

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9169–S9221

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3528–3537, S. Res. 669–677, and S. Con. Res. 100. **Page S9204**

Measures Reported:

S. 1577, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–474)

S. 1933, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide grants to small public drinking water systems. (S. Rept. No. 110–475)

S. 199, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages in the State of Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 110–476)

S. 906, to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–477)

S. 3109, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system. (S. Rept. No. 110–478)

S. 3175, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program, to make technical corrections to that Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–479)

S. 3192, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Coquille Indian Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–480) **Pages S9203–04**

Measures Passed:

Commemorating Irena Sendler: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 96, commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 614, designating the month of August 2008 as “National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

The Ohio State University Football Team: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 653, celebrating the outstanding athletic accomplishments of The Ohio State University football team for achieving its 800th all-time victory, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Child Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 644, designating September 2008 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities benefiting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by these charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as a positive investment in the future of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Runaway Prevention Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 646, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Assisted Living Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 652, designating the week beginning September 8, 2008, as “National Assisted Living Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration 50th Anniversary: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 651, honoring the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 50th anniversary of its establishment, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

Dandy-Walker syndrome and hydrocephalus: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 163, expressing the sense of Congress in support of further research and activities to increase public awareness, professional education, diagnosis, and treatment of Dandy-Walker syndrome and hydrocephalus, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

USS Nautilus (SSN 571) 50th Anniversary: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 648, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the North Pole by the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) and its significance in the history of both our Nation and the world, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

Space Foundation 25th Anniversary: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 502, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Space Foundation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 93, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Heat Stroke Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 296, expressing support for the designation of August 2008 as “National Heat Stroke Awareness Month” to raise awareness and encourage prevention of heat stroke, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs 40th Anniversary: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 634, recognizing July 30, 2008, as the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the resolution establishing the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Celiac Disease Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 657, designating September 13,

2008, as “National Celiac Disease Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National First Responder Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 670, designating September 25, 2008, as “National First Responder Appreciation Day”. **Pages S9179–85**

University of Maryland School of Medicine 200th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 671, congratulating the University of Maryland School of Medicine on its 200th anniversary. **Pages S9179–85**

National Day of Encouragement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 672, designating September 12, 2008, as “National Day of Encouragement”. **Pages S9179–85**

Workplace Wellness: Senate agreed to S. Res. 673, recognizing the importance of workplace wellness as a strategy to help maximize employees’ health and well being. **Pages S9179–85**

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 674, designating September 22, 2008, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day” to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults. **Pages S9179–85**

National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 675, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Pages S9179–85**

Red Ribbon Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 676, supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week. **Pages S9179–85**

Native American Heritage Day Act: Senate passed H.J. Res. 62, to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9186**

Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 3341, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. **Pages S9217–18**

Albuquerque Indian School Act: Senate passed S. 1193, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico. **Page S9218**

Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act: Senate passed H.R. 6893, to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to connect and support relative caregivers, improve outcomes for children in foster care, provide for tribal foster care

and adoption access, improve incentives for adoption, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9218**

North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5834, to amend the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 to promote respect for the fundamental human rights of the people of North Korea, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9218–19**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 5632, to make certain technical and clarifying amendments. **Page S9219**

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 677, to authorize testimony and legal representation in Ramsey, et al. v. Wilson, et al. **Pages S9219–20**

Measures Considered:

Advancing America's Priorities Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America's priorities. **Page S9220**

Unemployment Compensation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 3507, to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation, and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance. **Page S9220**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Bob Corker, of Tennessee, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. **Pages S9169, S9221**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S9220**

Messages from the House: **Pages S9200–01**

Measures Read the First Time: **Page S9201**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: **Pages S9196–S9200**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S9216**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: **Page S9216**

Recess: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and recessed at 6:42 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9220.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 6980–6995; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 422; and H. Res. 1471–1475, 1477–1479, were introduced. **Pages H8577–78**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8578–79**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6577, to express the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin (H. Rept. 110–863);

H.R. 5352, to protect seniors in the United States from elder abuse by establishing specialized elder abuse prosecution and research programs and activi-

ties to aid victims of elder abuse and to provide training to prosecutors and other law enforcement related to elder abuse prevention and protection, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–864, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6370, to transfer excess Federal property administered by the Coast Guard to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (H. Rept. 110–865); and

