

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S1549–S1660

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2703–2722, S.J. Res. 28, and S. Res. 473–474. **Pages S1596–97**

#### Measures Passed:

**Calling for Peace in Darfur:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 455, calling for peace in Darfur, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1653**

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 99th Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 289, honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1653–54**

**National Asbestos Awareness Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 462, designating the first week of April 2008 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1654**

**National Support the Troops and Their Families Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 473, designating March 26, 2008, as “National Support the Troops and Their Families Day” and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad, as well as the sacrifices of their families. **Page S1654**

**National School Breakfast Program:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 474, expressing the sense of the Senate that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on the lives and classroom performance of low-income children. **Pages S1654–55**

#### Measures Considered:

**Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2663, to reform 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1556–93**

#### Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 38), Klobuchar/Menendez Modified Amendment No. 4105, to authorize appropriations for necessary or appropriate travel, subsistence, and related expenses. **Pages S1560–68, S1576**

#### Rejected:

Cornyn Further Modified 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. (By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 39), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1556–81, S1585–86**

#### Withdrawn:

DeMint Amendment No. 4096, to strike section 21, relating to whistleblower protections. **Pages S1556, S1574–75, S1586–93**

#### Pending:

Pryor Amendment No. 4090, of a technical nature. **Page S1556**

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. **Page S1556**

Cornyn Amendment No. 4108, to provide appropriate procedures for individual actions by whistleblowers, to provide for the appropriate assessment of costs and expenses in whistleblower cases. **Pages S1557–60**

Vitter Amendment No. 4097, to allow the prevailing party in certain civil actions related to consumer product safety rules to recover attorney fees. **Pages S1568–69**

Casey Amendment No. 4109, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the use of formaldehyde in the manufacturing of textiles and apparel articles and to prescribe consumer product safety standards with respect to such articles. **Pages S1570–71**

Dorgan Amendment No. 4122, to strike the provision allowing the Commission to certify a proprietary laboratory for third party testing.

**Pages S1571, S1573–74**

Dorgan Amendment No. 4098, to ban the importation of toys made by companies that have a persistent pattern of violating consumer product safety standards.

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Cardin Amendment No. 4103, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to develop training standards for product safety inspectors.

**Pages S1575–76**

DeMint Amendment No. 4124, to strike section 31, relating to garage door opener standards.

**Pages S1576, S1581–85**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, March 7, 2008.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 6, 2008, and that Senate resume consideration of Vitter Amendment No. 4097 (listed above), with 15 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Pryor and Vitter, or their designees; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, with no amendments in order to the amendment prior to the vote.

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

Neil Suryakant Patel, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

James B. Cunningham, of New York, to be Ambassador to Israel.

Donald Gene Teitelbaum, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Nancy M. Zirkin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

J. Robinson West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

Kerry Kennedy, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009.

Stephen D. Krasner, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

Alexander Passantino, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Public Health Service.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S1595**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1607**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—39) **Pages S1576, S1585–86**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1656.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Kevin M. Kolevar, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Dennis R. Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and James Slutz, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, all of the Department of Energy.

## APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Navy, after receiving testimony from Donald C. Winter, Secretary, Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations, both of the United States Navy, and General James T. Conway, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

## APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Air Force, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Secretary, and T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force, Department of Defense.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SERVICE-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing 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 service-wide improvements in mental health resources, including suicide prevention, for servicemembers and their families, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Vice Admiral Donald C. Arthur, USN (Ret.), and Shelley M. MacDermid, both Co-Chair, Task Force on Mental Health, Colonel Charles W. Hoge, USA, Director, Division of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Colonel Carl A. Castro, USA, Research Area Director, Military Operational Medicine Research Program, Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, USA, Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commanding General, United States Army Medical Command, Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., USN, Surgeon General of the United States Navy and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush, USAF, Surgeon General of the United States Air Force, and Colonel

Loree K. Sutton, USA, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, all of the Department of Defense.

## 2009: BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2009 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

## ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION ON URANIUM

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded 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, after receiving testimony from David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration; William H. Tobey, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Marvin Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.; John K. Welch, USEC Inc., Bethesda, Maryland; James P. Malone, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Warrenville, Illinois; Robert C. Ervin, Jr., United Steelworkers Local 550 (USW), West Paducah, Kentucky; and Reinhard Hinterreither, Louisiana Energy Services, Eunice, New Mexico.

## NATIONAL SECURITY THROUGH SMART POWER

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening national security, focusing on smart power from a military perspective, after receiving testimony from General Anthony C. Zinni, USMC (Ret.), former Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, and Admiral Leighton W. Smith, Jr., USN (Ret.), former Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, both of the Department of Defense.

