

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1487–S1547

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2688–2702, and S. Res. 469–472. **Pages S1521–22**

Measures Reported:

S. 1675, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–271)

H.R. 1469, to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–272)

H.R. 2798, to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–273)

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Life of Myron Cope: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 467, honoring the life of Myron Cope, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1545–46**

National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, designating March 1, 2008, as "National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day". **Page S1546**

Commending the Employees of the Department of Homeland Security: Senate agreed to S. Res. 472, commending the employees of the Department of Homeland Security, their partners at all levels of government, and the millions of law enforcement, fire service, and emergency medical services personnel, emergency managers, and other emergency response providers nationwide for their dedicated service in protecting the people of the United States and the Nation from acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and other large-scale emergencies. **Pages S1546–47**

Measures Considered:

Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2663, to re-

form the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1495–S1518**

Rejected:

DeMint Amendment No. 4095, in the nature of a substitute. (By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 37), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1502–10, S1515–18**

Pending:

Pryor Amendment No. 4090, of a technical nature. **Pages S1495–S1502**

Cornyn Amendment No. 4094, to prohibit State attorneys general from entering into contingency fee agreements for legal or expert witness services in certain civil actions relating to Federal consumer product safety rules, regulations, standards, certification or labeling requirements, or orders. **Pages S1498, S1502–06**

DeMint Amendment No. 4096, to strike section 21, relating to whistleblower protections. **Pages S1502–10**

Feinstein Amendment No. 4104, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of certain children's products and child care articles that contain specified phthalates. **Pages S1510–15**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. **Page S1547**

Budget Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding Rule XXVI, paragraph 7 of the Standing Rules of the Senate and Rule 3 of the Senate Committee on the Budget Rules, that any member of the Committee be permitted to vote by proxy, with the concurrence of the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee, at the meeting of the Senate Committee on the Budget on Thursday, March 6, 2008, and that any vote cast on behalf of that member, by proxy in the Committee on the Budget on that date, be treated by the Committee as if that member were physically present, but the

proxy not count for the purposes of establishing a quorum present; provided further, that if the Committee on the Budget orders reported a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009 on Thursday, March 6, 2008, such measure be deemed to have been ordered reported in compliance with Rule XXVI, paragraph 7 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and the rules of the Senate Committee on the Budget. **Page S1545**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency and sanctions with respect to those persons whose actions undermine the democratic processes or institutions of Zimbabwe; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-40)

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Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S1521**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1522-23**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—37) **Page S1517**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1547.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for

fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Henrietta H. Fore, Director, Foreign Assistance, and Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Central Command and the United States Special Operations Command, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, United States Central Command, and Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the military space programs, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gary E. Payton, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs, General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, Lieutenant General William L. Shelton, USAF, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, United States Strategic Command, and Rear Admiral Kenneth W. Deutsch, USN, Director, Warfare Integration, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

BANKING INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the banking industry, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency, and John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Donald L. Kohn, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; JoAnn M.

Johnson, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and Thomas B. Gronstal, Iowa Division of Banking, Des Moines, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors.

PROTECTING OUR SHORES FROM OIL SPILLS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting seashores from oil spills, focusing on operational procedures and ship designs, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thad Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Paul G. Kirchner, American Pilots' Association (APA), Washington, D.C.; Captain Edward Page, Marine Exchange of Alaska, Juneau; and Kirsi Tikka, American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), Paramus, New Jersey.

ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Energy Information Administration's revised "Annual Energy Outlook", after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

BALKANS REGION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Kosovo, focusing on the Balkans region, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; and Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Daniel Serwer, United States Institute of Peace, and Ivan Vejvoda, German Marshall Fund of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

FEMA DISASTER HOUSING STRATEGY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a joint hearing with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster housing strategy, after receiving testimony from Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Howard Frumkin, Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and Milan Ozdinec, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Housing and Voucher Programs.

NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine National Security Presidential Directive-54 and Homeland Security Presidential Directive-23 (NSPD-54/HSPD-23) and the comprehensive national cyber security initiative, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Jamison, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for National Protection and Programs Directorate; Melissa E. Hathaway, Cyber Coordination Executive, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; G. Dennis Bartko, Special Assistant to the Director for Cyber, National Security Agency; and Scott O'Neal, Section Chief, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Menendez; and George Lisicki, and Robert E. Wallace, both of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Senator Webb; and Robert T. Reynolds, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5522–5530; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 306–309; and H. Res. 1013, 1016–1021 were introduced. **Pages H1219–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1220–22**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1424, to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–374, Pt. 3);

H.R. 1084, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, and the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to build operational readiness in civilian agencies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–537);

H. Res. 1014, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1424) to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans (H. Rept. 110–538); and

H. Res. 1015, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2857) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws (H. Rept. 110–539). **Page H1219**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Roybal-Allard to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1189**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1190**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H1191**

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

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park: H.R. 1143, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 378 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 88; **Pages H1192, H1204–05**

Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act: H.R. 1311, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer

treatment facility, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 377 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 89; **Pages H1193, H1205–06**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide for the conveyance of the Alta-Hualapai Site to the Nevada Cancer Institute, and for other purposes." **Page H1206**

Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act of 2007: H.R. 3111, amended, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; **Pages H1194–95**

Ensuring that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River: H.R. 5137, to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River; **Page H1195**

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park: H. Res. 845, amended, to recognize the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park; **Pages H1195–97**

Honoring the life of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, champion of the Florida Everglades and founder of Florida's environmental movement: H. Res. 807, amended, to honor the life of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, champion of the Florida Everglades and founder of Florida's environmental movement; **Pages H1197–98**

Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act: H.R. 816, amended, to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 375 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 90; **Pages H1198–99, H1206**

Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act: H.R. 3473, amended, to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest; **Pages H1199–H1200**

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of Congressional Cemetery: H. Res. 698, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Congressional Cemetery; and **Pages H1200–01**

Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007: H.R. 1922, amended, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System. **Pages H1201–03**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.”.

