FY 2008 to provide state and local law enforcement with critical resources necessary to prevent and respond to violent crime and acts of terrorism and is offset by an unallocated reduction to non-defense discretionary spending and/or reduction to administrative expenses. **Pages S3682-83**

DeMint Amendment No. 530, to save Social Security first, not discretionary spending. **Page S3683**

DeMint Amendment No. 534, to prevent the adding of earmarks for spinach producers to an emergency war supplemental appropriations bill. **Page S3683**

Coleman Amendment No. 522, to extend a provision allowing veterans to qualify for low interest mortgage programs. **Page S3685**

Conrad (for Gregg/Conrad) Amendment No. 638, to create a point of order against increasing mandatory spending in appropriation bills. **Pages S3686-87**

Conrad (for Smith) Amendment No. 518, to fund the State Department, USAID, and other foreign affairs agencies and their programs at the level requested by the President. **Pages S3687-98**

Conrad (for Obama) Amendment No. 599, to add \$200 million for Function 270 (Energy) for the demonstration and monitoring of carbon capture and sequestration technology by the Department of Energy. **Page S3698**

Conrad (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 580, to make funds available to ensure that Survivor Benefit Plan annuities are not reduced by the amount of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation received by military families. **Page S3698**

Conrad (for Levin) Amendment No. 632, to provide for a deficit-neutral reserve fund for manufacturing initiatives. **Page S3698**

Conrad (for Casey) Amendment No. 617, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for extending preschool opportunities to children. **Pages S3698-99**

Conrad (for Carper/Coburn) Amendment No. 540, to reduce the deficit through the use of recovery audits. **Pages S3698, S3699**

Conrad (for Pryor) Modified Amendment No. 611, to increase the budgeting totals for the National Nanotechnology Initiative for environmental, health, and safety research and development for fiscal years 2008 through 2012. **Pages S3698, S3699**

Conrad (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 544, to provide for the use of the deficit-neutral reserve fund for tax relief for enhancing charitable giving from individual retirement accounts. **Pages S3698, S3699**

Conrad (for Obama) Amendment No. 524, to provide \$100 million for the Summer Term Education Program supporting summer learning opportunities for low-income students in the early grades to lessen summer learning losses that contribute to the achievement gaps separating low-income students from their middle-class peers. **Pages S3698, S3699**

Conrad (for Reed) Amendment No. 596, to increase LIHEAP spending by \$703 million in FY2008 for a total LIHEAP level of \$3.2 billion, divided between the regular and contingency grant funds at FY2006 levels. **Pages S3698, S3699, S3701**

Conrad (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 600, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide for a delay in the implementation of a proposed rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnerships under Medicaid and SCHIP. **Pages S3698, S3699**

Conrad (for Webb) Amendment No. 537, to include in the veterans' reserve fund a provision for GI educational benefits. **Pages S3698, S3699**

Conrad (for Pryor/Klobuchar) Amendment No. 627, to provide additional funding for the Consumer Product Safety Commission to enhance its mission of

protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from consumer products.

Pages S3698, S3699

Conrad (for Baucus) Amendment No. 639, to establish a reserve fund to improve the health care system.

Pages S3698, S3699–S3700

Conrad (for Dorgan/Snowe) Amendment No. 589, to establish a reserve fund for the safe importation of FDA-approved prescription drugs.

Pages S3698, S3700

Conrad (for Voinovich) Modified Amendment No. 470, to require disclosure of the interest costs of legislation.

Pages S3698, S3700

Conrad (for Coleman) Amendment No. 572, to increase funds for the implementation of the forest management plans developed for the States of Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin, with an offset.

Pages S3698, S3700

Conrad (for Murkowski/Stevens) Modified Amendment No. 551, to increase funding for geothermal, ocean (wave, current, tidal) and small hydroelectric energy assistance.

Pages S3698, S3700

Conrad (for Snowe/Rockefeller) Modified Amendment No. 629, to provide the use of the deficit-neutral reserve fund for tax relief for reauthorizing the new markets tax credit for an additional 5 years.

Pages S3698, S3700

Conrad (for Grassley) Amendment No. 636, to establish a reserve fund to improve payment accuracy for hospitals under the Medicare program.

Pages S3698, S3700

Conrad (for Dole) Amendment No. 633, to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the necessary funding to effectively address the critical water and waste water needs of rural communities in the United States.

Pages S3698, S3700

Conrad (for Enzi) Amendment No. 635, to provide for a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve health insurance.

Pages S3698, S3700, S3701–02

Conrad (for Specter) Amendment No. 506, to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the health professions.

Pages S3698, S3700

Conrad (for Grassley) Amendment No. 548, to ensure that Medicare payments to physicians include incentives to improve the quality and efficiency of care furnished to Medicare beneficiaries.