## CENSUS IN PERIL

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2010 Decennial Census, focusing on automation and information technology in order to improve census

coverage, accuracy, and efficiency, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary, and Steve H. Murdock, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, both of the Department of Commerce; and Mathew J. Scire, Director, Strategic Issues, and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office.

#### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States Postal Service one year after reform, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; and Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission.

#### CLIMBING COSTS OF HEATING HOMES

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the rising costs of heating homes, focusing on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), after receiving testimony from Regina Surber, Tennessee Department of Human Services, Nashville; Meg Power, National Community Action Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Deborah A. Frank, Boston University School of Med-

icine, Boston, Massachusetts; and Robin Hussain, Hartford, Connecticut.

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), focusing on the FBI's current and future priorities, changes made to its mission, and challenges that are being addressed, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

#### ELDERLY HUNGER

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine elderly hunger in America, focusing on the steps needed to prevent this now and in the future, after receiving testimony from Edwin L. Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services; Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Marcus Lampros, Lampros Steel, Inc., Portland, Oregon; James P. Ziliak, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Lexington; and James Weill, Food Research and Action Center, and Bob Blancato, National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jan L. Jones, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 5531–5540; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 310; and H. Res. 1022–1023 were introduced. **Page H1341**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1341–42**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Moore (WI) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1223**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 4th:

*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 Na-

tional Historic Park”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 91. **Pages H1239–40**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To redesignate the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in the State of Ohio as the ‘Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park’, and for other purposes.”. **Page H1240**

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

*Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2007:* H.R. 1084, amended, 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; **Pages H1227–31**

*Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008:* H. Con. Res. 278, amended, to support Taiwan's fourth

direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 92;

Pages H1232–34, H1240

*Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians:* H. Res. 951, amended, to condemn the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 1 nay with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 93;

Pages H1234–39

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians by Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.”

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*Honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments:* H. Con. Res. 292, to honor Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments;

Pages H1241–43

*Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 4774, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10250 John Saunders Road in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 97;

Pages H1243–44, H1272–73

*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:* H. Con. Res. 286, to express 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, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 98;

Pages H1244–46, H1273–74

*Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 5220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3800 SW. 185th Avenue in Beaverton, Oregon, as the “Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building”;

Pages H1246–47

*Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 5400, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the “Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 102;

Pages H1247–48, H1315

*Providing for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:* S. J. Res. 25,

to provide for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H1248–49

*Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008:* H.R. 5159, amended, to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services and to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center;

Pages H1249–54

*Expressing the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers:* H. Con. Res. 307, to express the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers;

Pages H1254–55

*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:* H. Res. 1007, to express 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

Pages H1255–57

*Expressing the sense of Congress that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on classroom performance:* H. Res. 1013, to express the sense of Congress that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on classroom performance.

Pages H1257–59

*Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007:* The House passed 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, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 268 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 101.

Pages H1259–72, H1274–H1315

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Hoekstra motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 186 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 99.

Pages H1307–09

Rejected the Kline (MN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 196 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 100.

**Pages H1309–14**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 110–538 shall be considered as adopted.

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Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 1424, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 493, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1424; conform the title of H.R. 1424 to reflect the addition of H.R. 493; assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

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H. Res. 1014, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 96, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 95. **Pages H1271–72**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1014 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 192 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 94. **Pages H1261–62**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1309.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eleven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1239–40, H1240, H1241, H1261–62, H1271–72, H1272, H1272–73, H1273–74, H1309, H1314, H1314–15, H1315. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Economic Development Administration and on NASA. Testimony was heard from Sandy K. Baruah, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce; and Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM

William Fallon, USN, Combatant Commander, Department of Defense.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Coast Guard 2009 Budget Impact on Maritime Safety, Security, and Environment. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of GAO: Steve Caldwell, Assistant Director, and John Hutton, Assistant Director.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Expanding Health Care Access. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing 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. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Department of Health and Human Services: Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH; Julie Gerberling, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Terry Cline, M.D., Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Carolyn Clancy, Administrator, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James Billington, Librarian of Congress; Jo Ann Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer; Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian; Rubens Medina, Law Librarian, Marybeth Peters, Register, Copyright Office; Daniel Mulhollan, Director, CRS; and Kurt Cylke, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

## U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND; U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM William Fallon, USN, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and ADM Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

## DEFENSE SPACE ACTIVITIES BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request and Status for Space Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gary Payton, Deputy Under Secretary; and GEN Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, both with the Department of the Air Force; and Scott Large, Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

## U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND; U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Treats and Capabilities held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Northern Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Eric Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and GEN Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, Commander, NORAD/U.S. Northern Command.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2009.

*Committee on the Budget:* Ordered reported, as amended, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009.

