

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S925–S992

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2627–2636, and S. Res. 450–453. **Page S970**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 439, expressing the strong support of the Senate for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into a Membership Action Plan with Georgia and Ukraine. **Page S969**

Measures Passed:

Airport and Airway Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 5270, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S990–91**

250th Anniversary of the Naming of Pittsburgh: Senate agreed to S. Res. 452, commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Naming of Pittsburgh as the culmination of the Forbes Campaign across Pennsylvania and the significance this event played in the making of America, in the settlement of the continent, and in spreading the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout the world. **Page S991**

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 453, recognizing February 20, 2008, as the 100th anniversary of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. **Pages S991–92**

Measures Considered:

Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1200, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S957–62**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 23), Tester Amendment No. 4020 (to Amendment No. 3899), to express the sense of Congress regarding law enforcement and methamphetamine issues in Indian country. **Pages S959–60**

Pending:

Bingaman/Thune Amendment No. 3894 (to Amendment No. 3899), to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a limitation on the charges for contract health services provided to Indians by Medicare providers. **Page S957**

Vitter Amendment No. 3896 (to Amendment No. 3899), to modify a section relating to limitation on use of funds appropriated to the Service. **Page S957**

Brownback Amendment No. 3893 (to Amendment No. 3899), to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States. **Page S957**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3899, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S957**

Sanders Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3899), to provide for payments under subsections (a) through (e) of section 2604 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. **Pages S957–59**

Gregg Amendment No. 4022 (to Amendment No. 3900), to provide funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in a fiscally responsible manner. **Pages S960–61**

Barrasso Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3899), to require the Comptroller General to report on the effectiveness of coordination of health care services provided to Indians using Federal, State, local, and tribal funds. **Pages S961–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 14, 2008. **Page S992**

Intelligence Authorization Act—Conference Report: By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No.22), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S937–57**

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

By 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 21), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S937**

Appointments:

U.S.-Japan Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Section 5 of Title I of Division H of Public Law 110–161, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the U.S.-Japan Interparliamentary Group conference for the 110th Congress: Senator Stevens. **Page S992**

Errata Sheet—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that an errata sheet be printed with respect to Senate Report 110–259. **Page S992**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an Executive Order blocking the property and interests in property of persons determined to have been involved in the corruption of senior officials of the Government of Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–38) **Page S966**

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Text of S. 2248, as Previously Passed:

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—23) **Pages S937, S957, S960**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S992.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WOUNDED AND ILL SERVICE MEMBERS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improvements implemented and planned by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care, management, and transition of wounded and ill military service members, after receiving testimony from Preston M. Geren, III, Secretary of the Army, David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, USA, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, all of the Department of Defense; and Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, and Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, USN (Ret.), Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2008".

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from former Senator Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior.

MEDICARE PRIVATE PLANS (PART II)

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine selling to seniors, focusing on the need for accountability and oversight of marketing and sales by Medicare private plans, after receiving testimony from Kerry Weems, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2009 for foreign affairs, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 1469, to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, with amendments;

H.R. 2798, to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1418, to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2433, to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day, with amendments;

S. Res. 439, expressing the strong support of the Senate for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into a Membership Action Plan with Georgia and Ukraine; and

The nominations of James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador, Goli Ameri, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, David J. Kramer, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, James Francis Moriarty, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Deborah K. Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, Larry Woodrow Walther, of Arkansas, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Jeffrey J. Grieco, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, John E. Osborn, of Delaware, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Mem-

ber of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, William J. Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Mark McKinnon, of Texas, Joaquin F. Blaya, of Florida, Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, Susan M. McCue, of Virginia, Dennis M. Mulhaupt, of California, and Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, each to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Ana M. Guevara, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HOMELAND SECURITY ROLE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of the Department of Defense in homeland security, focusing on ways the military can and will contribute, after receiving testimony from Major General Arnold L. Punaro, USMCR (Ret.), Chairman, and Lieutenant General James E. Sherrard III, USAFR (Ret.), and Major General E. Gordon Stump, ANG (Ret.), both Commissioners, all of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)(P.L. 103-3), focusing on a fifteen year history of support for workers, after receiving testimony from Victoria A. Lipnic, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment Standards Administration; Debra Ness, National Partnership for Women and Families, Marcel Reid, Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), and Kristen Grimm, Spitfire Strategies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Katheryn Elliott, Central Michigan University Employee Relations, Mount Pleasant, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management (SPHR).