H.R. 6524, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to take certain actions with respect to parcels of real property located in Eastlake, Ohio, and Koochiching County, Minnesota (H. Rept. 110–866, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 1476, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5244) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to

the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan (H. Rept. 110–867). **Page H8577**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Carnahan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8479**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H8481**

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

Commending the Honor Flight Network, its volunteers, and donors, for enabling World War II veterans to travel to our Nation's capital to see the World War II Memorial created in their honor: H. Res. 1287, to commend the Honor Flight Network, its volunteers, and donors, for enabling World War II veterans to travel to our Nation's capital to see the World War II Memorial created in their honor; **Pages H8481–83**

Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act of 2008: S. 1315, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance and housing benefits and to improve benefits and services for transitioning servicemembers; **Pages H8487–91**

Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act: H.R. 5853, to expand the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to include Barrett's Farm; **Page H8496**

Authorizing the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas: H.R. 6176, to authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas; **Pages H8496–97**

Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act: H.R. 6159, amended, to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California; **Pages H8497–98**

Trail of Tears Documentation Act: H.R. 5335, amended, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail; **Pages H8498–S8500**

Camp Hale Study Act: H.R. 3336, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a historic district to the Camp Hale on parcels of land in the State of Colorado; **Page H8500**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of estab-

lishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System." **Page H8500**

Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 3849, amended, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah; **Pages H8500–01**

Providing for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land: H.R. 3299, amended, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land; **Pages H8501–02**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land, and for other purposes." **Page H8502**

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Grand Coulee Dam and recognizing its critical role in the national and economic security of the United States and the contributions of hydroelectric power to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: H. Res. 1374, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Grand Coulee Dam and recognizing its critical role in the national and economic security of the United States and the contributions of hydroelectric power to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; **Pages H8502–03**

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans: H.R. 6685, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 302 yeas to 72 nays, Roll No. 616; **Pages H8503, H8543–44**

Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Act: H.R. 1907, amended, to authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$

yea-and-nay vote of 313 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 617; **Pages H8503–06, H8544–45**

Nationwide Mortgage Fraud Task Force Act of 2008: H.R. 6853, amended, to establish in the Federal Bureau of Investigation the Nationwide Mortgage Fraud Task Force to address mortgage fraud in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 350 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 618; **Pages H8517–19, H8545**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish in the Federal Bureau of Investigation the Nationwide Mortgage Fraud Coordinator to address mortgage fraud in the United States, and for other purposes.” **Page H8545**

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Azorean Refugee Act of 1958 and celebrating the extensive contributions of Portuguese-American communities to the United States: H. Res. 1438, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Azorean Refugee Act of 1958 and to celebrate the extensive contributions of Portuguese-American communities to the United States; **Pages H8522–24**

Recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of the founding of AARP: H. Res. 1464, to recognize and honor the 50th anniversary of the founding of AARP; **Pages H8524–25**

Extending the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under section 105 of subtitle A of title IV of division B of Public Law 109–148, relating to elementary and secondary education hurricane recovery relief: H.R. 6890, amended, to extend the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under section 105 of subtitle A of title IV of division B of Public Law 109–148, relating to elementary and secondary education hurricane recovery relief; **Pages H8525–27**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under section 105 of subtitle A of title IV of division B of Public Law 109–148, relating to elementary and secondary education hurricane recovery relief, and for other purposes.” **Page H8527**

Recognizing the benefits of service-learning as a teaching strategy to effectively engage youth in the community and classroom, and supporting the goals of the National Learn and Serve Challenge: H. Res. 1463, amended, to recognize the benefits of service-learning as a teaching strategy to effectively engage youth in the community and classroom, and to support the goals of the National Learn and Serve Challenge; **Pages H8527–28**

Oregon Surplus Federal Land Act of 2008: H.R. 6370, to transfer excess Federal property adminis-

tered by the Coast Guard to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians;