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Climate Change: Competitiveness and Prospects for Engaging Developing Countries." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MENDELL SUBPOENA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investments approved 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.

## COMPETITION—SPORTS PROGRAMMING MARKETPLACE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Competition in the Sports Programming Marketplace." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN U.S. ECONOMY

*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 held a joint hearing entitled "Foreign Government Investment in the U.S. Economy and Financial Sector." Testimony was heard from David McCormick, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; Ethiopis Tafara, Director, Office of International Affairs, SEC; Scott Alvarez, General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board; and public witnesses.

## CUBA OUTLOOK

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on With Castro Stepping Down, What's Next for Cuba and the Western Hemisphere? Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## NUCLEAR SMUGGLING DETECTION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Nuclear Smuggling Detection: Recent Tests of Advanced Spectroscopic Portal Monitors." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and Elaine C. Duke, Deputy Under Secretary, Management; and a public witness.

## TASK FORCE ON COMPETITION AND ANTI-TRUST LAWS; OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Adopted a resolution establishing the Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

**OVERSIGHT—ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held an oversight hearing entitled “Poaching American Security: Impacts of Illegal Wildlife Trade.” Testimony was heard from Claudia A. McMurray, Assistant Secretary, Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State; Benito Perez, Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of Ballistic Missile Defense (Part I): Threats, Realities, and Tradeoffs. Testimony was heard from Steven A. Hildreth, Specialist in National Defense, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2009 Research and Development Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Steve Isakowitz, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy; Mark E. Gaffigan, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; and a public witness.

**SBA’S SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing on Improving the SBA’s Access to Capital Programs for our Nation’s Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from Eric Zarnikow, Associate Administrator, Capital Access, SBA; and public witnesses.

**INVESTMENT IN THE RAIL INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Investment in the Rail Industry. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman; Francis P. Mulvey, Vice Chairman; and W. Douglas Buttrey, Board Member, all with the Surface Transportation Board; and public witnesses.

**TAX TREATMENT OF DERIVATIVES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Tax Treatment of Derivatives. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Desmond, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—FISA**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on FISA Part II. The Committee was briefed by public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—FBI INTELLIGENCE REFORMS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on FBI Intelligence Reforms. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MARCH 6, 2008**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Southern and Northern Command, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine reforming the regulation of government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to continue markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Coast Guard and conduct oversight, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the Administration’s 2008 trade agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine unemployment in the economy, focusing on ways to secure families and build opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the state of facilities in Indian country jails, schools, and health facilities, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to



offenders with mental illnesses, S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, 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, and the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Brian Stacy Miller, of to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, William Joseph Hawe, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Stanley Thomas Anderson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and John A. Mendez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine a sundry of associations outlook on veterans affairs issues, 9:30 a.m., 345-CHOB.

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

### House

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

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to continue on NASA, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn, and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Intelligence Program Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., and on Department of Energy-Environmental Management Legacy Management, 3 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on OMB, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Border Security Programs and Operations-Challenges and Priorities, 9:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on GPO, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, executive, on Central Com-

mand, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol, and on Department of Veterans' Affairs—Medical Care, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2008 Emergency Supplemental Request for State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on FAA-Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1108, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; H.R. 1198, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2007; H.R. 2464, Wakefield Act; H.R. 1237, Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3701, Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007; H.R. 2063, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act of 2007; H.R. 3925, Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007; and H.R. 1418, Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing entitled "The Need for Credit Union Regulatory Relief and Improvements," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* to mark up the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 5312, Automobile Arbitration Fairness Act of 2008, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 4279, Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 877, Adams National Historical Park Boundary Addition Act; H.R. 1423, Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act; H.R. 1693, National Liberty Memorial Act; H.R. 2675, HALE Scouts Act; H.R. 3651, Utah National Guard Readiness Act; and H.R. 3734, Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on Investing in the Future of the Federal Workforce: Paid Parental Leave Improves Recruitment and Retention, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology,* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on The Department of Homeland Security's R&D Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* hearing entitled "Are New Procurement Methods Beneficial to Small Business Contractors?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Doing Business with the Government: The Record and Goals for Small, Minority, and Disadvantaged Businesses, 11 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Committee, executive, briefing on Intelligence Budget Overview—DNI, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, hearing entitled “Blowing in the Wind: Renewable Energy as the Answer to an Economy Adrift,” 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee of Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine investing in the future of the federal workforce, focusing on paid parental leave to improve recruitment and retention, 9:30 a.m., 2154—RHOB.

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Veterans, Affairs Committee to examine a sundry of associations, outlook on veterans affairs issues, 9:30 a.m., 345—CHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 6

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** 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, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to Vitter Amendment No. 4097.

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 2857—Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act (Subject to a Rule).

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