Pages H1201–02

Recess: The House recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 5th.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, March 5th:

Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park Designation Act: H.R. 4191, to redesignate Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park in the State of Ohio as “Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historic Park”.

Pages H1203–04

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2008 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on Armed Services, Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans’ Affairs, and Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–98) and

Pages H1191–92

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–99).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1204–05, H1205–06, H1206. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPROVING SCHOOL NUTRITION

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Challenges and Opportunities for Improving School Nutrition. Testimony was heard from Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

FUTURE U.S. COMMITMENTS TO IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a joint hearing on Declaration and Principles: Future U.S. Commitments to Iraq. Testimony was heard from David Satterfield, Senior Adviser, Coordinator for Iraq; and Mary Beth Long, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1424, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007. The rule provides two hours of general debate in the House with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Education and Labor. 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 bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in this report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions. The rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 1424, the text of H.R. 493, as passed the House, shall be added at the end of H.R. 1424. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pallone, George Miller of California, Hinojosa, Stark, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Wilson of New Mexico, Ramstad, Hastings of Washington and Broun of Georgia.

GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOLUNTEERISM AND EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2857, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. 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 Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCarthy of New York, Matsui, Sutton, Platts, and English.

Joint Meetings

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine enlargement issues facing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) prior to the summit in Bucharest, Romania, focusing on democratic development, after receiving testimony from Michael Haltzel, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies Center for Transatlantic Relations, and Steven Pifer, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, and Janusz Bugajski, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Navy, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget

estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Treasury, 3 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the Department of the Air Force, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health, the Army's Mental Health Advisory Team reports, and Department of Defense and servicewide improvements in mental health resources, including suicide prevention, for servicemembers and their families, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nomination of J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, 11:15 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the initial amendment between the United States and the Russian Federation on the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation, 3 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine strengthening national security, focusing on smart power and military perspective, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatal and postnatal diagnosed conditions, S. 999, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, and S. 1042, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, and any pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the rising cost of heating homes, focusing on Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine census in peril, focusing on getting the 2010 decennial back on track, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the state of the

United States Postal Service one year after reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine elderly hunger in America, focusing on the steps needed to prevent this now and in the future, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, Economic Development Administration, 10 a.m., H-309 Rayburn, and on NASA, 2 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Air Force, Contract award for tanker replacement, 10 a.m., and, executive, on U.S. Central Command, 3 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Coast Guard 2009 Budget Impact on Maritime Safety, Security, and Environment, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Expanding Health Care Access, 10 a.m., 2358-C; and on Health Issues and Opportunities at the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Overview, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Library of Congress, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request and Status for Space Activities, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Treats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Northern Command, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to mark up the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Climate Change: Competitiveness and Prospects for Engaging Developing Countries," 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investments, to authorize the issuance of a subpoena *ad testificandum* to Steven E. Mendell, President of Hallmark/Westland Meat

Company, for testimony regarding the circumstances surrounding his company's recent recall of over 143 million pounds of beef products after the USDA determined the products were unfit for human consumption, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Competition in the Sports Programming Marketplace," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing entitled "Foreign Government Investment in the U.S. Economy and Financial Sector," 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on With Castro Stepping Down, What's Next for Cuba and the Western Hemisphere? 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Nuclear Smuggling Detection: Recent Tests of Advanced Spectroscopic Portal Monitors," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up a resolution establishing the Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws; followed by an oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Poaching American Security: Impacts of Illegal Wildlife Trade," 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Oversight of Ballistic Missile Defense (Part I): Threats, Realities, and Tradeoffs, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2009 Research and Development Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, hearing on Improving the SBA's Access to Capital Programs for our Nation's Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Investment in the Rail Industry, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Tax Treatment of Derivatives, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on FISA Part II, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on FBI Intelligence Reforms, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2663, Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 5

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Con. Res. 292—Honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments; (2) H.R. 5168—The ‘Cody Grater Post Office Building’ Designation Act; (3) H. Con. Res. 286—Expressing the sense of Congress that Earl Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African-American to play in the National Basketball

Association League 58 years ago; (4) H.R. 5220—The ‘Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building’ Designation Act; (5) H.R. 5400—The ‘Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building’ Designation Act; (6) H.R. 1084—Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2007; (7) H. Con. Res. 278—Supporting Taiwan’s fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008; (8) S.J. Res. 25—Providing for the re-appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; (9) H.R. 5159—Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008; (10) H. Con. Res. 307—Expressing the sense of Congress that Members’ Congressional papers must be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers; (11) H. Res. 1007—Expressing the condolences of the House to those affected by the devastating shooting incident of February 14, 2008, at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois; and (12) H. Res. 1013—Expressing the sense of the Congress that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on classroom performance. Possible consideration of H.R. 1424—Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 2857—Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act (Subject to a Rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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