

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3171–S3175*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2892–2893. **Page S3174**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S3174**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S3174–75**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3173–74**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:19 a.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3175.)

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H2490**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5819, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–595, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 3033, to improve Federal agency awards and oversight of contracts and assistance and to strengthen accountability of the Government-wide suspension and debarment system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–596). **Page H2490**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2489**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

### Joint Meetings

#### FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see *Daily Digest*, p. D420)

H.R. 5813, to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008. Signed on April 18, 2008. (Public Law 110–200)

S. 550, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Signed on April 18, 2008. (Public Law 110–201)

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#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 21 through April 26, 2008

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business.

On *Tuesday*, following morning business, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1315, Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 12 noon.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, and conference reports, when available.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* April 23, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 24, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for military construction, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* April 25, to receive information relating to the treatment of detainees, 9 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* April 22, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on the role of the credit rating agencies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on the U.S. regulatory framework for assessing sovereign investments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 22, to hold hearings to examine the future of the internet, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, focusing on a recent report on moving passengers and freight into the future, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine phantom traffic, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2688, to improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption, S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership, S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, S. 2507, to address the digital television transition in border states, H.R. 3985, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, H.R. 802, to

amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, S. 2657, to require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, S. 2482, to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida, the nomination of Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and certain promotion lists in the U.S. Coast Guard, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 24, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine national nanotechnology, focusing on charting the course for reauthorization, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* April 22, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 934 and H.R. 1374, bills to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, S. 2833, to provide for the management of certain public land in Owyhee County, Idaho, and S. 2834, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, and improve public land in Washington County, Utah, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 23, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, S. 827, to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, S. 923 and H.R. 1528, bills to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, S. 956, to establish the Land Between the Rivers National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, S. 2073, to amend the National Trails System Act relating to the statute of limitations that applies to certain claims, S. 2513, to modify the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2604, to establish the Baltimore National Heritage Area in the State of Maryland, S. 2804, to adjust the boundary of the Everglades National Park, H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, 3 p.m., SD-366.

April 24, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 2680, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions to address environmental problems associated with the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in the State of Colorado, S. 2805, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Rio Grande Pueblos in the State of New Mexico and provide grants to, and enter

into cooperative agreements with, the Rio Grande Pueblos to repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct existing infrastructure, S. 2814, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, H.R. 29, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, H.R. 1803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* April 24, to hold hearings to examine tax aspects of a cap-and-trade system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* April 22, Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection, to hold hearings to examine international deforestation and climate change, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 3320, to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland, S. Con. Res. 74, honoring the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, for his service to the people of Ireland and to the world and welcoming the Prime Minister to the United States, S. Res. 494, expressing the sense of the Senate on the need for Iraq's neighbors and other international partners to fulfill their pledges to provide reconstruction assistance to Iraq, protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization done at Monaco on April 14, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110-09), and any pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Darfur, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 23, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Tibet, focusing on a path to peace, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

April 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine implementing smart power, focusing on setting an agenda for national security reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine international debt, focusing on building relief initiatives, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* April 24, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, focusing on its ability to keep America's families safe, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* April 23, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

