

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2207–S2252*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2787–2790, and S. Res. 490–492. **Page S2231**

#### Measures Passed:

**Committee Membership:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 492, amending the majority party's membership on the Select Committee on Ethics for the remainder of the 110th Congress. **Page S2250**

**World Water Day:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 478, supporting the goals and ideals of "World Water Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2250**

**National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 484, designating March 25, 2008, as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2250–51**

**New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act and the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, Senate resume consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, that the motion to reconsider be agreed to, and that the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, with the Majority Leader controlling the final seven and a half minutes; provided further, that at 2:30 p.m., Senate

vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2250**

**Pension Protection Technical Corrections Act:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of the Senate of December 19, 2007 with respect to S. 1974, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, be vitiated and that the bill remain at the desk. **Page S2250**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Elisse Walter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2012.

Luis Aguilar, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2010.

Christopher R. Wall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Lily Fu Claffee, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Tyler D. Duvall, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

Kameran L. Onley, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

A. Ellen Terpstra, of New York, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Miguel R. San Juan, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

Philip Thomas Reeker, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia.

Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Constance S. Barker, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2011.

Anne Rader, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Katherine O. McCary, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

Lisa Mattheiss, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

John H. Hager, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

Marvin G. Fifield, of Utah, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Marvin G. Fifield, of Utah, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2008.

Kristen Cox, of Utah, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

Chad Colley, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Victoria Ray Carlson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Tony J. Williams, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

John R. Vaughn, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Renee L. Tyree, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

Michael E. Leiter, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of General.

36 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Recess:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and recessed at 5:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2251.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* On Friday, March 14, 2008, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine ways to reform the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) system, including H.R. 2080, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education, after receiving testimony from Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Michelle Rhee, Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools, Victor Reinoso, Deputy Mayor for Education, Deborah A. Gist, State Superintendent of Education, Allen Y. Lew, Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization, John W. Hill, Federal City Council, and Jane Hannaway, Urban Institute Education Policy Center, all of Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 5656–5666; 1 private bill, H.R. 5667; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 320; and H. Res. 161–163, were introduced. **Page H1821**

**Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1821–23**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on March 14, 2008 as follows:

H.R. 5577, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend, modify, and recodify the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities (H. Rept. 110–550, Pt. 1). Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4933, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections (H. Rept. 110–551);

H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (H. Rept. 110–552);

H.R. 2675, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–553);

H.R. 3651, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–554);

H.R. 2515, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–555);

H.R. 3352, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–556);

H.R. 1187, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–557);

H.R. 2342, to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–558, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4847, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–559); and

H.R. 5551, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts (H. Rept. 110–560). **Pages H1820–21**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jones (OH) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1775**

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

*Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act:* H.R. 1187, amended, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary; **Pages H1775–78**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes.”.

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*National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007:* H.R. 2342, amended, to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System; **Pages H1778–81**

*Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008:* H.R. 4933, amended, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections; **Pages H1781–82**

*Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007:* H.R. 3352, amended, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 308 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 147; **Pages H1782–83, S1789–90**

*Amending the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation:* H.R. 3891, amended, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; **Pages H1783–84**

*HALE Scouts Act:* H.R. 2675, amended, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 148; **Pages H1784–85, S1790–91**

*Utah National Guard Readiness Act:* H.R. 3651, amended, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; **Pages H1785–86**

*Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act:* H.R. 2515, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada; and **Page H1786**

*Supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:* H. Con. Res. 302, to support the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 371 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 149. **Pages H1887–89, S1791**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1789**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page S1775.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 70 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1789–90, H1790–91, and H1791. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D285)

S. 2745, to extend agricultural programs beyond March 15, 2008, to suspend permanent price support authorities beyond that date, and for other purposes. Signed on March 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–196)

S.J. Res. 25, providing for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.. Signed on March 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–197)

S. 2733, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on March 24, 2008. (Public Law 110–198)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on the Army's new doctrine (Field Manual 3–0, Operations), and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for ballistic missile defense programs, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the current readiness of the

armed forces, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2593, to establish a program at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to carry out collaborative ecological restoration treatments for priority forest landscapes on public land, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine anti-terrorism financing, focusing on progress made and the challenges ahead, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on the situation in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine Occupational Safety and Health Administration violations, focusing on strategies for breaking dangerous patterns, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine rape as a weapon of war, focusing on accountability for sexual violence in conflict, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

#### House

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 31 through April 5, 2008

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act, at 2:15 p.m., and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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 Appropriations:* April 1, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–124.