Pages S3698, S3700

Conrad (for Dole) Amendment No. 640, to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the necessary funding to implement a pilot program authorized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to study the elimination of the reduced-price category for school lunches.

Pages S3698, S3700–01

Rejected:

By 38 yeas and 61 nays (Vote No. 99), DeMint Amendment No. 513, to provide for true deficit reduction in appropriations bills.

Pages S3664–66

By 46 yeas and 53 nays (Vote No. 100), Sessions/DeMint Amendment No. 473, to save families from the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) first by permitting a deduction for personal exemptions for purposes of computing the AMT.

Pages S3666–67

By 25 yeas and 74 nays (Vote No. 101), Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 626, to reform the estate tax to avoid subjecting thousands of families, family businesses, and family farms and ranches to the estate tax, and to promote continued economic growth and job creation.

Pages S3667–68

By 48 yeas and 51 nays (Vote No. 102), Kyl/Thune Amendment No. 583, to reform the death tax by setting the exemption at \$5 million per estate, indexed for inflation, and the top death tax rate at no more than 35% beginning in 2010, to avoid subjecting an estimated 119,200 families, family businesses, and family farms to the death tax each and every year, to promote continued economic growth and job creation, and to make the enhanced teacher deduction permanent.

Pages S3668–69

By 49 yeas and 50 nays (Vote No. 103), Hatch Amendment No. 508, to establish a reserve fund for protecting coverage choices, additional benefits, and lower cost-sharing for Medicare beneficiaries.

Pages S3670–71

By 39 yeas and 59 nays (Vote No. 106), Thomas Amendment No. 515, to prevent the adding of extraneous earmarks to an emergency war supplemental.

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By 46 yeas and 52 nays (Vote No. 107), Graham Amendment No. 478, to extend the 35, 33, 28, and 25 percent income tax rate structure and protect nearly 28,000,000 families and individuals, including small business owners, from having their tax rates increase to 39.6, 36, 31, or 28 percent.

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By 44 yeas and 53 nays (Vote No. 108), Grassley Amendment No. 471, to amend the budget resolution for fiscal year 2008 in order to accommodate the full repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax preventing 23 million families and individuals from being subject to the AMT in 2007, and millions of families and individuals in subsequent years.

Pages S3679–80

By 44 yeas and 55 nays (Vote No. 109), DeMint/Kyl Amendment No. 578, to repeal the death tax.

Pages S3681–82

By 44 yeas and 55 nays (Vote No. 111), Bunning Modified Amendment No. 594, to provide a deficit-neutral reserve fund for protecting State flexibility in Medicaid.

Pages S3683–84

By 44 yeas and 55 nays (Vote No. 112), Chambliss/Isakson Amendment No. 536, to provide a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) that eliminates enhanced Federal matching payments for coverage of nonpregnant adults and permits States to offer supplemental dental and mental health benefits for children enrolled in SCHIP.

Pages S3684–85

By 49 yeas and 50 nays (Vote No. 113), Lott Amendment No. 606, to repeal section 13202 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 by restoring the Alternative Minimum Tax rates that had been in effect prior thereto.

Pages S3685–86

Withdrawn:

Bingaman Amendment No. 587, to prohibit the scoring of any amount realized from the sale or lease of land or interests in land that are part of the National Park System, the National Forest System, or the National Wildlife Refuge System. **Pages S3680–81**

DeMint Amendment No. 576, to prevent the adding of earmarks for farmland damaged by freezing temperatures to an emergency war supplemental appropriations bill.

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

By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 104), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Allard/Gregg Amendment No. 521, to improve the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of Federal programs and reduce the Federal debt by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S3671–72

Honoring George C. Springer, Sr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 47, honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers.

Pages S3722–23

50th Anniversary of Alaska's Statehood: Senate agreed to S. Res. 49, recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State.

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National Autism Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 78, designating April 2007 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve

training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism.

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Abolition of British Slave Trade Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, observing February 23, 2007, as the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire, honoring the distinguished life and legacy of William Wilberforce, and encouraging the people of the United States to follow the example of William Wilberforce by selflessly pursuing respect for human rights around the world.

Pages S3723–24

NAACP 98th Anniversary: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 44, honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary.

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Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 121, to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in support of the appellee in Office of Senator Mark Dayton v. Brad Hanson.

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial 25th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Pages S3724–25

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, March 26, 2007, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

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Appointments:

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100–696, appointed the following Senators as members of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Senators Durbin and Landrieu.