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Tuesday, February 12, committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, who was introduced by Senators Chambliss and Isakson, Richard H. Honaker, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, who was introduced by Senators Enzi and Barrasso, Gustavus Adolphus Puryear IV, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, and Brian Stacy Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas,

who was introduced by Senators Lincoln and Pryor, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL COCAINE SENTENCING LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Tuesday, February 12, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine federal cocaine sentencing laws, focusing on reforming the 100-to-1 crack/powder disparity, including S. 1383, to reduce the disparity in punishment between crack and powder cocaine offenses, to more broadly focus the punishment for drug offenders on the seriousness of the offense and the culpability of the offender, S. 1685, to reduce the sentencing disparity between powder and crack cocaine violations, and to provide increased emphasis on aggravating factors relating to the seriousness of the offense and the culpability of the offender, and S. 1711, to target cocaine kingpins and address sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine, after receiving testimony from Gretchen C. Shappert, United States Attorney, Western District of North Carolina, Department of Justice; Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Chair, United States Sentencing Commission; Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Reggie B. Walton, Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and James E. Felman, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C.

STATE SECRETS PRIVILEGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state secrets privilege, focusing on protecting national security while preserving accountability, including S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, after receiving testimony from Carl J. Nichols, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Depart-

ment of Justice; Patricia M. Wald, former Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Washington, D.C.; Louis Fisher, Specialist in Constitutional Law, Law Library, Library of Congress; Robert M. Chesney, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Michael A. Vatis, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, New York, New York.

VETERANS PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for veterans programs, after receiving testimony from James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), Fredericksburg, Virginia; Raymond C. Kelley, American Veterans (AMVETS), Lanham, Maryland; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Middle Village, New York; and Kerry Baker, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Christopher Needham, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), and Peter S. Gaytan, American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.

FORECLOSURE AFTERMATH

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the housing foreclosure aftermath, focusing on concerns for elderly homeowners, after receiving testimony from Peggy Twohig, Associate Director, Division of Financial Practices, Federal Trade Commission; Thomas E. Perez, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Registration, Baltimore; Walter Malone, Malone and Malone Construction, Washington, D.C.; Catherine M. Doyle, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; John W. Anderson, Twin Oaks Realty, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors; and Rachel M. Dollar, Smith Dollar, PC, Santa Rosa, California, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 5404–5435; 1 private bill, H.R. 5436; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 293–296; and H. Res. 979–981, 984–985 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 982, providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 979) recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary and for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 980) authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to

initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas (H. Rept. 110–526) and

H. Res. 983, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 110–527). **Page H941**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Chad Eaton, Biltmore Baptist Church, Arden, North Carolina. **Page H873**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Blackburn motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 3 yeas to 366 nays, Roll No. 46. **Pages H876–77**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Hastings (WA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 7 yeas to 364 nays, Roll No. 47. **Pages H877–78**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Hastings (WA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 3 yeas to 395 nays, Roll No. 52. **Pages H886–87**

Extending the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 days: The House failed to pass H.R. 5349, to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 days, by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 54. **Pages H887–92, H901–07**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Smith (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 53. **Pages H905–06**

H. Res. 976, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 206 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 50, and later the House agreed to table the Hastings (WA) motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 210 yeas to 195 noes, Roll No. 51. The previous question on the rule was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 48, and later the House agreed to table the Hastings (WA) motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 206 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 49. **Pages H877, H878–86**

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

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week: H. Res. 917, to support the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 57 and **Pages H894–96, H909**

Expressing the sympathies and support of the House of Representatives for the individuals and institutions affected by the powerful tornadoes that struck communities in Alabama, Arkansas, Ken-

tucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee on February 5th, 2008: H. Res. 971, to express the sympathies and support of the House of Representatives for the individuals and institutions affected by the powerful tornadoes that struck communities in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee on February 5th, 2008. **Pages H919–22**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, February 12th:

Congratulating the National Football League champion New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and completing one of the most remarkable postseason runs in professional sports history: H. Res. 960, to congratulate the National Football League champion New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and completing one of the most remarkable postseason runs in professional sports history, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 55. **Pages H907–08**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Honoring African American inventors, past and present, for their leadership, courage, and significant contributions to our national competitiveness: H. Res. 966, to honor African American inventors, past and present, for their leadership, courage, and significant contributions to our national competitiveness; **Pages H892–94**

National Ocean Exploration Program Act: H.R. 1834, amended, to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; **Pages H896–H900**

Making technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act: S. 2571, to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; **Pages H900–01**

Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 289, to honor and praise the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary; **Pages H910–12**

American Braille Flag Memorial Act: H.R. 4169, to authorize the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of an American Braille tactile flag in Arlington National Cemetery honoring blind members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and other Americans; **Pages H912–14**

Commending the people of the State of Washington for showing their support for the needs of the State of Washington's veterans and encouraging residents of other States to pursue creative ways to show their own support for veterans: H. Res. 790, to commend the people of the State of Washington for showing their support for the needs of the State of Washington's veterans and encouraging residents of other States to pursue creative ways to show their own support for veterans;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week: H. Res. 963, to support the goals and ideals of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week; and

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Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day: H. Res. 972, to support the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 293, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses, by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 56.