April 2, 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.

April 2, Subcommittee on Defense, to meet in closed session to examine National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)/Space Programs, 10:30 a.m., S–407, Capitol.

April 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine National Labor Relations Board Representation elections and initial collective bargaining agreements, focusing on safeguarding workers' rights, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 3, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the status of the Surface Transportation Trust Funds and impact on federal spending, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Fiscal Year, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* April 1, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on the Army's new doctrine (Field Manual 3-0, Operations), and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

April 1, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for ballistic missile defense programs, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 1, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the current readiness of the armed forces, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 2, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative at the Department of Defense, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration, and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

April 2, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gen. David D. McKiernan, to be General, and Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan, Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, to be General, and Vice Chief of Staff, and Lt. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, to be General, and Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, all of the United States Army, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

April 3, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on Army modernization, and the future years defense program, 3 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* April 3, to hold hearings to examine turmoil in U.S. credit markets, focusing on the recent actions of federal financing regulators, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 2, business meeting to consider S. 2688, to improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption, S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership, S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, H.R. 3985, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, H.R. 802, to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, and the nomination of Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine international fisheries, focusing on management and enforcement, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* April 1, to hold hearings to examine S. 2593, to establish a program at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to carry out collaborative ecological restoration treatments for priority forest landscapes on public land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current price of oil, focusing on non-commercial institutional investors, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* April 2, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the listing decision for the polar bear under the Endangered Species Act, 10 a.m., SD-406.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at United States colleges and universities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* April 1, to hold hearings to examine anti-terrorism financing, focusing on progress made and the challenges ahead, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine outside the box on estate tax reform, focusing on reviewing ideas to simplify planning, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* April 1, to receive a closed briefing on the situation in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

April 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iraq after the surge, focusing on military prospects, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iraq after the surge, focusing on political prospects, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the conditions and developments of Iraq in 2012, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* April 1, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine Occupational Safety and Health Administration violations, focusing on strategies for breaking dangerous patterns, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* April 2, to hold hearings to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on assessing the threat to the United States, 11 a.m., SD-342.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency, focusing on if the agency is better prepared for a catastrophe now than it was in 2005, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 3, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine managing diversity of senior leadership in the Federal workforce and Postal Service, 2 p.m., 2154, Rayburn Building.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* April 1, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine rape as a weapon of war, focusing on accountability for sexual violence in conflict, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 2, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 702, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs, S. Res. 468, designating April 2008 as "National 9-1-1 Education Month", and the nominations of Catharina Haynes, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Rebecca A. Gregory, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark S. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, David Gregory Kays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David J. Novak, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* April 3, to hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from sundry Veteran Affairs organizations, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* April 1, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* April 3, to hold hearings to examine scrambling for health insurance coverage, focus-

ing on health security for people in late middle age, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

## House Chamber

To be announced.

## House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* April 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on FBI, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on National Archives, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Department of Homeland Security, Office of Health Affairs, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn, and on Addressing the Challenges of Protecting the Nation's Physical and Cyber Infrastructure, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Advocacy Day, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food and Drug Administration Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, 11 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Outside Witnesses, 10 a.m., and on Legal Services Corporation, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy—Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on OPM, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Cargo, Container and Supply Chain Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Indian Health Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on Department of Defense—Budget Overview, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 2, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Contributions to International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA) and the Contributions to International Organizations (CID) accounts, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Highways and Transit Programs: The DOT Perspective on the Urgent Funding Needs for Today and Tomorrow, 10 a.m., and on Thoughts and Recommendations from the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Natural Resources Conservation Service Budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Attorney General, 10 a.m., and on Census, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative, 1:30 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

April 3, Subcommittee Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy-Nuclear Nonproliferation, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Services, on GSA, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Candidate Protection and Investigatory Programs: Balancing the U.S. Secret Service Workload, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses; 10 a.m., and on Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of Special Trustee, 10:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Veterans' Affairs Information Technology, 1:30 p.m., H–143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, April 1, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Transportation Command and Air Force Mobility Aircraft Programs, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on the Readiness of the Army and Air Force Reserves and National Guard Forces, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Holistic Approaches to Cybersecurity Enabling Network Centric Operations, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Army National Guard and Army Reserve Equipment, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, April 1, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Online Virtual Worlds: Applications and Avatars in a User-Generated Medium," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 5613, Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Selling the Department of Energy's Depleted Uranium Stockpile: Opportunities and Challenges," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, April 2, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing entitled "Proposed UIGEA Regulations: Burden without Benefit?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, April 2, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing and briefing on Funding for the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: What is the U.S. Responsibility? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the Strategic Chaos and Taliban Resurgence in Afghanistan, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, April 1, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "The Future of Science and Technology at the Department of Homeland Security," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, April 1, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on the National Voter Registration Act, Section 7: The Challenges Public Assistance Agencies Face, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

