

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4907–S4997*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 932–950, S.J. Res. 14, S. Res. 121–124, and S. Con. Res. 22.

**Pages S4963–64**

#### Measures Passed:

**Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction:** Senate passed S. 615, to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. **Page S4995**

**National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 104, supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4995**

**2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 93, supporting the mission and goals of 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States, and to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S4995**

Schumer Amendment No. 1029, to amend the resolving clause. **Page S4995**

**Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, designating April 30, 2009, as "Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans". **Pages S4995–96**

**Vietnamese Refugees Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, expressing support for designation of May 2, 2009, as "Vietnamese Refugees Day". **Page S4996**

**World Press Freedom Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 124, recognizing the threats to press freedom and expression around the world and reaffirming press freedom as a priority in the efforts of the United States to promote democracy and good gov-

ernance, on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2009. **Pages S4996–97**

#### Measures Considered:

**Helping Families Save Their Homes Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4915–38, S4943–53**

#### Withdrawn:

By 45 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 174), Durbin Amendment No. 1014, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and preserve home values. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S4915–38**

#### Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4938, S4943–53**

Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address safe harbor for certain servicers. **Pages S4944–46**

Vitter Amendment No. 1016 (to Amendment No. 1018), to authorize and remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Pages S4946–47**

Vitter Amendment No. 1017 (to Amendment No. 1018), to provide that the primary and foundational responsibility of the Federal Housing Administration shall be to safeguard and preserve the solvency of the Administration. **Pages S4947–48**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 1, 2009. **Page S4997**

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

By 89 yeas 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 175), Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife. **Pages S4938–43, S4997**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

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| Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.<br>(Total—175) | Pages S4938, S4943 |

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4997.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

### WAR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the War Supplemental, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense.

### DOD BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Secretary of Defense's 2010 budget recommendations, after receiving testimony from John J. Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, both of Washington, D.C.

### U.S. MILITARY AIR POWER

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the current and future roles, missions, and capabilities of United States military air power, after receiving testimony from Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in Military Aviation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; General Richard E. Hawley, USAF, (Ret.), former Commander, Air Force Air Combat Command; and Barry D. Watts, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, and Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William V. Corr, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, who was introduced by Senator Conrad, Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, and Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### PIRACY OFF COAST OF SOMALIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine confronting piracy off the coast of Somalia, after receiving testimony from Stephen D. Mull, Senior Adviser to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; John P. Clancey, Maersk, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; and Richard Phillips, Maersk Alabama, Burlington, Vermont.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ivan K. Fong, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Brown, and Timothy W. Manning, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, who was introduced by Senator Bingaman, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**NATIONAL SECURITY REFORM**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine national security reform, focusing on implementing a national security service workforce, after receiving testimony from former Senator Bob Graham, Chairman, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; Major General William A. Navas, Jr., USA, (Ret.), Executive Director, National Security Professional Development Integration Office; Ronald P. Sanders, Associate Director for Human Capital, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Thomas R. Pickering, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and James R. Thompson, University of Illinois at Chicago.

**PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ACCESS REFORM**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine primary health care access reform, focusing on community health centers and the national health service corps, after receiving testimony from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Daniel R. Hawkins, Jr., National Association of Community Health Centers, Bethesda, Maryland; Fitzhugh Mullan, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; Caswell Evans, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry, on behalf of the American Dental Education Association; Yvonne Davis, Health Care Partners of South Carolina, Inc., Florence; Lisa Nichols, Midtown Community Health

Center, Ogden, Utah; and John D. Matthew, Plainfield, Vermont.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 151, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings.

Also, committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Yvette Roubideaux, of Arizona, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine comprehensive immigration reform in 2009, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Joel C. Hunter, Member, President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Longwood, Florida; J. Thomas Manger, Montgomery County Chief of Police, Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of Major Cities Chiefs Association's Legislative Committee; Jeff Moseley, Greater Houston Partnership, Houston, Texas; Doris Meissner, Migration Policy Institute, Eliseo Medina, Service Employees International Union, and Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kris W. Kobach, University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law.