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United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100–696, announced the appointment of Senator Allard as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

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Messages From the House: **Page S3705**

Measures Referred: **Page S3705**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S3705**

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Record Votes: Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—114) Pages S3664–65, S3667, S3668,

S3669, S3671, S3672, S3672–73, S3677, S3678, S3680, S3682, S3682–83, S3684, S3685, S3686, S3702

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 4:25 p.m., until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3725.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 1662–1674; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 263–265 were introduced. Pages H3016–17

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H3017–18

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1562, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand certain rules with respect to housing in the GO Zones, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–66);

H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–67);

H.R. 1538, to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–68, Pt. 1); and

H. Con. Res. 99, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012 (H. Rept. 110–69).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hooley to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H2959

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Alan Keiran, Senate Chaplain’s Office. Page H2959

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 146 nays, with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 185.

Pages H2959, H2961

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007: The House passed H.R. 1591, amended, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 212 nays, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 186. Debate began on Thursday, March 22nd.

Pages H2961–99

H. Res. 261, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Thursday, March 22nd.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26th for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 28th. Page H3001

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2961 and H2999. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Second Report to Congress by the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves. Testimony was heard from MG Arnold Punaro, USMC (Ret.), Chairman, Commission on the National Guard and Reserves.

DEFENSE SPACE ACTIVITIES BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request and the status of space activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ronald Sega, Under Secretary and GEN J. Kevin Chilton, USAF, Command, Air Force Space Command; and Donald Kerr, Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

**GENETIC INFORMATION
NONDISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 493, Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act of 2007.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing on Impact of NCLB on English Language Learners. Testimony was heard from Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC
GROWTH**

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Role of Public Investment in Promoting Economic Growth. Testimony was heard from Andrew F. Haughwout, Research and Statistics Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Foreign Ownership: Discussion of Challenges Posed by Foreign Ownership To Using Critical Infrastructure." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Stewart A. Baker, Assistant Secretary, Policy; COL Robert B. Stephan, USAF (Ret.) Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection; and Gregory Garcia, Assistant Secretary, Cyber Security and Telecommunications; and Ann Calvaresi Barr, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

**ELECTION REFORM—VOTER CONFIDENCE
AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF
2007**

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections continued hearings on Election Reform, H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Rep-

resentatives Holt and Petri; Charlie Cast, Governor of Florida; Debra Bowen, Secretary of State, California; Chris Nelson, Secretary of State, South Dakota; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 26 through March 31, 2007

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1591, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

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 26, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for mind, brain and behavioral research at the National Institutes of Health, 3:30 p.m., SD-116.

March 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Labor, 9:45 a.m., SD-124.

March 28, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Agency for International Development and foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 28, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Navy, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 28, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for United States Forest Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

March 28, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Treasury, 3 p.m., SD-192.

March 30, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and the United States Capitol police, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 26, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a briefing on the reorganization of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James R. Clapper, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; Claude

M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense; S. Ward Casscells, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; and William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 27, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on Special Operations Command's global operation, 3:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 28, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Strategic Forces Program in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 28, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 27, to hold hearings to examine competition and consumer choice relating to exclusive sports programming, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 28, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the future of the Coast Guard Dive Program, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 28, Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine transitioning to a next generation Human Space Flight System, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 26, to hold hearings to examine the progress of the European Union's Emissions Trading Scheme and to receive information on lessons learned for policymakers who want to better understand how a market-based trading program could operate efficiently and effectively in the United States, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 28, to hold hearings to examine reducing government building operational costs through innovation and efficiency, focusing on legislative solutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 27, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges in the U.S.–China economic relationship, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine risks and reform, focusing on the role of currency in the U.S.–China relationship, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine clean energy from the margins to the mainstream, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 28, business meeting to consider S. 193, to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, S. 613, to

enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, H.R. 1003, to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, S. Res. 30, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments, S. Res. 65, condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance, S. Res. 76, calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, and Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan, and the nominations of Katherine Almquist, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Paul J. Bonicelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, Eli Whitney Debevoise II, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Sam Fox, of Missouri, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Belgium, Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, and Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (Reappointment), 11:45 a.m., SD-419.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine an update on Iran; may be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 27, to hold hearings to examine the Employee Free Choice Act, focusing on restoring economic opportunity for working families, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ensuring safe medicines and medical devices for children, 1 p.m., SD-430.