Pages H908–09

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted notification of an Executive Order with respect to the Government of Syria—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–95).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H873.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H876–77, H877–78, H884, H884–85, H885, H885–86, H886–87, H906, H906–07, H907–08, H908–09, and H909. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Secretary. Testimony was heard from Edward Schafer, Secretary of Agriculture.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on DOD Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the

Department of Defense: Gordon England, Deputy Secretary; ADM Michael Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Tina Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller.

The Subcommittee also had a hearing on United States Marine Corps Readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG James F. Amos, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat and Integration; and LTG John G. Castellaw, USMC, Commandant, Aviation.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Management Challenges—Inspector General and GAO. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Abigail R. Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Implications of Economic Trends for Workers, Families, and the Nation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Alphonso R. Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

GLOBAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Global Security Assessment. Testimony was heard from

Thomas Fingar, Deputy Director, National Intelligence for Analysis, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Robert Cardillo, Deputy Director, Analysis, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and John A. Kringen, Director, Intelligence, CIA.

GLOBAL SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESSES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Readiness at Risk: Department of Defense Security Clearance Processes. Testimony was heard from Greg Torres, Director, Security, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Counterintelligence and Security, Department of Defense; Jack Edwards, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director, Federal Investigative Services Division, OPM; and a public witness.

TREASURY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2009 Budget.

Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

MODERN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES INVESTMENT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Modern Public School Facilities: Investing in the Future. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boustany, Castle, Chandler, Etheridge, Holt, Hooley, King of Iowa, and Loeb sack; Kathleen J. Moore, Director, School Facilities Planning Division, Department of Education, State of California; Paul Vallas, Superintendent, Recovery School District, New Orleans, Louisiana; and public witnesses.

DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROJECTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality approved for full Committee action H.R. 3754, To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 3754. Testimony was heard from Representative Costa; and public witnesses.

DIESEL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Status of the DTV Transition: 370 Days and Counting." Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC; Meredith Baker, Acting Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "The Community Reinvestment Act: Thirty Years of Accomplishments, but Challenges Remain." Testimony was heard from Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve System; Sandra L. Thompson, Director, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Ann Jaedicke, Deputy Comptroller, Compliance Policy, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and Montrice Godard Yakimov, Managing Director, Compliance and Consumer Protection, Office of Thrift Supervision; Howard F. Pitkin, Commissioner, Department of Banking, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2009. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The President's FY 2009 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

ICE INTERROGATION, DETENTION, REMOVAL ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held a hearing on Problems with ICE Interrogation, Detention and Removal Procedures. Testimony was heard from Gary Mead, Assistant Director, Detention and Removal, U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also considered a private immigration bill.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R. 1143, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 1311, Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act; H.R. 1922, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural

Area Act of 2007; H.R. 816, Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act; and H. R. 3473, Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1187, amended, Gulf of Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 1907, amended, Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act; H.R. 2342, amended, National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007; H.R. 3352, amended, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 3891, To amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and H.R. 4933, Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008.

MITCHELL REPORT: ILLEGAL USE OF STEROIDS IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Concluded hearings on The Mitchell Report: The Illegal Use of Steroids in Major League Baseball, Day 2. Testimony was heard from Roger Clemens, former Major League Baseball Player; Brian McNamee, former Strength and Conditioning Coach, Major League Baseball; and Charles Scheeler, a member of the staff of the Mitchell Commission.

FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Surplus Property: Improving Donation and Sales Programs. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Rhodes, Deputy Associate Administrator, GSA; Estelle Sanders, Mayor, Roper, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIND HARRIET MIERS AND JOSHUA BOLTEN, CHIEF OF STAFF, WHITE HOUSE, IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS FOR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH SUBPOENAS DULY ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY; AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INITIATE OR INTERVENE IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS TO ENFORCE CERTAIN SUBPOENAS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 9 to 4, a rule providing for adoption of H. Res. 979 and H. Res. 980 upon adoption of the rule. H. Res. 979 recommends that the House of Representatives find

Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary. H. Res. 980 authorizes the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Representative Smith of Texas.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain rules reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any rule reported on the legislative day of Thursday, February 14, 2008, providing for consideration of a bill addressing foreign intelligence surveillance.

The rule also permits consideration of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of Thursday, February 14, 2008, related to a bill addressing foreign intelligence surveillance.