Pages H8530–32

Authorizing the Administrator of General Services to take certain actions with respect to parcels of real property located in Eastlake, Ohio, and Koochiching County, Minnesota: H.R. 6524, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to take certain actions with respect to parcels of real property located in Eastlake, Ohio, and Koochiching County, Minnesota; **Pages H9532–33**

Honoring Dr. Guion S. “Guy” Bluford, Jr., and the 25th anniversary of his historic flight as the first African-American in space: H. Res. 1466, to honor Dr. Guion S. “Guy” Bluford, Jr., and the 25th anniversary of his historic flight as the first African-American in space; **Pages H8533–34**

Expressing support for the designation of a 4–H National Youth Science Day: H. Res. 1390, to express support for the designation of a 4–H National Youth Science Day; and **Pages H8538–39**

Honoring the 50th anniversary of the successful demonstration of the first integrated circuit and its impact on the electronics industry: H. Res. 1471, to honor the 50th anniversary of the successful demonstration of the first integrated circuit and its impact on the electronics industry. **Pages H8541–43**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H8543**

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

Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2008: H.R. 6897, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain payments to eligible persons who served in the Philippines during World War II; **Pages H8483–87**

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act: H.R. 160, amended, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812; **Pages H8491–93**

Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2008: H.R. 2933, amended, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act; **Pages H8493–95**

Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park Boundary Expansion and Redesignation Act of 2008: H.R. 4828, amended, to amend the Palo Alto

Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site;

Pages H8595–96

Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact: S.J. Res. 45, to express the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin;

Pages H8506–17

Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008: H.R. 5352, amended, to protect seniors in the United States from elder abuse by establishing specialized elder abuse prosecution and research programs and activities to aid victims of elder abuse and to provide training to prosecutors and other law enforcement related to elder abuse prevention and protection;

Pages H8519–22

College Fire Prevention Act: H.R. 642, amended, to establish a demonstration incentive program within the Department of Education to promote installation of fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in qualified student housing and dormitories;

Pages H8528–30

United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008: S. 2606, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration; and

Pages H8534–38

Establishing a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles: H.R. 6323, amended, to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Pages H8539–41

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages S8481 and S8543.

Senate Referrals: S. 531 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and S. 2606 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8543–44, H8544–45, and H8545. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Committee Meeting

RETAIL CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 6713, E-fencing Enforce-

ment Act of 2008; H.R. 6491, Organized Retail Crime Act of 2008; and S. 3434, Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Congressman Brad Ellsworth; and public witnesses.

CREDIT CARDHOLDER BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 7–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5244, “the Credit Cardholders’ Bill of Rights Act of 2008.” The rule provides for one hour general debate 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 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 adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services to insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the second session of the 110th Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of defense authorization measures for the fiscal year 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Maloney of New York, and Campbell.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1123)

H.R. 6456, to provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State. Signed on September 19, 2008. (Public Law 110–321)

S. 2450, to amend the Federal Rules of Evidence to address the waiver of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Signed on September 19, 2008. (Public Law 110–322)

H.R. 5683, to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office. Signed on September 22, 2008. (Public Law 110–323)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, with the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold joint hearings to examine food marketing to children, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq and Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine turmoil in United States credit markets, focusing on recent actions regarding investment banks and other financial institutions, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold oversight hearings to examine the transition to digital television, focusing on the February 2009 deadline, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine reasons that diesel fuel prices have been so high and what can be done to address this situation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act (Public Law 101-549), 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine covering the uninsured, focusing on making health insurance markets work, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Croatia adopted at Brussels on July 9, 2008, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Treaty Doc. 110-20), Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (Geneva 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto 1994), together with declarations and reservations by the United States as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis 1998) (Treaty Doc. 108-05), Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998), together with the declarations and reservations by the United States, all as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) (Treaty Doc. 109-11), Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as Amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002), Together with the Declarations and Reservations by the United States, all as Contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) (Treaty Doc. 110-16), S. 2609, to establish a

