

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3123–S3321

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills were introduced, as follows: S. 606–626. **Page S3163**

Measures Passed:

Automatic Pay Adjustments for Members of Congress: Senate passed S. 620, to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress. **Page S3149**

Extension of Programs for Small Businesses: Senate passed H.R. 1541, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3318**

Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 303, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. **Pages S3318–19**

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 39, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3319**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 8, providing for the appointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Pages S3319–20**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 9, providing for the appointment of France A. Cordova as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S3320**

Measures Considered:

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act: Senate began consideration of 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration thereto, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3130–41, S3141–49, S3149–56**

Pending:

Bingaman Amendment No. 684, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3141–49, S3149–56**

Coburn Amendment No. 680 (to Amendment No. 684), to ensure that the general public has full access to our national parks and to promote the health and safety of all visitors and employees of the National Park Service. **Pages S3150–52**

Coburn Amendment No. 679 (to Amendment No. 684), to provide for the future energy needs of the United States and eliminate restrictions on the development of renewable energy. **Pages S3152–54**

Coburn Amendment No. 675 (to Amendment No. 684), to prohibit the use of eminent domain and to ensure that no American has their property forcibly taken from them by authorities granted under this Act. **Page S3154**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the following list of amendments be the only first-degree amendments in order; that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with passage of the bill subject to a 60-affirmative vote threshold; provided debate time prior to a vote on or in relation to each amendment, be limited to 60 minutes, and that no amendment be in order to any amendment prior to a vote on or in relation thereto; provided if there is a sequence of votes on or in relation to the amendments, then prior to each vote in a sequence, there be 4 minutes of debate, divided as specified above, provided that after the first vote in any sequence, subsequent votes be limited to 10 minutes each: Coburn Amendment No. 680 (listed

above); Coburn Amendment No. 679 (listed above); Coburn Amendment No. 683, relative to striking targeted provisions; Coburn Amendment No. 675 (listed above); Coburn Amendment No. 677, relative to annual report; and Coburn Amendment No. 682, relative to Subtitle D clarification. **Pages S3140–41**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, following executive session. **Page S3320**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105–261), certification that the export of fine grain graphite to be used for solar cell applications and for the fabrication of components used in electronic and semiconductor fabrication is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, and that the material and equipment will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–13) **Page S3161**

Kirk Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, and that there be up to 90 minutes of debate with respect to the nomination, with the time divided as follows: 30 minutes under the control of the Majority, and 60 minutes under the control of the Republicans, and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S3318**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

William V. Corr, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

William Craig Fugate, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard. **Page S3320**

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

Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on March 16, 2009. **Page S3321**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3320.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SOUTHERN, NORTHERN, AFRICA, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMANDS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Southern Command, United States Northern Command, United States Africa Command, and United States Transportation Command, after receiving testimony from Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, United States Southern Command; General Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command; General William E. Ward, USA, Commander, United States Africa Command; and General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, United States Transportation Command.

INSURANCE REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on modernizing insurance regulation, after receiving testimony from Michael T. McRaith, Illinois

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Springfield, on behalf of National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Frank Keating, American Council of Life Insurers, Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, and J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, all of Washington, D.C.; William R. Berkley, W.R. Berkley Corporation, Greenwich, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Insurance Association; Spencer M. Houldin, Ericson Insurance, Washington Depot, Connecticut, on behalf of Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Inc.; and John T. Hill, Magna Carta Companies, New York, New York, on behalf of National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine energy development on public lands and the Outer Continental Shelf, focusing on the range of issues associated with the development of energy resources from public lands and the Outer Continental Shelf, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior; Philip D. Moeller, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Dan Arvizu, Director, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Department of Energy; Joanna Prukop, New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Santa Fe; George Cooper, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Washington, D.C.; Steven R. Kopf, Pacific Energy Ventures, LLC, Portland, Oregon; and Robert Bryce, Austin, Texas.

FRAUD SCHEMES AND OFFSHORE TAX EVASION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax issues related to fraud schemes and an update on offshore tax evasion legislation, after receiving testimony from Doug Shulman, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Michael Brostek, Director, Strategic Issues Team, Government Accountability Office; and William Josephson, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, and Jacobson, LLP, New York, New York.

MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a joint hearing with the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control to examine law enforcement responses to Mexican drug cartels, after receiving testimony from William Hoover, Assistant Director, Field Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Anthony P. Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence Division, Drug Enforcement Agency, both of Department of Justice; Kumar C. Kibble, Deputy Director, Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Terry Goddard, Arizona Attorney General, Phoenix; Denise Dresser, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City; and Jorge Luis Aguirre, El Paso, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 1541–1575; 1 private bill, H.R. 1576; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 75; and H. Res. 249, 251–256, were introduced. **Pages H3525–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3527–28**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 250, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws (H. Rept. 111–39). **Page H3525**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3441**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3446**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Flake announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H3446–47**

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

Supporting the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day: H. Res. 240, amended, to support the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 128;

Pages H3451–52, H3469–70

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month: H. Res. 211, to support the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 418 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 129; **Pages H3453–56, H3470–71**

Establishing a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges: H.R. 628, to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 409 ayes to 7 noes, Roll No. 130; **Pages H3456–59, H3471**

Stop AIDS in Prison Act of 2009: H.R. 1429, to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons; **Pages H3459–63**

John "Bud" Hawk Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the "John 'Bud' Hawk Post Office"; **Pages H3463–64**

Reducing Information Control Designations Act: H.R. 1323, amended, to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations regarding the use of information control designations; and **Pages H3464–67**

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: H.R. 1541, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. **Pages H3468–69**

