

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2577–S2596

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 502–505, and S. Res. 59. **Page S2592**

Measures Passed:

School Social Work Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 58, designating the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as “School Social Work Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2595–96**

National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 59, designating April 4, 2009, as “National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day”. **Page S2596**

Omnibus Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Monday, March 2, 2009, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. **Page S2583**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Karen Gordon Mills, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 a.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2596.)

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 2, 2009.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD
Week of March 2 through March 7, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2:00 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 4, to hold hearings to examine improving nutrition for America's children in difficult economic times, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: March 3, to hold hearings to examine acquisition of major weapons systems by the Department of Defense, and S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 3, to hold hearings to examine consumer protections in financial services, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine American International Group, focusing on government intervention and implications for future regulation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: March 3, to hold hearings to examine economic and budget challenges for the short and long term, 10 a.m., SD-608.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 3, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the progress on smart grid initiatives authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and funded in the stimulus bill, and opportunities and impediments in installation of smart grid technologies, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine draft legislative proposals on energy research and development, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 3 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 3, to hold hearings to examine Iranian political and nuclear realities and United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold closed briefing to examine Iran status report, focusing on nuclear and political issues, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States strategy regarding Iran, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 4, to hold hearings to examine systemic risk and breakdown of financial governance, 9 a.m., SD-342.

March 4, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine tax haven banks and United States tax compliance, focusing on obtaining names of United States clients with Swiss Accounts, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine transparency and accountability for recovery and reinvestment spending, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 5, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine how the Obama Administration can achieve an accurate and cost-effective 2010 census, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 4, to hold hearings to examine getting to the truth through a nonpartisan commission of inquiry, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 5, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, S. 256, to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine, and the nominations of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, and David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 5, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 3, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 4, to hold hearings to examine health reform in an aging America, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Science Overview, 10 a.m., and on The Place of NASA Science in the Overall Science Enterprise, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on Defense, on Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Programs, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Health Services for Detainees in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Custody, 10 a.m., and 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Department of the Interior Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on the Place of NOAA Science in the Overall Science Enterprise, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Project Management Oversight, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on EPA Oversight, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Science Education, 10 a.m., and on Where Are We Today: Today's Assessment of "The Gathering Storm," 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Global Mobility, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 5, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on The Role of Civilian and Military Agencies in the Advancement of America's Diplomatic and Development Objectives, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 3, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on recruiting, retention and end strength overview, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Department of Defense fuel demand management at forward-deployed locations and operational initiatives, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Special Operations Forces: Challenges and Opportunities, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 5, full Committee, hearing on combating piracy on the high seas, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Can DOD Travelers Book a Trip? Defense Travel System Update, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Sexual Assault in the Military: Prevention, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 3, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

March 5, hearing on Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 3, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Encouraging Family-Friendly Workplace Policies, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 4, to mark up the following measures: Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; Dextromethorphan Distribution Act; Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act; Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act; H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker Stokes Mom's Oppor-

tunity to Access Health Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act; H.R. 479, Wakefield Act; H.R. 577, Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009; H.R. 756, National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009; H.R. 914, Physician Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 1210, Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on Consumer Protection in the Used and Subprime Car Market, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 4, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "TARP Oversight: Is TARP Working for Main Street" 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 3, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S.-Bolivia Relations: Looking Ahead, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 5, full Committee, hearing on the Role for Congress and the President in War: The Recommendations of the National War Powers Commission, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 3, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "FEMA's Gulf Coast Rebuilding Efforts: The Path Forward," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 4, full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining 287(g): The Role of State and Local Law Enforcement in Immigration Law," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 5, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Putting People First: A Way Forward for the Homeland Security Workforce," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 3, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Circuit City Unplugged: Why Did Chapter 11 Fail To Save 34,000 Jobs, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 4, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 848, Performance Rights Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 3, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing entitled "Managing Our Ocean and Wildlife Resources in a Dynamic Environment: Priorities for the New Administration and the 111th Congress," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 3, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1018, To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros; H.R. 715, Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009; and H.R. 409, To provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the state of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 10 a.m., and an oversight hearing on the Role of Federal Lands in Combating Climate Change, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 4, full Committee, hearing on H.J. Res. 18, Providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to interagency cooperation under the

Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled “Energy Outlooks, and the Role of Federal Onshore and Offshore Resources in Meeting Future Energy Demand,” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 4, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Afghanistan and Pakistan: Understanding a Complex Threat Environment, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on Status of 2010 Census Operations, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, March 3, to consider H.R. 157, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2009, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, March 4, hearing on 21st Century Water Planning: the Importance of a Coordinated Federal Approach, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Cost Management Issues in NASA’s Acquisitions and Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 4, hearing entitled “The State of the Renewable Fuels Industry in the Current Economy,” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, March 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 784, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress quarterly reports on vacancies in mental health professional positions in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities; H.R. 785, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide outreach and training to certain college and university mental health centers relating to the mental health of veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and other draft legislation. 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 3, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, joint hearing on Document Tampering and Mishandling at the Veterans Benefits Administration, 1:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 4, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 147, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans; H.R. 228, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; H.R. 297, Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Subsistence Allowance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 466, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 929, To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of training to provide eligible veterans with skills relevant to the job market; H.R. 942, Veterans Self-Employment Act of 2009; H.R. 950, To amend chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, to increase educational assistance for certain veterans pursuing a program of education offered through distance learning; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veterans Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and other draft legislation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 3 and 4, hearings on the President’s Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview, 12:30 p.m. on March 3, and 2 p.m., on March 4, 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, March 2, briefing entitled “Youth Climate: Green Jobs, Clean Futures,” 1:30 p.m., room to be announced.

March 3, hearing entitled “Preparing for Copenhagen: How Developing Countries Are Fighting Climate Change,” 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: March 6, to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Joint Hearing: March 5, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of veterans’ service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, March 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, March 2

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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