

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1719–S1783*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2731–2736, S. Res. 476, and S. Con. Res. 70. **Page S1741**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.

#### Measures Passed:

**Higher Education Extension Act:** Senate passed S. 2733, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Page S1782**

**Greek Independence Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 476, designating March 25, 2008, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”. **Page S1782**

#### Appointments:

**Public Interest Declassification Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–567, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: Sanford Ungar of Maryland. **Page S1782**

**Budget Resolution—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution, at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March

10, 2008, and that there be debate only and that no amendments be in order. **Page S1781**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Committee on the Budget have until 4 p.m., on Friday, March 7, 2008, to file the concurrent budget resolution, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate. **Page S1781**

**Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the March 6, 2008 passage, of H.R. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act, Pryor (for Snowe) Amendment No. 4143, of a technical nature, which was previously agreed to, be modified. **Page S1781**

#### Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S1741–S1781**

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**Text of H.R. 4040, as Previously Passed:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:32 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1783.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008.

## Committee Meetings

### CEO'S COMPENSATION AND SEVERANCE PACKAGES AND THE MORTGAGE CRISIS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Executive Compensation II: CEO Pay and the Mortgage Crisis. Testimony was heard from William F. Galvin, Secretary of State, Massachusetts; Brenda L. Lawrence, Mayor, Southfield, Michigan; and public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

### EMPLOYMENT

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the employment situation for February 2008, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; Rebecca M. Blank, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Christine L. Owens, National Employment Law Project, Washington, D.C.; and Lowell Gallaway, Ohio University, Athens.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 10 through March 15, 2008

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution, for debate only.

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:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the United States efforts to combat corruption, waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 12, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 12, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the federal judiciary, 3 p.m., SD-138.

March 13, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to exam-

ine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 13, 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 Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces in Korea, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 12, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to receive a briefing on the current readiness of the armed forces of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

March 12, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

March 12, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the strategic lift programs, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

March 12, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine technologies to combat weapons of mass destruction, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

March 12, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and military installation, environmental, and base closure programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States European Command and the United States African Command, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 13, 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 p.m., SR-232A.

March 13, 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 Security Administration, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine the condition of the nation's infrastructure, focusing on proposals for needed improvements, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year

2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and conduct oversight, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 11, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 to support U.S. basic research, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's Cross-Border Truck pilot program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 12, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine the gross domestic product as a measurement of national strength, 1:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 13, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine the financial state of the airline industry, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., SR-253.

March 13, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine hardrock mining, focusing on issues relating to abandoned mine lands and uranium mining, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

March 13, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine old-growth forest science, focusing on policy and management in the Pacific Northwest region, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, and the implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (Public Law 110-114), 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine alternatives to the current federal estate tax system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine customs reauthorization, focusing on strengthening United States economic interests and security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 11, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine evaluating United States policy options on the Horn of Africa, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on enlargement and effectiveness, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

March 12, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States and Vietnam, focusing on the bilateral relationship, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Raymond Steiger, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, and Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), 10:15 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine the broken pipeline, focusing on losing opportunities in the life sciences, 11 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 12, business meeting to consider H.R. 3247, to improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, H.R. 3179, to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments, S. 2606, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, S. 789, to prevent abuse of Government credit cards, S. 2291, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style of Government documents issued to the public, S. 2420, to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food, S. 2534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Julia M. Carson Post Office Building", H.R. 4210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building", H.R. 4342, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 824 Manatee Avenue West in Bradenton, Florida, as the "Dan Miller Post Office Building", H.R. 3720, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas, as the "Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building", H.R. 3988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the "Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building", H.R. 4211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 725 Roanoke Avenue in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as the "Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office", H.R. 4240, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building", S. 2622, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office", S. 2626, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the "Sergeant Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building", H.R. 3468, to designate the facility of

the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office”, H.R. 3532, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the “Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office”, H.R. 4203, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the “Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building”, H.R. 5135, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the “Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building”, and the nomination of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 12, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine agencies in peril, focusing on protecting federal information technology and secure sensitive information, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 14, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine ways to reform the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) system, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Grace C. Becker, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Generation Rx, focusing on the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, 2 p.m., SD-226.

March 13, 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.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine issues relative to in-person voter fraud and voter disenfranchisement, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* March 11, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on caring for families of wounded warriors, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 11, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 12, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 12, to hold hearings relative to doctors and prescription drug information and reviews, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

## House Chamber

To be announced.

## House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 11, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education and Economic budget request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on OJP/COPS/OVW, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Defense, Air Force Posture, 10 a.m., and executive, on Air Force Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on DOE—Energy and Conservation, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Citizenship and Immigration Services: Strengthening Legal Immigration and Improving Refugee Processing, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn, and on Homeland Security Grants: Supporting a National Preparedness and Response System, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Endowment for the Humanities, 4 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Implications of a Weakening Economy for Training and Employment Services, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans’ Affairs and Related Agencies, on Navy Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on HIV/AIDS and Global Health Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), Food and Drug Administration, 11 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on DEA, 9:30 a.m., and

on Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals, Detention Trustee, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 12, Subcommittee on Defense, on Army Posture, 10 a.m., and executive, on Army Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 12, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on The Judiciary, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Investing in Science and Technology, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses—Native American, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Status of the World Trade Center 9/11 Health Monitoring and Treatment Program, 1 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Office of Compliance, Congressional Budget Office, Open World Leadership Center, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol, and on Capitol Visitor Center, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Pacific Command, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 12, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for International Affairs—Secretary Rice, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FNCS Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Census, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Defense, on Navy Posture, 10 a.m., and executive, on Navy Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on DOE—Science Research, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Federal Emergency Management Agency—Is the agency on the right track? 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses—Other Issues, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Budget Hearing—U.S. House of Representatives, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., and on Outside Witnesses, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 11, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, joint hearing on Department of the Navy and Air Force Tactical Aviation Programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Impact of the Administration's signing statement on the Department of Defense's implementation of the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, 12 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Inherently Governmental—What is the Proper Role of Government? 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, full Committee, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Future of the Military Healthcare System, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy National Security Programs, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 13, full Committee, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. European Command, Southern Command and Africa Command, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Department of Defense Energy Posture, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Department of Defense Science and Technology: Responding to the 21st Century Irregular Warfare Threat Environment, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Mental Health Overview, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Navy Shipbuilding, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, March 11, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on After School Programs: How the Bush Administration's Budget Impacts Children and Families, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 12, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5522, Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 13, full Committee, hearing on America's Black Colleges and Universities: Models of Excellence and Challenges for the Future, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Payment Policy: Recommendations from the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's March 2008 Report to Congress," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Role of Private Equity

in the Communications Marketplace,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled “The Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006: Implementation Review and Discussion of Safety Reassessment Intervals for Natural Gas Pipelines,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Regulatory Failure: Must America Live with Unsafe Food?” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 13, full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Commerce Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 11, hearing on the oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department’s budget request for fiscal year 2009 and oversight of emergency spending, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing on H.R. 5512, Coin Modernization and Taxpayer Savings Act of 2008, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 12, full Committee, hearing entitled “Municipal Bond Turmoil: Impact on Cities, Towns, and States,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on The Credit Cardholders’ Bill of Rights: Providing New Protections for Consumers, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 11, Subcommittee on Middle East, and South Asia, and the Subcommittee on Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, joint hearing on Neglected Responsibilities: the U.S. Response to the Iraqi Refugee Crisis, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 12, full Committee, hearing on the Balkans after the Independence of Kosovo and on the Eve of NATO Enlargement, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on 853 Days: From Gaza Disengagement to De Facto Power? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Child Survival: The Unfinished Agenda to Reduce Global Child Mortality, 10:30 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on War Powers for the 21st Century: The Congressional Perspective, 9:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 12, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection hearing entitled “Partnerships in Securing Critical Infrastructure,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 13, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Making Homeland Security Intelligence Work for State, Local, and Tribal Partners: An Interagency Threat Assessment Coordination Group (ITACG) Progress Report,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, March 12, Subcommittee on Elections, oversight hearing on the Election Assistance Commission, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 11, Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws, hearing on Net Neutrality and Free Speech on the Internet, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Deferred Prosecution: Should Corporate Settlement Agreements Be Without Guidelines? 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Operations, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on Promoting the Use of Orphan Works: Balancing the Interests of Copyright Owners and Users, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 14, full Committee, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, oversight hearing on Getting Royalties Right: Recent Recommendations for Improving the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 11, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; and a measure To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protection to bears illegally harvested for their viscera in the same manner as with respect to prohibited wildlife species, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 12, full Committee, to consider the following bills: H.R. 2016, National Landscape Conservation System Act; H.R. 4933, Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008; H.R. 2342, National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007; H.R. 1187, Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 3352, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007; 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.R. 2515, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act; H.R. 2675, HALE Scouts Act; and H.R. 3651, Utah National Guard Readiness Act, 11 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 13, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Impacts of Unmanaged Off-Road Vehicles on Federal Land, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 13, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 317, Arkansas Valley Conduit Act; H.R. 4841, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act; and H.R. 5293, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 11, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on Advancements and Continual Challenges in the Parole, Supervised Release and Revocation of D.C. Code Offenders, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Privacy: The Use of Commercial Information Resellers by Federal Agencies, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on National Security and Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities on Energy Cooperation, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Priorities and Accountability at ONDCP, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 13, full Committee, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Is USDA Accounting for Costs to Farmers Caused by Contamination from Genetically Engineered Plants? 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Services and the District of Columbia, hearing on H.R. 3268, Government Accountability Office Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 11, to consider a resolution revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013, 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, March 11, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on the Transfer of Nanotechnology Initiative Research Outcomes for Commercial and Public Benefit, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the NIST's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request: What Are the Right Technology Investments to

Promote U.S. Innovation and Competitiveness, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 12, full Committee, hearing on Competitiveness and Innovation on the Committee's 50th Anniversary, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on EPA Library Closures: Better Access for a Broader Audience? 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Science Programs: Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request and Issues, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 13, hearing entitled "Legislation to Reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program," 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 11, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Comprehensive Watershed Management and Planning: Drought-related Issues in the Southeastern United States, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, March 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Substance Abuse/Co-morbid Disorders: Comprehensive Solutions to a Complex Problem, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 13, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on U.S. Paralympic Military Program, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

March 13, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Care of Seriously Wounded After In-Patient Care, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's annual report on Medicare payment policies, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 13, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on 2008 tax return filing season, IRS operations, the fiscal year 2009 budget proposals, and National Taxpayer Advocate's Annual Report, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, March 12, hearing entitled "Nuclear Power in a Warming World: Solution or Illusion?" 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

March 13, hearing entitled "Massachusetts v. U.S. EPA Part II: Implications of the Supreme Court Decision, 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

2 p.m., Monday, March 10

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Monday, March 10

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution, for debate only.

House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.



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