

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3621–S3737*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 672–688, and S. Res. 83–84. **Pages S3657–58**

#### Measures Passed:

**Recognizing the Establishment of Collegiate Programs at Gallaudet University:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 12, recognizing and honoring the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the legislation authorizing the establishment of collegiate programs at Gallaudet University, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3735**

**National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 83, designating March 25, 2009, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”. **Pages S3735–36**

**Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 37, calling on Brazil to comply with the requirements of the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and to assist in the safe return of Sean Goldman to his father, David Goldman, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S3736**

Murray (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 697, to amend the resolving clause. **Page S3736**

Murray (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 698, to amend the preamble. **Page S3736**

Murray (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 699, to amend the title. **Page S3736**

#### Measures Considered:

**Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration thereto, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3628–50**

#### Pending:

Mikulski Amendment No. 687, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3636**

Crapo/Corker Amendment No. 688 (to Amendment No. 687), to increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Pages S3637–48**

Johanns Amendment No. 693 (to Amendment No. 687), to ensure that organizations promoting competitive and non-competitive sporting events involving individuals with disabilities may receive direct and indirect assistance to carry out national service programs. **Pages S3648–49**

Baucus/Grassley Amendment No. 692 (to Amendment No. 687), to establish a Nonprofit Capacity Building Program. **Pages S3649–50**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 25, 2008. **Page S3736**

**Kris Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S3734**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S3734–35, S3737**

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

Marisa J. Demeo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years. **Page S3736**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Stuart Gordon Nash, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen

years, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2009. **Page S3737**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S3654–57**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S3658–59**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S3659–92**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3653–54**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S3692–S3733**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
**Pages S3733–34**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3736.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND AND U.S. JOINT FORCES COMMAND

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command and United States Joint Forces Command, after receiving testimony from General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, Commander, United States European Command, and General James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, United States Joint Forces Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### BANK SUPERVISION AND REGULATION MODERNIZING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine modernizing bank supervision and regulation, after receiving testimony from William R. Attridge, Connecticut River Community Bank, Wethersfield, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Daniel A. Mica, Credit Union National Association, Washington, D.C.; Aubrey B. Patterson, BancorpSouth, Inc., Tupelo, Mississippi, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; and Christopher Whalen, Institutional Risk Analytics, Croton-on-Hudson, New York; and Gail Hillebrand, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, after the nominee, who was in-

roduced by Senator Udall (CO), testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

### THREE MILE ISLAND

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine Three Mile Island, focusing on lessons learned over the past 30 years, after receiving testimony from Dale E. Klein, Chairman, Gregory B. Jaczko, Peter B. Lyons, and Kristine L. Svinicki, each a Commissioner, and Harold R. Denton, Former Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Dick Thornburgh, former Pennsylvania Governor, K&L Gates LLP, and Marvin S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Peter A. Bradford, Vermont Law School Institute for Energy and the Environment, South Royalton.

### GLOBAL HUNGER CHALLENGES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine alleviating global hunger, focusing on challenges and opportunities for United States leadership, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, former Secretary of Agriculture; Catherine Bertini, former Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, Syracuse, New York; David Beckmann, Bread for the World, Washington, D.C.; Robert Paarlberg, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts; Edwin C. Price, Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture, College Station, Texas; and Gebisa Ejeta, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Reid, Melanne Verveer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues, who was introduced by Senators Casey and Hutchison, and Esther Brimmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Norton, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INSURANCE MARKET REFORM

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing insurance market reform in national health reform, after receiving testimony from Sandy Praeger, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance, Kansas City, on

behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Janet Stokes Trautwein, National Association of Health Underwriters, Arlington, Virginia; Ronald A. Williams, Aetna, Inc., Hartford, Connecticut; Karen Pollitz, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Karen Ignagni, America's Health Insurance Plans, and Len M. Nichols, New America Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Katherine Baicker, Harvard School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### CREDIT CARD PRACTICES AND BANKRUPTCY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hear-

ing to examine abusive credit card practices and bankruptcy, after receiving testimony from Rosemary Gambardella, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey, Newark; Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, and David C. John, Heritage Foundation Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark S. Scarberry, Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California; and Douglas J. Corey, North Scituate, Rhode Island.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 1677–1698; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 78–80; and H. Res. 277–279, 282–285 were introduced. **Pages H3833–35**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3835–36**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1259, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan (H. Rept. 111–49);