March 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on effective strategies for engaging parents and communities in schools, 3 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 26, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of the

Real ID Act of 2005 and the proposed regulations released by the Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2006, implementing Act, focusing on efforts to secure drivers' licenses and identification cards, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 29, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine eliminating and recovering improper payments, focusing on the Office of Management and Budget report entitled "Improving the Accuracy and Integrity of Improper Payments", 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 29, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian trust fund litigation, 9:15 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 26, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine the problem of human trafficking and the legal options to stop the problem, 3 p.m., SD-226.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 29, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Department of Justice hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, 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. 849, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, S. 621, to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II, and S. Res. 108, designating the first week of April 2007 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week" and to discuss the possibility of the issuance of certain subpoenas in connection with investigation into replacement of United States Attorneys, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 28, business meeting to consider S. 223, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 29, business meeting to mark up S. 163, to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 27, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on health care issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gold

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Select Committee on Intelligence: March 27, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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Special Committee on Aging: March 28, to hold hearings to examine affordable drug coverage that works for Wisconsin, focusing on preserving senior care, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

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March 28, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review proposals to amend the program crop provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

March 29, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review colony collapse disorder in honeybee colonies across the United States, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 26, Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight, executive, on National Security Agency, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 27, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on State and Local Grants, 10 a.m., and on Bureau of Prisons, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 27, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on SEC, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Priorities in Enforcing Immigration Laws and Temporary Worker Program, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 27, 28 and 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., on March 27, and 2 p.m., on March 28 and 29, 2359 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, Government Printing Office: Budget/Printing Technology in the 21st Century, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

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March 27, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies,

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March 28, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Ensuring That the Department of Homeland Security's Research and Technology Investments Pay Off, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Department of Interior: Office of Insular Affairs/Departmental Management/Office of the Solicitor, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Latin America and Caribbean, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, on Federal Railroad Administration/National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Commission on Civil Rights/Legal Services Corporation/State Justice Institute, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Trade Representative/International Trade Commission, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 29, Subcommittee on Defense, on Secretary of Defense, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Weapons Activities Oversight, 10 a.m., and on Department of Energy: Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies, on IRS, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Bioterrorism Preparedness and the Role of Department of Homeland Security Chief Medical Officer, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Indian Affairs/Office of the Special Trustee, 3 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on House of Representatives, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

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March 27, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the state of the military health care system, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the readiness of the Army and Air National Guard, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for missile defense programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

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March 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on outside perspectives on transitioning security to the Iraqi security forces, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on information technology, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on overview of morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 26, hearing on How Effective Are Existing Programs in Helping Workers Impacted by International Trade? 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Providing Fairness to Workers Who Have Been Misclassified as Independent Contractors, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 28, full Committee, hearing on Protecting the Health and Safety of America's Mine Workers, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on How NCLB Affects Students With Disabilities, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Climate Change—International Issues, Engaging Developing Countries," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Insuring Bright Futures: Improving Access to Dental Care and Providing a Healthy Start for Children," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Status of the Digital Television Transition," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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Committee on Financial Services, March 27, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Subprime and Predatory Lending: New Regulatory Guidance, Current Market Conditions, and Effects on Regulated Financial Institutions,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Perspectives on Natural Disaster Insurance,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 28, full Committee, to mark up the following: H.R. 1515, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program; H.R. 1427, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007; the Preservation Approval Process Improvement Act of 2007; and the Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2007 and to continue mark up of H.R. 1257, Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 26, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Iraqi Refugees: What Is America’s Obligation? 3:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 27, full Committee, to markup the following measures: H.R. 982, ADVANCE Democracy Act of 2007; H.R. 1405, Wildlife GAINS Act of 2007; H.R. 1469, Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007; H. Res. 100, Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes; H. Res. 158, Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world; and H. Res. 196, Supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on U.S.—China Relations, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, joint hearing on Can Iraq Pay for Its Own Reconstruction? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Opening Up of the Bad Arolsen Holocaust Archives in Germany, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health, joint hearing on African Opinion on U.S. Policies, Values and People, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Trade, Foreign Policy and the American Worker, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Poverty and Inequality in the Americas: The Unaddressed Problem, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 29, full Committee, hearing on the 2007 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and the Promotion of Human Rights in U.S. Foreign Policy, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on the Ongoing Crisis in Somalia: Where Do We Go From Here? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 28, to mark up a measure authorizing appropriations for the Department Security for fiscal year 2008, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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March 28, full Committee, oversight hearing on Royalties at Risk?, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 29, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 189, Paterson Great Falls National Park Act of 2007; H.R. 359, Cesar Estrade Chavez Study Act; and H.R. 1080, Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on ocean policy priorities in the United States, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 26, hearing on Safe and Affordable Biotech Drugs—The Need for a Generic Pathway, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 28, full Committee, hearing on Allegations of Misconduct at the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Committee on Science and Technology, March 28, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 362, 10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds, Science and Math Scholarship Act; H. Con. Res. 76, Honoring the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments; and H. Res. 252, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of John Herschel Glenn, Jr.'s, historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Committee on Ways and Means, March 27, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 27, executive, hearing on Integration of Domestic Intelligence, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 28, hearing on National Security Letters, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 29, executive, hearing on Research and Development/Systems Acquisition, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

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Joint Hearing: March 29, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gold Star Wives of America, Fleet Reserve Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

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