

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 896, Helping Families Save Their Homes Act.

House Committees ordered reported 18 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5169–S5248

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 983–992, S.J. Res. 15, and S. Res. 132–135. **Pages S5231–32**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs During the 110th Congress Pursuant to rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate”. (S. Rept. No. 111–17) **Page S5231**

Measures Passed:

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act: By 91 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 185), Senate passed S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5173–75, S5179–S5205**

Adopted:

Dodd (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 1039 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address impediments to liquidating warrants. **Page S5173**

Dodd (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1035 (to Amendment No. 1018), to require notice to consumers when a mortgage loan has been sold, transferred, or assigned to a third party. **Pages S5173–74**

Casey Amendment No. 1033 (to Amendment No. 1018), to enhance State and local neighborhood stabilization efforts by providing foreclosure prevention assistance to families threatened with foreclosure and permitting Statewide funding competition in minimum allocation States. **Page S5173**

Dodd (for Grassley/Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 1020 (to Amendment No. 1018), to enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Pages S5173–74**

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 182), Dodd (for Kerry) Modified Amendment No. 1036 (to Amendment No. 1018), to protect the interests of bona fide tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property. **Pages S5173–75**

Reed/Bond Amendment No. 1040 (to Amendment No. 1018), to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act. **Pages S5173, S5180–81**

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 184), Dodd (for Grassley/Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 1021 (to Amendment No. 1018), to amend Chapter 7 of title 31, United States Code, to provide the Comptroller General additional audit authorities relating to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S5173, S5181–82**

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5173, S5182**

Withdrawn:

Dodd (for Schumer) Modified Amendment No. 1031 (to Amendment No. 1018), to establish a multifamily mortgage resolution program. **Pages S5173, S5179**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 183), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 202 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Coburn Amendment No. 1042 (to Amendment No. 1040), to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property. Subsequently, the pay-as-you-go point of order that the amendment would cause or increase an on-budget deficit for either of the applicable time periods set out in S. Con. Res. 21, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5173, S5179–80**

Commending the Heroic Efforts of People Fighting North Dakota Floods: Senate agreed to S. Res.

132, commending the heroic efforts of the people fighting the floods in North Dakota. **Page S5246**

National Physical Education and Sport Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 133, designating May 1 through May 7, 2009, as “National Physical Education and Sport Week”. **Page S5246**

National Charter Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 134, congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators at charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education and supporting the ideas and goals of the 10th annual National Charter Schools Week, May 3 through May 9, 2009. **Page S5247**

Military Spouse Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 135, designating May 8, 2009, as “Military Spouse Appreciation Day”. **Page S5247**

Measures Considered:

Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act: Senate began consideration of S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5205–25**

Adopted:

Collins/McCaskill Amendment No. 1045, to require the Secretary of Defense to apply uniform earned value management standards to reliability and consistently measures contract performance, and to ensure that contractors establish and use approved earned value management systems. **Pages S5215–19**

Levin (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1044, to require a report on certain cost growth matters following the termination of a major defense acquisition program for critical cost growth. **Pages S5219, S5220–21**

Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 1053, to clarify an exception to conflict of interest requirements applicable to contracts for systems engineering and technical assistance functions. **Pages S5219, S5222–24**

Levin (for Coburn) Amendment No. 1046, to require reports on the operation and support costs of major defense acquisition programs and major weapons systems. **Pages S5219–20**

Levin (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 1051, to enhance the review of joint military requirements. **Pages S5220–22**

Levin (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 1049, to specify certain inputs to the Joint Requirements Oversight Council from the commanders of the combatant commands on joint military requirements. **Pages S5220–22**

Levin (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 1050, to provide for a review by the Comptroller General of

the United States of waivers of the requirement for competitive prototypes based on excessive cost. **Pages S5220–22**

Levin (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 1047, to further improve the cost assessment procedures and processes of the Department of Defense. **Page S5220**

Levin (for Carper) Amendment No. 1048, to require consultation between the Director of Defense Research and Engineering and the Director of Developmental Test and Evaluation in assessments of technological maturity of critical technologies of major defense acquisition programs. **Page S5220**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1055, to clarify the submittal of certifications of the adequacy of budgets by the Director of the Department of Defense Test Resource Management Center. **Pages S5224–25**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 7, 2009, and that the following be the only first-degree amendments in order to the bill, other than the committee reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, that the listed first-degree amendments be subject to second-degree amendments which are relevant to the amendment to which offered; provided that with respect to any subsequent agreement which provides for a limitation of debate regarding an amendment on the list, then that time be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that if there is a sequence of votes with respect to these amendments, the there be 2 minutes equally divided and controlled prior to a vote on or in relation thereto; provided that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill: Snowe Amendment No. 1056 relative to small business contracting, Thune Amendment relative to weapons systems, Coburn Amendment relative to financial management, Chambliss Amendment No. 1054 relative to “make buy”, and Murray Amendment No. 1052 relative to National Security objectives. **Page S5225**

Credit Cardholders’ Bill of Rights Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of 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. **Page S5246**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, May 8, 2009. **Page S5246**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5246**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Ivan K. Fong, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

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.

Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

Yvette Roubideaux, of Arizona, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

Luis C. de Baca, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with rank of Ambassador at Large.

Timothy W. Manning, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Wilma A. Lewis, of the Virgin Islands, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Carmen R. Nazario, of Puerto Rico, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

Eric P. Schwartz, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Andrew J. Shapiro, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Ellen O. Tauscher, of California, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Jane Oates, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Tara Jeanne O'Toole, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—185) **Pages S5174–75, S5179–80, S5182, S5185**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5247.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REUSE OF CARBON DIOXIDE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine the range of innovative, non-geologic applications for the beneficial reuse of carbon dioxide from coal and other fossil fuel facilities, after receiving testimony from Scott M. Klara, Director, Strategic Center for Coal, National Energy Technology Center, and Marjorie L. Tatro, Director of Fuel and Water Systems, Sandia National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; Jeff D. Muhs, Utah State University Energy Laboratory, Logan; and Brent Constantz, Calera Corporation, Los Gatos, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management; and Elizabeth Lee King, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Michael Nacht, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, Wallace C. Gregson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and 296

nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

SPACE ISSUES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing to examine space issues from Janet Fender, Chief Scientist, Air Combat Command, Gary O'Connell, Chief Scientist, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, and Lieutenant General Larry D. James, USAF, Commander, 14th Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

REGULATING AND RESOLVING INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulating and resolving institutions considered too big to fail, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Martin Baily, former Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors; Gary H. Stern, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, Snowmass, Colorado; and Raghuram G. Rajan, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, Illinois.

FUTURE OF JOURNALISM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the future of journalism, after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; Marissa Mayer, Google Inc., Mountain View, California; Alberto Ibarguen, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Miami, Florida; James M. Moroney III, *The Dallas Morning News*, Dallas, Texas; Arianna Huffington, *The Huffington Post*, Los Angeles, California; Steve Coll, Washington, D.C.; and David Simon, Baltimore, Maryland.

ENGAGING IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine engaging Iran, focusing on obstacles and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Nicholas Burns, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Harvard University Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Robert M. Morgenthau, former United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; and Adam Kauf-

mann, Central Office of the District Attorney Investigation Division, New York, New York.

NATO MOVING FORWARD

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine NATO post-60, focusing on institutional challenges moving forward, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Hamilton, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Damon Wilson, Atlantic Council of the United States, Robert Hunter, former Ambassador to NATO, RAND Corporation, and Joseph Wood, German Marshall Fund, all of Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Roger W. Baker, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, William A. Gunn, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Jose D. Riojas, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Operations, Security, and Preparedness, and John U. Sepulveda, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Human Resources, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID FRAUD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine solutions to stop Medicare and Medicaid fraud from hurting seniors and taxpayers, after receiving testimony from R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Department of Justice; Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert A. Hussar, New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, Hauppauge, New York; James Frogue, Center for Health Transformation, Washington, D.C.; and Steve Horne, Dow Jones Enterprise Media Group, Edgewater, New Jersey.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 2265–2293; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 120; and H. Res. 404–405, 407–413 were introduced. **Pages H5306–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5308–09**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 406, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1728) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans (H. Rept. 111–98). **Page H5279**

Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 1728, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans. Further proceedings were postponed until tomorrow, May 7th. **Pages H5174–88**

H. Res. 400, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H5174–79**

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

Recognizing May as “National Foster Care Month”: H. Res. 391, to recognize May as “National Foster Care Month” and to acknowledge that the House of Representatives should continue to work to improve the Nation’s foster care system; **Pages H5188–90**

Honoring the life and recognizing the far-reaching accomplishments of the Honorable Jack Kemp, Jr.: H. Res. 401, to honor the life and to recognize the far-reaching accomplishments of the Honorable Jack Kemp, Jr.; **Pages H5190–99**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha: H. Con. Res. 80, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha; **Pages H5199–H5201**

Enacting certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts”: H.R. 1107, to enact certain laws relat-

ing to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts”; and **Pages H5201–58**

Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009: S. 386, amended, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs and for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 367 yeas to 59 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 235. **Pages H5260–70, H5271–72**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, May 5th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day: H. Res. 367, to support the goals and ideals of National Train Day, by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 234 and **Pages H5270–71**

Congratulating the University of North Carolina men’s basketball team: H. Res. 348, to congratulate the University of North Carolina men’s basketball team for winning the 2009 NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball National Championship, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 423 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 236. **Page H5272**

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

Recognizing the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions: H. Res. 14, amended, to recognize the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and to commend the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions. **Pages H5258–60**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5293.