H.R. 1575, to authorize the Attorney General to limit or recover excessive compensation paid or payable by entities that have received Federal financial assistance on or after September 1, 2008 (H. Rept. 111–50);

H. Res. 280, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 146) to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 (H. Rept. 111–51); and

H. Res. 281, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1404) to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands and to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy (H. Rept. 111–52). **Page H3833**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Doyle to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3751**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H3756–57**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 277, electing the following Member to the Committee on the Budget: Representative Latta. **Page H3757**

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

***Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Officer Act of 2009:*** H.R. 1617, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a privacy official within each component of the Department of Homeland Security, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 147; **Pages H3761–63, H3771–72**

***Requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a program in the maritime environment for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security:*** H.R. 1148, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a program in the maritime environment for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security; **Pages H3763–65**

***Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act:*** H.R. 730, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear

material, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 148; **Pages H3765–69, H3772–73**

*Expressing support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as “School Social Work Week”*: H. Res. 182, to express support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as “School Social Work Week”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 149; **Pages H3769–70, H3773**

*Recognizing and honoring the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the legislation authorizing the establishment of collegiate programs at Gallaudet University*: H. Con. Res. 77, to recognize and honor the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the legislation authorizing the establishment of collegiate programs at Gallaudet University; **Pages H3770–71**

*Expressing support for designation of a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”*: H. Res. 234, to express support for designation of a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”; and **Pages H3773–77**

*Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act*: H. Con. Res. 55, amended, to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. **Pages H3777–80**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed**: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Recognizing the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy*: H. Res. 273, to recognize the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece and to celebrate Greek and American democracy. **Pages H3780–84**

**Quorum Calls—Votes**: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3771–72, H3772–73 and H3773. There were no quorum calls.

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

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Law Enforcement Response to U.S.-Mexico Border Violence. Testimony was heard from. The following officials of the Department of Justice: Bill Newell, Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; and Joseph Arabit, Special Agent in Charge, El Paso, Drug Enforcement Administration; Phil Gordon, Mayor, Phoenix, Arizona; and a public witness.

### SECURITY DEVELOPMENT—PACIFIC COMMAND, EUROPEAN COMMAND AND FORCE KOREA

*Committee on Armed Services*: Held a hearing on security development in the areas of responsibility of the U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. European Command, and U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, Commander, U.S. European Command, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe; and GEN Walter L. Sharp, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, Commander, United Nations Command, Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

### DEFENSE HEALTH IT

*Committee on Armed Services*: Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a joint hearing on Department of Defense Health Information Technology: AHTLA is “Intolerable,” Where Do We Go From Here? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Eric Schoemaker, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command, The Surgeon General, U.S. Army; LTC Hon S. Pak, USA, Chief Medical Information Officer, U.S. Army; RADM Thomas R. Cullison, USN, Deputy Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; MG Charles Bruce Green, USAF, Deputy Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; LTC Donald Kowalewski, USAF, Internal Medicine Consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; S. Ward Casscells, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Charles Campbell, Chief Informant Officer, Military Health System; COL Claude Hines, Jr., Program Manager, Defense Health Information Management Systems; Tommy J. Morris, Acting Director, Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary, Force, Health Protection and Readiness Programs; and Tim Harp, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and Information Technology Acquisition.

### RETIREMENT INVESTMENT ADVISERS

*Committee on Education and Labor*: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Retirement Security: The Importance of an Independent Investment Adviser. Testimony was heard from Charles Jeszeck, Assistant Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**FTC CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Consumer Credit and Debt: The Role of the Federal Trade Commission in Protecting the Public. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

**HEALTHCARE ACCESS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Making Health Care Work for American families: Improving Access to Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AIG—FEDERAL OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Financial Services*: Held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Government’s Intervention at American International Group.” Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and William C. Dudley, President and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

**LEBANON UPDATE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Update on Lebanon. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Eastern Affairs, Department of State and former Ambassador to Lebanon.

**MILITARY MEDICAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1478, Carmelo Rodriguez Military Medical Accountability Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Hinchey; and public witnesses.

**OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Natural Resources*: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a joint oversight hearing entitled “Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf and the Future of our Oceans.” Testimony was heard from Ian A. Bowles, Secretary, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources*: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 689, To interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land

Management; H.R. 1078, Harriet Tubman National Historical Park and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park Act; and H.R. 1275, Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Matheson, Arcuri, Edwards of Maryland; and Kratovil; Michael Nedd, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**FEDERAL LAND ASSISTANCE, MANAGEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT (FLAME) ACT**

*Committee on Rules*: The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1404, the “Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act.”