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

Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1216, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building". **Pages H3467–68**

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Courtney and Coble. **Page H3471**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President certifying that export of certain items to the People's Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry—referred to the

Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Rept. 111–25). **Pages H3471–72**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3469–70, H3470–71, and H3471. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Status of Climate Change Science. Testimony was heard from Susan Solomon, Earth System Research Laboratory, NOAA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Military Personnel–Air Force. Testimony was heard from LTG Richard Newton, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Craig W. Duehring, Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, both with the Department of the Air Force.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Nuclear Weapons Complex. Testimony was heard from Thomas D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; A. G. Eggenberger, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Philip Coyle, former Associate Director, Livermore Laboratory; Everet Beckner, former Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Richard Garwin, former Chairman, Arms Control and Nonproliferation Advisory Board, Department of State.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Interoperable Communications. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: W. Ross Ashley, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs, FEMA; David Boyd, Director, Command Control and Interoperability Division, Directorate for Science and Technology; and Chris ESSID, Director, Office of Emergency Communications.

STATUS OF U.S. STRATEGIC PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the status of U.S. strategic programs. Testimony was heard from GEN Kevin P. Chilton, USAF, Command, U.S. Strategic Command.

HIGHWAYS/MASS TRANSIT FINANCING

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budgeting for Transportation: Financing Investments in Highways and Mass Transit. Testimony was heard from Debra L. Miller, Secretary, Department of Transportation, Kansas; Tyler Duvall, former Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on The Importance of Early Childhood Development. Testimony was heard from Harriet Meyer, Co-Chair Early Learning Council, State of Illinois; Holly Robinson, Commissioner, Department of Early Care and Learning, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

U.S. EXPORT PROMOTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Stimulating the Economy through Trade: Examining the Role of Export Promotion. Testimony was heard from Michelle O'Neill, Acting Under Secretary, International Trade, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Suzanne Hale, Acting Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH COVERAGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Making Health Care Work for American Families: Ensuring Affordable Coverage. Testimony was heard from Mila Kofman, Superintendent of Insurance, Bureau of Insurance, State of Maine; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES SYSTEMIC RISK REGULATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Perspectives on Regulation of Systemic Risk in the Financial Services Industry." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEMA PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE MISSION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing on PKEMRA Implementation: An Examination of FEMA's Preparedness and Re-

sponse Mission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Richard Skinner, Inspector General; and Corey Gruber, Acting Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA; William Jenkins, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT BANKING**CONSOLIDATION/ANTITRUST LAW**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Too Big To Fail?: The Role of Antitrust Law in Government-Funded Consolidation in the Banking Industry. Testimony was heard from Deborah A. Garza, former Assistant Attorney General, Division of Antitrust, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ENERGY LEASING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled "Leasing and Development of Oil and Gas Resources on the Outer Continental Shelf." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Chris Oynes, Associate Director, Offshore Energy and Minerals Management Program, Minerals Management Service; and Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1388, the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. 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 amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the 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 George Miller of California and Representatives Titus, Pingree, Perriello, Hunter and Roe.

ENERGY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on New Directions for Energy Research and Development at the U.S. Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

VISION CENTER EXCELLENCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Vision Center of Excellence: What Has Been Accomplished in Thirteen Months? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James Orcutt, M.D., Chief of Ophthalmology; and Madhulika Agarwal, M.D., Chief Officer, Patient Care Services Office, both with the Veterans Health Administration; Jack Smith, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Clinical Policy and Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICY REPORT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on MedPAC's Annual March Report to the Congress on Medicare Payment Policy. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

BRIEFING—NSA COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: met in executive session to hold a briefing on NSA Compliance Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense medical programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the incidence of sui-

cides of United States Servicemembers and initiatives within the Department of Defense to prevent military suicides, 2:45 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine risk management oversight at Federal financial regulators, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine nuclear energy development; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine what is health care quality and who decides, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 277, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine findings from the Disaster Recovery Subcommittee Special Report and working with the Administration on a way forward, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the National Academy of Science's report Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Critical On-going Satellite Climate Change Datasets, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Military Personnel-Army, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

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

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Livable Communities, Transit Oriented Development & Incorporating Green Building Practices into Federal Housing and Transportation Policy 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on security developments in the areas of responsibility of the U.S. Southern Command, Northern Command, Africa Command, and Joint Forces Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on Medical Infrastructure: Are Health Affairs/TRICARE Management Activity Priorities Aligned with Service Requirements? 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on space and U.S. security, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., and to continue Members' Day-Part Two, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Competitiveness and Climate Policy: Avoiding Leakage of Jobs and Emissions, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "American International Group's Impact on the Global Economy: During and After Federal Intervention." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Striking the Appropriate Balance: The Defense Department's Expanding Role in Foreign Assistance, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Guns, Drugs and Violence: The Merida Initiative and the Challenge in Mexico, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing on Homeland Security Intelligence: Its Relevance and Limitations, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "100% Air Cargo Screening: Can We Secure America's Skies?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 1107, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts,"

H.R. 1139, COPS Improvements Act of 2009; and the End GREED Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 31, Lumbree Recognition Act; and H.R. 1385, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to mark up the following: Title IV of H.R. 1256, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; H. Res. 223; Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, "This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day;" and H.R. 774, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the "Caroline O'Day Post Office Building," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "The Administration's FY Year 2010 Budget and Medicare: How Will Small Providers be Impacted?" 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on ATC Modernization and NextGen: Near-Term Achievable Goals, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing CIA Intelligence Activities, 3:30 p.m., 302-HVC.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader; following which, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 146, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1388—Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act (Subject to a Rule).

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