Senate Referral: S. 896 was held at the desk. **Page H5293**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5270–71, H5271 and H5272. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD LAND USE BIOMASS PROVISIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing to review the impact of the indirect land use and renewable biomass provisions in the renewable fuel standard. Testimony was heard from Joe Glauber, Chief Economist, USDA; Margo T. Oge, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, EPA; Michael Pechart, Deputy Secretary, Marketing and Economic Development, Department of Agriculture, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the House of Representatives Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House of Representatives: Dan Beard, Chief Administrative Officer; Loraine C. Miller, Clerk; and Bill Livingood, Sergeant-at-Arms.

ARMY, NAVY/MARINE CORPS BUDGETS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Army Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Army Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Navy/Marine Corps Budget. Testimony was heard from ADM Gary Roughhead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

HIGH RISK AREA ACQUISITION REFORM; U.S. STRATEGIC POSTURE REPORT

Committee on Armed Services, Held a hearing on the Department of Defense at High Risk: The Chief Management Officer's Recommendations for Acquisition Reform and Related High Risk Areas. Testimony was heard from William Lynn, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

The Committee also held a hearing on the report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States: William J. Perry, Chairman; and James R. Schlesinger, Vice Chairman.

GREEN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2187, 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act.

PREVENTING LOAN MODIFICATION/ FORECLOSURE FRAUD

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Legislative Solutions for Preventing Loan Modification and Foreclosure Rescue Fraud." Testimony was heard from James Freis, Jr., Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury; Peggy Twohig, Associate Director, Division of Financial Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Martha Coakley, Attorney General, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

SWINE FLU OUTBREAK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Global Health Emergencies Hit Home: The Swine Flu Outbreak. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony Fauci, M.D. Director, National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and RADM Anne Schuchat, M.D., USN, Interim Deputy Director, Science and Public Health Program, Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and Dennis Carroll, M.D., Special Advisor to the Acting Administrator on Pandemic Influenza, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2200, Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS RENOVATIONS

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Necessary Renovations to House Office Buildings. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; and Terrell G. Dean, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

U.S./MEXICO DRUG TRADE VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Escalating Violence in Mexico and the Southwest Border as a Result of the Illicit Drug Trade. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Stuart G. Nash, Associate Deputy Attorney General, and Director, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces; and William

J. Hoover, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Salvador Nieto, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Intelligence and Operations Coordination, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Janice Ayala, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2812, Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act; H.R. 885, amended, Improved Financial and Commodity Markets Oversight and Accountability Act; H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009; H. Con. Res. 84, Supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month; H. Res. 356, Supporting support for the designation of February 8, 2010, as the “Boys Scouts of America Day,” in celebration of the Nation’s largest youth scouting organization’s 100th anniversary; H. Res. 370, amended, Expressing support for designation of April 27, 2009, as “National Healthy Schools Day;” H. Res. 388, Celebrating the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mother’s Day; H.R. 1817, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the “John S. Wilder Post Office Building;” H.R. 2090, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the “Frederic Remington Post Office Building;” H.R. 2162, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 11th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho, as the “Herbert A. Littleton Postal Station;” H.R. 2173, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1009 Crystal Road in Island Falls, Maine, as the “Carl B. Smith Post Office;” and H.R. 2174, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 18 Main Street in Howland, Maine, as the “Clyde Hichborn Post Office.”

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 1728, the “Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act.” The rule provides that no general debate shall be in order. The rule provides that 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 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 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 Perlmutter, Polis, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Dahlkemper, Titus, Bachus, Manzullo, Gary G. Miller of California, Garrett, Sessions, and Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida.

REAUTHORIZE AND MODERNIZE SBA’S ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Legislation to Reauthorize and Modernize SBA’s Entrepreneurial Development Programs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS’ MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 23, amended, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009; H.R. 466, amended, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, amended, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1170, amended, To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adopted housing.

HEALTH REFORM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing to welcome the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and to continue hearings on Health Reform in the 21st Century, Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

RUSSIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Russia.

Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Krysta Harden, of Virginia, and Pearlie S. Reed, of Arkansas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Rural Development, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine funding of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the 2009 H1N1 virus, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement responsibilities, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine a joint staff draft related to cybersecurity and critical electricity infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine net metering, interconnection standards, and other policies that promote the deployment of distributed generation to improve grid reliability, increase clean energy deployment, enable consumer choice, and diversify our nation's energy supply, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Cynthia J. Giles, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance, and Michelle DePass, of New York, to be Assistant Administrator for International Affairs, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine auctioning under cap and trade, focusing on design, participation, and distribution of revenues, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary, and M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, both of the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Margaret A. Hamburg, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine recruitment in the Federal Government, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

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