**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.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 42 public bills, H.R. 2183–2224; 1 private bill, H.R. 2225; and 18 resolutions, H.J. Res. 46–48; H. Con. Res. 115–116; and H. Res. 381–393, were introduced. **Pages H5060–62**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5062–64**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5001**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 381, electing the following Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Agriculture: Representative Murphy (NY) (to rank immediately after Representative Boccieri). Committee on Armed Services: Representatives Murphy (NY) and Boren. Committee on the Judiciary: Representative Quigley (to rank immediately after Representative Pierluisi). Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative Quigley (to rank immediately after Representative Connolly (VA)) and Representative Kaptur (to rank immediately after Representative Quigley). **Page H5012**

**Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, by a recorded vote of 357 ayes to 70 noes, Roll No. 228. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, April 29th. **Pages H5013–41**

Rejected the Roskam motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with instructions, by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 227. **Pages H5039–41**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5013**

Agreed to:

Gutierrez amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that allows issuers to charge consumers for expedited payments by telephone when consumers request such an expedited payment, and makes technical corrections; requires that all credit card offers notify prospective applicants that excessive credit ap-

plications can adversely affect their credit rating; directs the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve to suggest appropriate guidelines for creditors to supply cardholders with information regarding the availability of legitimate and accredited credit counseling services; requires all written information, provisions, and terms in or on any application, solicitation, contract, or agreement for any credit card account under an open end consumer credit to appear in no less than 12 point font; and requires that stores who are self-issuers of credit cards display a large visible sign at counters with the same information that is required to be disclosed on the application itself; **Pages H5016–18**

Frank (MA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that requires the Federal Reserve 1) to review the consumer credit card market, including through solicitation of public comment, and report to Congress every two years; 2) publish a summary of this review in the Federal Register, along with proposed regulatory changes (or an explanation for why no such changes are proposed). The amendment also requires the Federal banking agencies and the FTC to submit to the Federal Reserve, for inclusion in the Federal Reserve's annual report to Congress, information about the agencies' supervisory and enforcement activities related to credit card issuers' compliance with consumer protection laws; **Pages H5018–19**

Gutierrez amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that requires credit card issuers to allocate payments in excess of the minimum payment to the portion of the remaining balance with the highest outstanding APR first, and then to any remaining balances in descending order, eliminating the pro rata option; **Pages H5021–22**

Pingree amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that requires the Chair of the Federal Reserve to submit a report on the level of implementation of this bill every 90 days until the Chair can report full industry implementation; **Pages H5022–23**

Polis amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that clarifies that minors are allowed to have a credit card in their name on their parent or legal guardian's account; **Page H5023**

Jones (NC) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that requires the Federal Reserve Board, in consultation with the Federal Trade Commission and other agencies, to establish regulations that would allow estate administrators to resolve outstanding credit balances in a timely manner; **Pages H5023–25**

Minnick amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that provides that the amount of a balance as of the 7-day mark, instead of the 14-day mark, following a notice of a rate increase would be protected from the rate increase; **Page H5029**

Price (NC) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that requires credit card issuers to provide enhanced disclosure to consumers regarding minimum payments, including a written Minimum Payment Warning statement on all monthly statements as well as information regarding the monthly payment amount and total cost that would be required for the consumer to eliminate the outstanding balance in 12, 24 and 36. Requires credit card issuers to provide a toll-free telephone number at which the consumer may receive information about accessing credit counseling and debt management services; **Pages H5029–31**

Gutierrez amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that requires card issuers to notify cardholders 30 days before closing their accounts, the reason for the account closure, options to keep the account open, programs available to repay the balance, and the resulting impact on their credit score; **Pages H5031–33**

Perriello amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that requires a 6-month period for a promotional rate for credit cards before the standard rate may be increased; **Pages H5033–34**

Schauer amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that requires creditors to post their credit card written agreements on their websites, and requires the Board to compile and report those agreements on its website; **Pages H5034–35**

Teague amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that restricts credit card issuers from making adverse reports to credit rating agencies regarding deployed military service members and disabled veterans during the first two years of their disability; **Pages H5035–36**

Schock amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that allows consumers who have not activated an issued credit card within 45 days to contact the issuing institution to cancel the card and have it removed from their credit report entirely. If after 45 days the card has not been activated it is automatically removed from any such report; **Pages H5036–37**

Slaughter amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that sets underwriting standards for students' credit cards, including limiting credit lines to the greater of 20 percent of a student's annual income or \$500, without a co-signer and requiring creditors to obtain a proof of income, income history, and credit history from college students before

approving credit applications (by a recorded vote of 276 ayes to 154 noes, Roll No. 225); and **Pages H5019–21, H5037–38**

