

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4551–S4622

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 14, 1120–1137, and S. Res. 150–153. **Pages S4599–S4600**

Measures Passed:

Commending University of Wyoming Cowgirls: Senate agreed to S. Res. 151, commending the University of Wyoming Cowgirls for their championship victory in the Women's National Invitation Tournament. **Page S4620**

Honoring Jackie Robinson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 152, honoring the lifetime achievements of Jackie Robinson. **Page S4620**

Select Committee on Ethics Temporary Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 153, making temporary appointments to the Select Committee on Ethics. **Page S4620**

National Missing Persons Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 112, designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day". **Pages S4620–21**

Intelligence Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 372, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Rockefeller (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 846, to require the Director of Science and Technology of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to develop 15-year projections and assessments of the needs of the intelligence community to ensure a robust federal scientific and engineering workforce and the means to recruit such a workforce.

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Rockefeller (for Bond) Amendment No. 858, to improve the notification of Congress regarding intelligence activities of the United States Government.

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Rockefeller (for Bond) Modified Amendment No. 860, to modify the requirements for the report on any clandestine prison or detention facility for individuals captured in the global war on terrorism.

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Rockefeller (for Bond/Rockefeller) Modified Amendment No. 861, to clarify the national security mission of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

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Rockefeller (for Bond/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 862, to change the name of the National Space Intelligence Center to the National Space Intelligence Office.

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Rockefeller (for Bond/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 863, to modify the requirements related to the Director and Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Rockefeller (for Bond/Rockefeller) Modified Amendment No. 872, to modify requirements for the content of the report on compliance with the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005.

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Pending:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 843, in the nature of a substitute.

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Collins Amendment No. 847 (to Amendment No. 843), to reaffirm the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 849 (to Amendment No. 843), to amend chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the recruitment of persons to participate in terrorism, to provide remedies for immigration litigation, and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements related to judicial review of visa revocation and to modify the requirements related to detention and removal of aliens ordered removed.

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Kyl Amendment No. 866 (to Amendment No. 849), to protect classified information.

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

Senate vitiated the adoption of the following amendments:

Rockefeller (for Bond) Amendment No. 856, to strike the requirement for a study on the disclosure of additional intelligence information.

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Rockefeller (for Bond) Amendment No. 859, to strike the pilot program on disclosure of records under the Privacy Act relating to certain intelligence activities.

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Pursuant to the order of April 17, 2007, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on April 16, 2007 was agreed to.

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By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 131), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act and Court Security Improvement Act—

Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3, to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed thereon; provided further that, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members; that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided between Senators Leahy and Specter or their designees.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—131) Page S4580

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4622.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING AUTISM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies held a hearing to examine the status of autism and autism research, receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Thomas R. Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Judith E. Favell, Celeste Foundation, Mount Dora, Florida; Robert C. Wright and Bradley Whitford, both of Autism Speaks, New York, New York; Marguerite Kirst Colston, Autism Society of America, Bethesda, Maryland; and Josh Cobbs, Sioux City, Iowa.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

COMBAT READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine whether the Army and Marine Corps are properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat, after receiving testimony from Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Lawrence J. Korb, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.; General Barry R. McCaffrey (Ret.) USA, BR McCaffrey Associates LLC, Arlington, Virginia; and Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr. (Ret.) USA, Colgen, Inc., Dayton, Maryland.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the current readiness of United States ground forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, from Lieutenant General James J. Lovelace, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7, Headquarters, Department of the Army, and Lieutenant General Richard F. Natonski, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters,

United States Marine Corps, both of the Department of Defense.

MORTGAGE MARKET SECURITIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the role of securitization relating to subprime mortgage market turmoil, including the mechanics of the nonprime mortgage securitization process, the impact of recent increases in defaults and delinquencies on the nonprime securitization market, characteristics of the securitization process that present challenges in mitigating potential foreclosures, and factors taken into consideration in the securitization process when assessing credit risk for mortgage-backed securities and monitoring assigned ratings, after receiving testimony from Gyan Sinha, Bear, Stearns and Co. Inc, David Sherr, Lehman Brothers Inc., Susan Barnes, Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, and Warren Kornfeld, Moody's Investors Service, all of New York, New York; Kurt Eggert, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California; and Christopher L. Peterson, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville.