April 24, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine addressing Iran's nuclear ambitions, focusing on policy options for the U.S. and its allies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 24, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine reforming export licensing agencies for national security and economic interests, focusing on the structure of the Federal government's agencies that are responsible for licensing controlled exports, the process in place for licensing, how the structures help or hinder their decision making for licenses, human capital challenges of the export control bureaucracy, and the recommendations for improving the export control processes and personal, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* April 24, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine recommendations for improving the federal acknowledgment process, 9 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* April 23, to hold hearings to examine National Security Letters, focusing on the need for greater accountability and oversight, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 702, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs, S. 2840, to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications, S. Res. 511, recognizing that John Sidney McCain, III, is a natural born citizen, H. Con. Res. 292, honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments, S. Res. 515, commemorating the life and work of Dith Pran, and the nominations of Michael G. McGinn, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, both of the Department of Justice, Mark S. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, David Gregory Kays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 24, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Delta-Northwest airlines merger, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* April 23, to hold an oversight hearing to examine an update on Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* April 22, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 24, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations*, April 22, Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Security Agency, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 23, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development—Status of Project-Based Section 8 Program, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2358—A Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Defense, on Biological Countermeasures and Threats, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, April 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on challenges associated with achieving full dental readiness in the reserve component, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, and the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on the role of the social and behavioral sciences in national security, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, April 23, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Improving Workplace Safety: Strengthening OSHA Enforcement of Multi-Site Employers, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 24, full Committee, hearing on Child Abuse and Deceptive Marketing by Residential Programs for Teens, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, April 22, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “FDA’s Foreign Drug Inspection Program: Weaknesses Place Americans at Risk,” 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Food and Cosmetic Provisions of the Food and Drug Administration Globalization—proposed measures, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, April 23, to consider the following H.R. 5818, Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008; and pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 24, to consider the following bills: H.R. 5830, FHA Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention Act of 2008; and H.R. 5829, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, April 23, hearing on Foreign Assistance Reform in the Next Administration: Challenges and Solutions, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on A New Beginning for the U.S.-South Korea Strategic Alliance, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on the Bucharest Summit and the Way Forward for NATO, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on War Powers for the 21st Century: The Executive Branch Perspective, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on U.S. Policy and the Road to Damascus: Who’s Converting Whom? 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on U.S. Export Promotion Strategy, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, April 23, hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Improving the Functionality, Governance, and Accountability of the Department of Homeland Security,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 24, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Evolving the Office of Intelligence and Analysis to Better Serve State, Local and Tribal Needs,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, April 22, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 4109, Prison Abuse Remedies Act of 2007, 4:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 23, full Committee, oversight hearing on the FBI, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 24, Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws, hearing on Competition in the Airline Industry, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, April 23, to consider H.R. 2801, Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuge and Wilderness Enhancement and King Cove Safe Access Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 21, Oceans Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act; H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; H.R. 5534, Bear Protection Act of 2008; and H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2649, To make amendments to the Reclamation Project Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; H.R. 3323, Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2007; and H.R. 4841, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3639, Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act; and H.R. 5350, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 24, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 859, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 3227, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2007; H.R. 3930, Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area Act of 2007, and for other purposes; H.R. 3981, Preserve America and Save America’s Treasures Act; and H.R. 5540, Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, April 23, hearing on Domestic Abstinence-Only Programs: Assessing the Evidence, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on Electronic Communications Preservation Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 24, full Committee, hearing on EPA's New Ozone Standards, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on H.R. 1296, District of Columbia District Attorney Establishment Act, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn; and a hearing entitled "Eliminating Smoke and Mirrors in the Mail," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, April 22, to consider the following bills: H.R. 5819, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, April 23, hearing on Opportunities and Challenges for Nuclear Power, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's International Space Station Program: Status and Issues, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Aviation Security Research and Development at the Department of Homeland Security, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, April 23, Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled "Minority and Hispanic Participation in the Federal Workforce and the Impact on the Small Business Community," 12 p.m., 1539 Rayburn.

April 24, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Role of Small Businesses in Stimulating the Economy," 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, April 23, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Rail Capacity, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Freight Movement from Origin to Destination, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, April 23, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up pending business, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

April 23, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2790, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Undersecretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 3819, Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2007; H.R. 5729, Spina Bifida Health Care Program Expansion Act; H.R. 5554, Veterans Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008; and a Construction Authorization measure, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

April 24, Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs, to mark up Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008, 11 a.m., 340 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, April 23, hearing on Clearing the Disability Backlog, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, April 23, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Human Capital, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 24, full Committee, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Special Program, 9 a.m., and executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Special Program, 10 H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, April 24, Hearing entitled "Pumping up Prices: The Strategic Petroleum Reserve and Record Gas Prices," 10 a.m., room to be announced.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: April 22, meeting of conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, April 21

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 22

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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