April 2, full Committee, to consider the following: H.R. 5493, To provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration; a measure To permit membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the House of Representatives and in the House Staff Fitness Program to be made available to other Federal employees who are assigned to official duty at the House of Representatives; H.R. 5036, Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008; H.R. 281, Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2007; H.R. 3032, To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; and an amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds: Alternate Ride Home, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, April 1, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 4044, To amend the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 to exempt from the means test in bankruptcy cases, for a limited period, qualifying reserve-component members who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 60 days, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law and the Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, joint hearing on Paying With Their Lives: The Status of Compensation for 9/11 Health Effects, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on proposals before the 110th Congress to amend Federal Restitution Laws, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, April 2, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3513, Cooper Salmon Wilderness Act; H.R. 5151, Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places; H.R. 831, Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act; and a H.R. 3734, Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey

National Conservation Area Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, April 2, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on Examining the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 2008, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, to mark up H.R. 3799, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2007, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, April 1, to consider H.R. 5501, Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008, 2:30 p.m., Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, April 1, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Toxic Trailers: Have the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Failed to Protect Public Health?, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on International Science and Technology Cooperation, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Exploration Initiative: Status and Issues, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, April 3, hearing on the Role of Credit Cards in Small Business Financing, 10 a.m., 1529 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, April 1, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on A Growing Capitol Complex and Visitor Center: Needs for Transportation Security, Greening, Energy, and Maintenance, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Energy Management, hearing on National Flood Plain Remapping: The Practical Impact, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 3, full Committee, hearing on Critical Lapses in FAA Safety Oversight of Airlines: Abuses of Regulatory "Partnership Programs," 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, April 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on PTSD Treatment and Research: Moving Ahead Toward Recovery, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Related Vision Issues, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, April 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the 2008 Medicare Trustees Report, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, April 1, executive, briefing on Cyber Technology, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 2, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 3, full Committee, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Special Program, 9 a.m., 405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, April 1, hearing on Drilling for Answers: Oil Company Profits, Runaway Prices and the Pursuit of Alternatives, 12 p.m., 210 Cannon.

April 2, to meet to authorize the Select Committee to issue subpoenas to the EPA as necessary to obtain information concerning the EPA's regulatory response to the *Massachusetts v. EPA* decision and the Administration's finding of "endangerment" as provided for under the Clean Air Act; followed by a hearing entitled, "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions," 1:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: April 3, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine managing diversity of senior leadership in the Federal workforce and Postal Service, 2 p.m., 2154, Rayburn Building.

*Joint Economic Committee*: April 2, to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Joint Economic Committee*: April 4, to hold hearings to examine the current employment situation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 1

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act, at 2:15 p.m., and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill at approximately 2:30 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 1

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 185—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations; (2) H. Res. 865—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries

to address crime and violence in the region; (3) H. Con. Res. 154—Expressing the sense of Congress that the fatal radiation poisoning of Russian dissident and writer Alexander Litvinenko raises significant concerns about the potential involvement of elements of the Russian Government in Mr. Litvinenko's death and about the security and proliferation of radioactive materials; (4) H. Res. 997—Expressing the strong support of the House of Representatives for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into a Membership Action Plan with Georgia and Ukraine; (5) H.R. 2040—The Civil Rights Act of 1964 Commemorative Coin Act; (6) H. Con. Res. 310—Expressing support for a national day of remembrance for Harriet Ross Tubman; (7) H. Res. 1005—Supporting the goals and ideals of Borderline Personality Awareness Month; (8) H. Res. 1021—Supporting the goals, ideals, and history of National Women's History Month; (9) H.R. 5168—The "Cody Grater Post Office Building" Designation Act; (10) H.R. 5551—To amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts; (11) S. 550—A bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; (12) H. Res. 945—Raising awareness and promoting education on the criminal justice system by establishing March 2008 as "National Criminal Justice Month"; (13) H.R. 4056—The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008; (14) H.R. 1312—Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act; and (15) H. Res. 1061—Observing the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encouraging the people of the United States to pause and remember the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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