XM-SIRIUS RADIO

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed merger between XM and Sirius satellite radio services, after receiving testimony from Mel Karmazin, Sirius Satellite Radio, and David Bank, RBC Capital Markets, both of New York, New York; W. Russell Withers, Jr., Withers Broadcasting Companies, Mount Vernon, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, on behalf of Common Cause, Consumer Federation of America, Free Press, and Media Access Project, and Gigi B. Sohn, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, D.C.

WORKPLACE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine domestic violence in the workplace, after receiving testimony from Laura A. Fortman, Maine Department of Labor, Augusta; Kathy Rodgers, Legal Momentum, New York, New York; Sue K. Willman, Spencer Fane Britt and Browne LLP, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; and Yvette Cade, Temple Hills, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 1863–1904; and 19 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 112–115; and H. Res. 299–300, 303–314 were introduced. **Pages H3473–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3476–78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness (H. Rept. 110–89);

H.R. 309, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–90);

H.R. 865, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska (H. Rept. 110–91);

H.R. 285, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–92);

H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros (H. Rept. 110–93);

H.R. 162, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana (H. Rept. 110–94);

H.R. 319, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–95);

H. Res. 301, providing for consideration of H.R. 1257, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation (H. Rept. 110–96); and

H. Res. 302, providing for consideration of H.R. 1361, to improve the disaster relief programs of the Small Business Administration (H. Rept. 110–97).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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

Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007: H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness;

Pages H3406–09

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the 50th anniversary of Celilo Falls: H. Res. 217, to express the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the 50th anniversary of Celilo Falls;

Pages H3409–12

Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project: H.R. 609, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project;

Pages H3412–13

Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project: H.R. 786, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project;

Pages H3413–14

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history: H.R. 309, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history;

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Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act: H.R. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard;

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Copper Valley Native Allotment Resolution Act of 2007: H.R. 865, amended, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska;

Pages H3415–16

Authorizing the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park: H.R. 1191, amended, to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park;

Pages H3416–17

Taxpayer Protection Act of 2007: H.R. 1677, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer protections and outreach, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 214;

Pages H3417–23, H3435–36

Supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day: H. Res. 196, to support the goals and ideals of World Water Day, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 215;

Pages H3424–26, H3436–37

Condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society: H. Con. Res. 100, amended, to condemn the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay” and 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 216;

Pages H3426–29, H3437

American National Red Cross Governance Modernization Act of 2007: H.R. 1681, amended, to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century; and

Pages H3429–32

Amending 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. 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.

Pages H3434–35

Recess: The House recessed at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened at 6:04 p.m. **Page H3435**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Monday, April 16th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month: H. Res. 273, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 217 and **Pages H3432–34, H3437–38**

Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research: H. Con. Res. 76, to honor the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 218. **Pages H3438–39**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, April 18th:

Supporting the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week: H. Res. 293, to support the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week. **Pages H3432–34**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 304, electing the following Member to serve on the Committee on the Judiciary: Representative Baldwin, to rank immediately after Representative Sherman. **Page H3439**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3478–79.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3435–36, H3436–37, H3437, H3438, H3438–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry held a hearing to review the market structure of the livestock industry. Testimony was heard from James E. Link, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administrator, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Force Posture/Acquisition Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Richard Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; and Claude Bolton, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM William Fallon, USN, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the FCC. Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Charles W. Grim, M.D., Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, Central Command, Department of Defense.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Richard Kapka, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and James Simpson, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act.” Testimony was

heard from Teresa M. Mullin, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Planning, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

RISING MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES POSSIBLE RESPONSES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Possible Responses to Rising Mortgage Foreclosures." Testimony was heard from Representatives Kaptur and Turner; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Daniel H. Mudd, President and CEO, Fannie Mae; Richard F. Syron, Chairman and CEO, Freddie Mac; and public witnesses.

KOSOVA—OUTLOOK FOR INDEPENDENCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on the Outlook for the Independence of Kosovo. Testimony was heard from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State.

U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Europe held a joint hearing on Extraordinary Rendition in the U.S. Counterterrorism Policy: The Impact on Transatlantic Relations. Testimony was heard from the Michael F. Scheuer, former Chief, Bin Laden Unit, CIA; and a public witness.

The Subcommittees also held a joint briefing on this subject. They were briefed by the following Members of the European Parliament: Jonathan Evans, Chairman, European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the United States; Claudio Fava; and Baroness Sarah Ludford, Vice-Chairman, Temporary Committee on the Alleged Use of European Countries by the CIA for the Transportation and Illegal Detention of Prisoners.

SECURE HANDLING OF AMMONIUM NITRATE ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Began mark up of H.R. 1680, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2007.