Global Service Fellowship Program, S. 3103, to amend the Iran, North Korea, and Syria nonproliferation Act to allow certain extraordinary payments in connection with the International Space Station, S. 1007, to direct the Secretary of State to work with the Government of Brazil and other foreign governments to develop partnerships that will strengthen diplomatic relations and energy security by accelerating the development of biofuels production, research, and infrastructure to alleviate poverty, create jobs, and increase income, while improving energy security and protecting the environment, S. 3426, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents on Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad, S. Res. 598, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to lead renewed international efforts to assist developing nations in conserving natural resources and preventing the impending extinction of a large portion of the world's plant and animal species, an original bill entitled, "Security Assistance Act", and the nominations of Brian H. Hook, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), Sung Y. Kim, of California, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks, Gregori Lebedev, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador and to be Alternate Representative of the United States to the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, Clifford D. May, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, C. Steven McGann, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, and other pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine investing in a skilled workforce, focusing on making the best use of tax-payer dollars to maximize results, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine after action reviews of Federal, State, and local activities to respond and recover from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine reducing the undercount in the 2010 census, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3474, to amend title 44, United States Code, to enhance information security of the Federal Government, S. 3384, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to

require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal IT investment projects, H.R. 2631, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, H.R. 3815, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, S. 3176, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide mental health and substance abuse services, an original bill to establish a controlled unclassified information framework, H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth, S. 3350, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances, S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence, H.R. 5975 and S. 3317, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the "Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office", H.R. 6092, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the "Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building", S. 3309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the Mayor William "Bill" Sandberg Post Office Building, H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office", and the nominations of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, and Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 12 noon, S-216, Capitol.

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Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider H.R. 5680, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, H.R. 2963, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, S. 3194, to transfer surplus Federal land administered by the Coast Guard in the

State of Oregon, S. 3128, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project, S. 3355, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and S. 3381, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine equal pay for equal work, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of C. Darnell Jones II to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Mitchell S. Goldberg to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Joel H. Slomsky to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Eric F. Melgren to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Anthony John Trenga to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, 3 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., S-213, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the new Attorney General guidelines for domestic intelligence collection, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Defense's work with states, universities and students to transform the nation's foreign language capacity, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Child Labor Enforcement: Are We Adequately Protecting our Children, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following legislation: H.R. 1283, Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act of 2007; H.R. 3232, Travel Promotion Act of 2007; H.R. Calling Card Consumer Protection Act; H.R. 1157, Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007; legislation to amend Part II of the Federal Power Act to address potential cybersecurity threats to the bulk power system; and H.R. 6568, Tom Lantos Pulmonary Hypertension Research and Education Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Hurricanes in Haiti: Disaster and Recovery, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following legislation: H.R. 6598, Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008; H.R. 5882, To recapture employment-based immigration visas lost to bureaucratic delays and to prevent losses of family- and employment-based immigrant visas in the future; H.R. 5924, Emergency Nursing Supply Relief Act; H.R. 5950, Detainee Basic Medical Care Act

of 2008; and a resolution and report recommending to the House of Representatives that Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey be cited for contempt of Congress, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on the Executive Office of Immigration Review, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on Identifying Labor Solutions for the Guam Military Build-Up, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Necessary Reform to Pediatric Dental Care under Medicaid, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on FEMA's Response to the 2008 Hurricane Season and the National Housing Strategy, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Media Outreach to Veterans: An Update, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health of the Private Health Insurance market, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on CIA's Clandestine Service, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 23 through September 27,
2008

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m. Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6049, Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act, and consider certain amendments.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 24, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term ending May 21, 2014, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

September 24, Full Committee, with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings to examine the effectiveness of agricultural disaster assistance programs in the wake of the 2008 Midwest floods, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Ike, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: September 23, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, with the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold joint hearings to examine food marketing to children, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: September 23, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq and Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the authorization of Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape techniques for interrogations in Iraq, focusing on the Committee's inquiry into the treatment of detainees in United States custody, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 23, to hold hearings to examine turmoil in United States credit markets, focusing on recent actions regarding investment banks and other financial institutions, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 23, to hold oversight hearings to examine the transition to digital television, focusing on the February 2009 deadline, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 24, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine the imbalance in United States-Korea automobile trade, 10 a.m., SR-253.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the safety and security of spent nuclear fuel transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine broadband providers and consumer privacy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 23, to hold hearings to examine reasons that diesel fuel prices have been so high and what can be done to address this situation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 23, to hold hearings to examine regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act (Public Law 101-549), 10 a.m., SD-406.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Bush Administration's environmental record at the Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) cleanup of the Superfund site in Libby, Montana, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 23, to hold hearings to examine covering the uninsured, focusing on making health insurance markets work, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 23, business meeting to consider Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Croatia adopted at Brussels on July 9, 2008, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Treaty Doc. 110-20), Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication

Union (ITU) (Geneva 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto 1994), together with declarations and reservations by the United States as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis 1998) (Treaty Doc. 108-05), Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998), together with the declarations and reservations by the United States, all as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) (Treaty Doc. 109-11), Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as Amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002), Together with the Declarations and Reservations by the United States, all as Contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) (Treaty Doc. 110-16), S. 2609, to establish a Global Service Fellowship Program, S. 3103, to amend the Iran, North Korea, and Syria nonproliferation Act to allow certain extraordinary payments in connection with the International Space Station, S. 1007, to direct the Secretary of State to work with the Government of Brazil and other foreign governments to develop partnerships that will strengthen diplomatic relations and energy security by accelerating the development of biofuels production, research, and infrastructure to alleviate poverty, create jobs, and increase income, while improving energy security and protecting the environment, S. 3426, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents on Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad, S. Res. 598, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to lead renewed international efforts to assist developing nations in conserving natural resources and preventing the impending extinction of a large portion of the world's plant and animal species, an original bill entitled, "Security Assistance Act", and the nominations of Brian H. Hook, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), Sung Y. Kim, of California, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks, Gregori Lebedev, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador and to be Alternate Representative of the United States to the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, Clifford D. May, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, C. Steven McGann, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of

Kiribati, and other pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

September 24, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Africa's management of its extractive industries, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James Franklin Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 25, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Middle East peace process, focusing on progress and prospects, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 23, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine investing in a skilled workforce, focusing on making the best use of taxpayer dollars to maximize results, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 23, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine after action reviews of Federal, State, and local activities to respond and recover from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, 10 a.m., SD-562.

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September 23, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the elements of the federal government responsible for coordinating our public diplomacy, including their respective missions, organizational structures, workforce, and management, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine domestic partner benefits for federal employees, 10 a.m., SD–342.

September 24, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, with the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold joint hearings to examine the effectiveness of agricultural disaster assistance programs in the wake of the 2008 Midwest floods, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Ike, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

September 24, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) future preparedness planning, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ways to prevent nuclear terrorism, focusing on hard lessons learned from troubled investments, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

September 25, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine addressing cost growth of major Department of Defense (DOD) weapons systems, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 23, business meeting to consider H.R. 5680, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, H.R. 2963, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, S. 3194, to transfer surplus Federal land administered by the Coast Guard in the State of Oregon, S. 3128, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project, S. 3355, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and S. 3381, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting

through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos, 10 a.m., SD–628.

September 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 1294, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 514, to extend Federal recognition to the Muscogee Nation of Florida, S. 724, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and S. 1058, to expedite review of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan to secure a timely and just determination of whether the Bands are entitled to recognition as a Federal Indian tribe so that the Bands may receive eligible funds before the funds are no longer available, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 23, to hold hearings to examine equal pay for equal work, 10 a.m., SH–216.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of C. Darnell Jones II to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Mitchell S. Goldberg to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Joel H. Slomsky to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Eric F. Melgren to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Anthony John Trenga to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, 3 p.m., SD–562.

September 24, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine extracting natural resources, focusing on corporate responsibility and the rule of law, 10:45 a.m., SH–216.