The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representatives Minnick, Connolly of Virginia, Luján, Hastings of Washington, and Goodlatte.

**OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT—CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Rules*: The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule making in order a motion by the Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 146, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009.

The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and

controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representatives Hastings of Washington, Bishop of Utah and Radanovich.

#### FEDERAL VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing to Examine Federal Vehicle Technology Research and Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Steven Chalk, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIPS

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Coordination of International Science Partnerships. Testimony was heard from Jon Strauss, Chairman, Task Force on International Science, National Science Board, NSF; and public witnesses.

#### COAST GUARD ACQUISITION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Overview of Coast Guard Acquisition Policies and Programs. Testimony was heard from RADM Gary Blote, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Acquisition, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, and John P. Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

#### POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the Nexus between Engaged in Combat with the Enemy and PTSD in an Era of Changing Warfare Tactics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: RADM David J. Smith, USN, Joint Staff Surgeon; COL Robert Ireland, Program Director, Mental Health Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service; Antonette Zeiss, Deputy Chief Officer, Mental Health Services; and Maureen Murdoch, M.D., Core Investigator, Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research, Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, all with the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BACKLOG

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a joint hearing on Eliminating the Social Security Disability Backlog. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner; and Patrick O'Carroll, Inspector General; Dan Bertoni, Director, Disability Issues for the Education, Workforce and Income Security Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### CLIMATE LEGISLATION TRADE ASPECTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Trade Aspects of Climate Change Legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### SRP BRIEFING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on SRP. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine reserve component programs of the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on NextGen and the benefits of modernization, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine how to improve energy market transparency and regulation, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine transportation investment, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the role of long-term care in health reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine foreign policy and the global economic crisis, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine Southern border violence, focusing on homeland security threats, vulnerabilities, and responsibilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship*: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine State-of-the-Art information technology (IT) solutions for Veterans' Affairs benefits delivery, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine an update from the Alzheimer's Study Group, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research, hearing to review the USDA administration of conservation program contracts, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Defense, on Combat Aircraft Acquisition, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

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

Subcommittee on Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, joint hearing on Protecting our Nation's Leaders: Challenges of 2008 Presidential Campaign and the 56th Presidential Inauguration, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Native-American and Alaska Natives Issues, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Raising Wages and Living Standards for Families and Workers, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on European Command, 10 a.m., and on Department of Defense/Veterans Affairs Medical Transition, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., 2358 A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: How the Use and Misuse of Reconstruction Funding Affects the War Effort in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Contingency Contracting: Has the Call for Urgent Reform Been Answered? 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on readiness and sustainment of the Navy's surface fleet, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, to mark the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, hearing on GAO's Undercover Investigation: Wage Theft of America's Vulnerable Workers, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Adaptation Policies in Climate legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, hearing entitled "Exploring the Balance between Increased Credit Availability and Prudent Lending Standards," 10 a.m., followed by a markup of the following measures: To amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, to prohibit unreasonable and excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards; and H. Res. 251, Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc, (AIG), 2:15 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, to mark up H. Res. 152, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty; followed by a hearing on Climate Change and the Arctic: New Frontiers of National Security, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, to mark up the following measures: Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress; Dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representatives from the First Congressional District of Hawaii; H.R. 1299, Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2009; House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 151, Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2009; H.R. 749, 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; H.R. 415, Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2009; and Committee Resolution No. 111-5, providing Official Mail Allowance to Committee of the House for the 111th Congress, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to continue markup of H.R. 1139, COPS Improvements Act of 2009; and to mark up H.R. 985, Free Flow of Information Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, to mark up H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009, followed by a hearing on Restoring the Financial Stability of the U.S.

Postal Service: What Needs to be Done? 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Roles and Responsibilities of Inspectors General in Financial Markets Regulatory Agencies, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, to mark up the following: H.R. 1580, Electronic Waste Research and Development Act; and H.R. 1145, National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Small Business Administration and its Programs," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1171, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 1377, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veterans' eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility; and H.R. 1513, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on NSA, 9:30 a.m., HVC.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 4 p.m., HVC.



## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 25

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1388, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act. Also, at 12 noon, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and vote on confirmation thereon.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. for the Democratic party conference.)

## House Chamber

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

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