NASA'S FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

SBIR MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "SBIR: Advancing Medical Breakthroughs." Testimony was heard from Jo Anne Goodnight, SBIR/STTR Coordinator, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Reviewing the Recommendations of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission. Testimony was heard from Mary Peters, Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

RUNWAY SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Runway Safety. Testimony was heard from Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Hank Krakowski, Chief, Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

EXPIRING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Review of Expiring Programs. Testimony was heard from Charles Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Scott Bloch, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; Keith Pedigo, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

VA INSPECTOR GENERAL/IT BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA FY 2009 Budget—Office of the Inspector General and Office of Information and Technology. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jon A. Wooditch, Deputy Inspector General; and Robert T. Howard, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology; and Valerie Melvin, Director, Information Technology, GAO.

BUDGET PROPOSALS FISCAL YEAR 2009—OMB/HHS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's budget proposals for fiscal year 2009, OMB. Testimony was heard from James Nussle, Director, OMB.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Administration's budget proposals fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counterintelligence Hot Spots. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of sovereign wealth funds, government investment funds, funded by foreign currency reserves, but managed separately from official currency reserves, focusing on the U.S. economy and national security risks, after receiving testi-

mony from David H. McCormick, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; and Stuart E. Eizenstat, Covington and Burling LLP, and Douglas Rediker, New America Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

FINLAND'S LEADERSHIP OF THE OSCE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Finland's leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on plans, priorities, and challenges that face the region, after receiving testimony from Ilkka Kanerva, Finland Minister for Foreign Affairs, Helsinki.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the strategy in Afghanistan, focusing on reports by the Afghanistan Study Group and the Atlantic Council of the United States, 11:10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the strategy in Afghanistan, focusing on reports by the Afghanistan Study Group and the Atlantic Council of the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the current state of the United States economy and financial matters, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine health care and the budget, focusing on information technology and health care reform, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine S. 1499, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine international aspects of a carbon cap and trade program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions, S. 999, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and

rehabilitation, S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, and S. 1042, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine ways to build and strengthen the Federal acquisition workforce, 9:45 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Homeland Security, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for tribal programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, and the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the Director of National Intelligence authorities, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on NRCS Under Secretary Mark Rey, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Army Readiness, 1:30 p.m., H 140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Waste Development, and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Vehicle Technology and Gas Prices, 12 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Land Border Enforcement, 12:30 p.m., and 3 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Opportunities Lost and Costs to Society: the Social and Economic Burden of Disease, Injuries, and Disability, 12 p.m., and on Secretary of Health and Human Services, Fiscal Year 2009 Budget overview, 2 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Veterans Affairs, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Implications for Our Strategic Posture, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Provincial Reconstruction Teams: A Case for Interagency National Security Reform? 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on The State of the Bond Insurance Industry, 11:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following measures: The Global HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008; H. Res. 185, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations; H. Res. 854, Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany; H. Res. 865, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address crime and violence in the region; H. Res. 909, Commemorating the courage of the Haitian soldiers that fought for American Independence in the "Siege of Savannah" and for Haiti's independence and renunciation of slavery; H. Con. Res. 154, Expressing the sense of Congress that the fatal radiation poisoning of Russian dissident and writer Alexander Litvinenko raises significant concerns about the potential involvement of elements of the Russian Government in Mr. Litvinenko's death and about the security and proliferation of radioactive materials; H. Con. Res. 255, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States' commitment to preservation of religious and cultural sites and condemning instances where sites are desecrated; and H. Con. Res. 278, Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008; 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on an Overview of Cambodia and the Need for Debt Recycling: How Can the U.S. Be of Assistance? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Homeland Security Intelligence at a Crossroads: the Office of Intelligence and Analysis' Vision for 2008," 11 a.m., Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3679, State Video Tax Fairness Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on Design Law—Are Special Provisions Needed to Protect Unique Industries? 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on One year later: Medicaid's Response to Systemic Problems Revealed by the death of Deamonte Driver, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, joint hearing on Federal IT Security: A Review of H.R. 4791, Federal Agency Data Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, to continue hearings on Six Years Later (Part III): Innovative Approaches to Defeating Al Qaeda, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on Funding for the America COMPETES Act in the Fiscal Year 2009 Administration Budget Request, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Business Activity Taxes and their Impact on Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Revitalization of the Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Examining the VA's Claims Processing System, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 5264, Trade Preference Extension Act of 2008, and to consider Committee's Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare portions of the President's fiscal year 2009 budget, 12 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Overhead, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Fire and Rain: How the Destruction of Tropical Forests is Fueling Climate Change, " 2 p.m., room to be announced.

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9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, February 14

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