September 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the Visa Waiver Program, focusing on mitigating risks to ensure the safety of all Americans, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

September 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3259, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the priority of certain high cost credit debts, H.R. 3971, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 3501, to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute, H.R. 1943, to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons, S. Res. 659, A resolution designating September 27, 2008, as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day, the nominations of Clark Waddoups to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of

Florida, Christine M. Arguello to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Gregory G. Garre of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, George W. Venables to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, A. Brian Albritton to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and Dennis Michael Klein to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, all of the Department of Justice, and the authorization for subpoenas relating to the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel, 10 a.m., SH-216.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 3501, to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute, 10 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Rules and Administration: September 25, business meeting to consider the nominations of Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Donetta Davidson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, and Gineen Bresso Beach, of New York, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2009, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 23, business meeting to consider the nomination of Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., S-213, Capitol.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine cooperation and collaboration by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense on information technology efforts, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 23, to hold hearings to examine the new Attorney General guidelines for domestic intelligence collection, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

Special Committee on Aging: September 24, to hold hearings to examine ways to respect Americans' choices at the end of life, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 25, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review advances in animal health within the livestock industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, September 24, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Capitol Visitor Center, oversight, 11 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, September 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Defense's work with states, universities and students to transform the nation's foreign language capacity, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 24, full Committee, hearing on Consideration for an American Grand Strategy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, September 25, hearing on Budget Reform Proposals for the 111th Congress, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

September 26, full Committee, hearing on Federal Responses to Market Turmoil: What's the Impact on the Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, September 24, hearing on Child Labor Enforcement: Are We Adequately Protecting our Children? 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 25, full Committee, hearing on Safeguarding Retiree Benefits, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 23, to mark up the following legislation: H.R. 1283, Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act of 2007; H.R. 3232, Travel Promotion Act of 2007; H.R. Calling Card Consumer Protection Act; H.R. 1157, Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007; legislation to amend Part II of the Federal Power Act to address potential cybersecurity threats to the bulk power system; and H.R. 6568, Tom Lantos Pulmonary Hypertension Research and Education Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Hazardous Substance Releases and Reporting under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 24, hearing on The Future of Financial Services: Exploring Solutions for the Market Crisis, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to Review of Continuing Security Concerns at DOE's National Labs, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 25, full Committee, oversight hearing to Examine Recent Treasury and FHFA Actions Regarding the Housing GSE's, 12 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 23, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Hurricanes in Haiti: Disaster and Recovery, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 24, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing on A Report Card on Homeland Security Information Sharing, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, September 25, hearing on Ensuring the Rights of College Students to Vote, 1:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 22, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 6713, E-fencing Enforcement Act of 2008; H.R. 6491, Organized Retail Crime Act of 2008; and S. 3434, Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2008, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law,

hearing on the Executive Office of Immigration Review, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and the Subcommittee on Elections of the Committee on House Administration, joint hearing on Federal, State and Local Efforts to Prepare for the 2008 General Election, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Lehman Brothers, Sharper Image, Bennigan's, and Beyond: Is Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Working? 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 23, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on Identifying Labor Solutions for the Guam Military Build-Up, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on recent trends concerning annual budgets for the National Wildlife Refuge System and implications for management activities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 883, Oglala Sioux Tribe Angostura Irrigation Project Modernization and Development Act; H.R. 6754, White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act; H.R. 6768, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos; and legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 23, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Necessary Reform to Pediatric Dental Care under Medicaid, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 24, full Committee, hearing on Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Water Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Passing the Baton: Preparing for the Presidential Transition, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on How Information Policy Affects Competitive Viability in Minority Contracting, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Oversight of U.S.-Pakistan Relations: From Ad Hoc and Transactional to Strategic and Enduring, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Tumors and Cell Phone use: What the Science Says, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, September 22, to consider H.R. 5244, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol

Committee on Small Business, September 24, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Small Business Recovery from the Midwest Disasters of 2008, 2 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

September 25, full Committee, hearing on Small Business Competition Policy: Are Markets Open for Entrepreneurs? 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 23, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on FEMA's Response to the 2008 Hurricane Season and the National Housing Strategy, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 24, full Committee, to mark up the following: H.R. 6707, Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act; GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolution; and other matters, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 24, full Committee, hearing on National Mediation Board Oversight of Elections for Union Representation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Runway Safety: An Update, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Media Outreach to Veterans: An Update, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to continue oversight hearings on G.I. Bill Implementation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 23, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health of the Private Health Insurance market, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 24, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 23, executive, briefing, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, executive, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, to consider pending business, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 25, full Committee, executive, to consider pending business, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, September 25, hearing on The Future of LIHEAP Funding: Will Families Get The Cold Shoulder This Winter? 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

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Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6049, Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act, and consider certain amendments.

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