Committee recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

OVERSIGHT—BANKRUPTCY CASES AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Executive Compensation in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Cases: How Much Is Too Much? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1592, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Mark Shurtleff, Attorney General, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMPLEMENTING OIL/GAS ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Implementation of Title III, the Oil and Gas provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Abraham Haspel, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Senator Curtis Bramble, Majority Leader, Senate, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CLIMATE CHANGE AND WILDLIFE/OCEANS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Wildlife and Oceans in a Changing Climate. Testimony was heard from C. Mark Eakin, Coordinator, NOAA Coral Reef Watch, NOAA Satellite Oceanography and Climate, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 554, Paleontological Resources Preservation Act; H.R. 986, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act; H. R. 1100, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision; and H.R. 1285, Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives McGovern, Courtney and Hastings of Washington; Sue Masica, Chief of Staff, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Frederick Norbury, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing on the U.S. Postal Service: 101. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General/CEO; James C. Miller, III, Chairman, Board of Governors; and David C. Williams, Inspector General; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Katherine A. Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WALTER REED

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs continued hearings on Is This Any Way to Treat Our Troops—Follow-up on Corrective Measures Taken at Walter Reed and Other Medical Facilities Caring for Wounded Soldiers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); MG Gale S. Pollack, USA, Army Surgeon General (Acting) and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command; and MG Eric Schoomaker, USA, Commander, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; and the following officials of the Independent Review Group: Togo D. West, Jr., former Secretary of Veterans Affairs and former Secretary of the Army; Jack Marsh, former Secretary of the Army; Arnold Fisher; Lawrence Holland, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs; and Charles Roadman, former Air Force Surgeon General.

SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirements. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1257, Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule also provides that each section of the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order only those amendments to the amendment in the nature of a substitute that have been pre-printed in the Congressional Record on or before Tuesday, April 17, 2007 or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representative Bachus.

RECOVERY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general de-

bate on H.R. 1361, RECOVERY Act, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill as amended shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended, and provides that no further amendments shall be in order except those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution.

The rule provides that such further amendments made in order in Part B may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairwoman Velázquez and Representative Chabot.

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the State of Climate Change Science 2007: The Findings of the Fourth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Working Group II: Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE CONTRACTING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Public-Private Partnerships: Innovating Contracting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: James Ray, Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and David B. Horner, Chief Counsel, Federal Transit Administration; John Njord, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITION AND WATER QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Nonpoint Source Pollution: Atmospheric Deposition and Water Quality. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Arleen O'Donnell, Acting Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 67, Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 1435, Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Backlog Reduction Act of 2007; H.R. 1444, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make interim benefit payments under certain remanded claims; and H.R. 1490, To provide for a presumption of service-connectedness for certain claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives McIntyre, Baca, Donnelly, and Upton; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

PERSONNEL AND SECURITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Personnel and Security. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine economic challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers today, focusing on livestock, poultry and competition issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for maternal and child health, and family planning and reproductive health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, with the Subcommittee on

Personnel, to hold joint hearings to examine the readiness impact of quality of life and family support programs to assist families of Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve military personnel in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine if "Free Trade" is working, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold oversight hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr. to be Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's plan for reducing the tax gap, focusing on goals, benchmarks, and timetables, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros, Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Phillip Carter, III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, 9:30

p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S.1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and the nominations of Douglas G. Myers, of California, Jeffrey Patchen, of Indiana, Lotsee Patterson, of Oklahoma, all to be Members of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Stephen W. Porter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and Cynthia Allen Wainscott, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, and promotion lists for the Public Health Service, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine repealing the limitation on party expenditures on behalf of candidates in general elections, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine Public Law 107-204 (Sarbanes Oxley Act) and small business addressing proposed regulatory changes and their impact on capital markets, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to markup the nomination of Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs), 10 a.m., Room to be announced.

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on Army Reset, 10 a.m., and on Army/Marine Corps Personnel Issues, 1:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

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Committee on the Judiciary, to consider the following: a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to Monica Goodling for testimony and related documents at a hearing before the Committee regarding the circumstances surrounding recent termination of U.S. Attorneys, representations to Congress regarding those circumstances, and related matters; a resolution directing the House General Counsel to apply to a United States district court for an order immunizing from use in prosecutions the testimony of, and related information provided by, Monica Goodling under compulsion at proceedings before or ancillary to the Committee regarding the circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorneys, representations to Congress regarding those

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