Maloney amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that requires credit cardholders to opt-into receiving over-the-limit protection on their credit card in order for a credit card company to charge an over-the-limit fee. Allows for transactions that go over the limit to be completed for operational reasons as long as they are of a de minimis amount, but the credit card company is not allowed to charge a fee (by a recorded vote of 284 ayes to 149 noes, Roll No. 226). **Pages H5025–26, H5038–39**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that would have allowed issuers to raise rates on existing balances if they provided consumers clear notification 90 days in advance, provided that the issuer has previously specified this ability to consumers in their contract and at least once every year thereafter and **Pages H5026–27**

Hensarling amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–92) that would have allowed creditors to use retroactive rate increases, universal default, and "double cycle billing" practices as long as they offer at least one card option that does not have those billing features to all of their existing customers. **Pages H5027–29**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Pages H5043–44**

H. Res. 379, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 224, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H5003–12, H5012–13**

**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Nelson Albareda of Miami, Florida to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino. **Pages H5041–12**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4th for morning hour debate. **Page H5043**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5012–13, H5037–38, H5038–39, H5040–41, and H5041. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MAJOR WEAPONS SYSTEM ACQUISITION REFORM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on reform of major weapons system acquisition and related legislative proposals. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Defense: David Berteau, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Production and Logistics; Rudy deLeon, Deputy Secretary; and David S.C. Chu; Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, and Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation; and Paul Francis, Director, Acquisitions and Sourcing Management, GAO.

### SPACE SYSTEM ACQUISITIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Force held a hearing on space system acquisitions and the industrial base. Testimony was heard from Joshua T. Hartman, Director, Space and Intelligence Capabilities Office, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense; Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and a public witness.

### WORKPLACE HEALTH/SAFETY VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Improving OSHA's Enhanced Enforcement Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Jordan Barab, Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and Elliot Lewis, Assistant Inspector General, Audits; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL SWINE FLU RESPONSE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Swine Flu Outbreak and the U.S. Federal Response." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: RADM Anne Schuchat, M.D., Interim Deputy Director, Science and Public Health Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Acting Commissioner, FDA; and RADM W. Craig Vanderwagen, M.D., USN, Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response.

### COMBATING MARITIME PIRACY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on International Efforts to Combat Maritime Piracy. Testimony was heard from Stephen D. Mull, Senior Advisor to the Under Sec-

retary, Political Affairs, Department of State; and RADM William D. Baumgartner, USCG, Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

### BRIEFING—COMBATING VIOLENCE -U.S.-MEXICO BORDER REGION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism. Members received a briefing to provide an update on the Department of Homeland Security's efforts to combat violence in the U.S.-Mexico border region. They were briefed by Alan Bersin, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs and Special Representative for Border Affairs, Department of Homeland Security.

### BRIEFING—INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response. Members received a briefing on the Department of Homeland Security's progress on the issue of interoperable emergency communications. They were briefed by the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Chris Essid, Director; and Taylor Heard, Deputy Director, both with Emergency Communications.

### PATENT REFORM ACT OF 2009

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Hearing on H.R. 1260, Patent Reform Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SCIENCE'S REGULATORY REFORM ROLE

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the Role of Science in the Regulatory Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1803, Veterans Business Center Act of 2009; H.R. 1807, Educating Entrepreneurs through Today's Technology Act; H.R. 1834, Native American Business Development Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1838, To amend the Small Business Act to modify certain provisions relating to women's business centers; H.R. 1839, To amend the Small Business Act to improve SCORE, and for other purposes; H.R. 1842, Expanding Entrepreneurship Act of 2009; and H.R. 1845, Small Business Development Centers Modernization Act of 2009.

## COAL COMBUSTION WASTE STORAGE AND WATER QUALITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Coal Combustion Waste Storage and Water Quality. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Michael Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; and Catherine McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; Shari Wilson, Secretary, Department of the Environment, Maryland; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Charting the VA's Progress on meeting the Mental Health Needs of our Veterans: Discussion of Funding, Mental Health Strategic Plan, and the Uniform Mental Health Services Handbook. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Sheperd, M.D., Senior Physician, Office of Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; and Ira Katz, M.D., Deputy Chief, Patient Care Services Officer, Mental Health Services, Veterans Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—AFGHANISTAN

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

## *Joint Meetings*

### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Christina D. Romer, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on The Bowl Championship Series: Money and Other Issues of Fairness for Publicly Financed Universities, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing on Cybersecurity: Network Threats and Policy Challenges, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, May 1

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 4

## Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 896, Helping Families Save Their Homes Act.

## House Chamber

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