

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5087–S5168

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 969–982, and S. Res. 128–131. **Pages S5127–28**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing the Mexican Holiday of Cinco de Mayo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 128, recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo. **Page S5167**

Commending Louisiana Jockey Calvin Borel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 129, commending Louisiana jockey Calvin Borel for his victory in the 135th Kentucky Derby. **Page S5167**

Majority Party Membership on Certain Committees for the 111th Congress: Senate agreed to S. Res. 130, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S5168**

Minority Party Appointments for Certain Committees for the 111th Congress: Senate agreed to S. Res. 131, making minority party appointments for certain committees for the 111th Congress. **Page S5168**

Measures Considered:

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5088–S5120**

Adopted:

Dodd (for Feingold/Gillibrand) Modified Amendment No. 1032, to require the Congressional Oversight Panel to submit a special report on farm loan restructuring. **Page S5109**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 180), Ensign Modified Amendment No. 1043 (to Amendment No. 1038), of a perfecting nature.

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Boxer Amendment No. 1038 (to Amendment No. 1018), to provide for oversight of a Public-Private

Investment Program, and to authorize monies for the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program to audit and investigate recipients of non-recourse Federal loans under the Public Private Investment Program and the Term Asset Loan Facility. **Pages S5099–S5100, S5110**

Rejected:

By 31 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 178), Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address safe harbor for certain servicers. **Pages S5088–92**

By 47 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 179), Thune Amendment No. 1030 (to Amendment No. 1018), to require the Secretary of the Treasury to use any amounts repaid by a financial institution that is a recipient of assistance under the Troubled Assets Relief Program to reduce the authorization level under the TARP. **Pages S5094–97**

By 36 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 181), DeMint Amendment No. 1026 (to Amendment No. 1018), to prohibit the use of Troubled Asset Relief Program funds for the purchase of common stock. **Pages S5101–06, S5110**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5088**

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 S5088, S5116–17**

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 S5088, S5117, S5118–19**

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 S5092–94, S5110–11, S5112, S5115–16, S5117–18**

Reed/Bond Amendment No. 1040 (to Amendment No. 1018), to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act.

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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.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1042 (to Amendment No. 1040), to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property.

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

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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.

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

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, that no further amendments be in order to the bill, and that Senate vote in the order listed on the pending amendments, with no amendment in order to any amendment listed; provided that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and after the first vote, any succeeding votes be limited to 10 minutes each: Reed Modified Amendment No. 1039 (listed above), Boxer Amendment No. 1035 (listed above), Casey Amendment No. 1033 (listed above), Grassley Modified Amendment No. 1020 (listed above), Coburn Amendment No. 1042 (listed above), Reed Amendment No. 1040 (listed above), Kerry Modified Amendment No. 1036 (listed above), Schumer Modified Amendment No. 1031 (listed above), and Grassley Modified Amendment No. 1021 (listed above); provided further, that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill.

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Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Conference: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Inter-

parliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senators Sessions, Collins, and Voinovich.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Corker and Barrasso.

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Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of S. 896, Helping Families Save Their Homes Act, Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems.

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Majority Party Appointment—Agreement: Pursuant to S. Res. 18, and by unanimous-consent, the Majority Leader made the following appointment on a temporary basis to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Senator Whitehouse.

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

Transmitting a draft list of sites, locations, facilities, and activities in the United States for declaration to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), under (the “U.S.-IAEA Additional Protocol”), and constitutes a report thereon, as required by section 271 of Public Law 109–401; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–15)

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—181) Pages S5092, S5097, S5110

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5168.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING PIRACY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ongoing efforts to combat piracy on the high seas, after receiving testimony from Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, and Vice Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; Stephen D. Mull, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and James Caponiti, Acting Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

PIRACY ON THE HIGH SEAS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine piracy on the high seas, focusing on protecting our ships, crews, and passengers, after receiving testimony from Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; Rear Admiral Brian M. Salerno, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship; Theresa Walen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs; Philip J. Shapiro, Liberty Maritime Corporation, Lake Success, New York; and Captain Richard Phillips, Underhill, Vermont, and Michael A. Perry, Riverview, Florida, both of the Maersk Alabama.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel B. Poneman, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and David B. Sandalow, to be Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Domestic Policy, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, both of the Department of Energy, and Rhea S. Suh, to be Assistant Secretary, and Michael L. Connor, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding health care coverage, after receiving testimony from Stuart M. Butler, Heritage

Foundation, John Castellani, Business Roundtable, Gary Claxton, and Diane Rowland, both of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Donald A. Danner, National Federation of Independent Business, Jennie Chin Hansen, AARP, Karen Ignagni, America's Health Insurance Plan, R. Bruce Josten, United States Chamber of Commerce, Len Nichols, New America Foundation, Ron Pollack, Families USA, Sandy Praeger, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Sara Rosenbaum, George Washington School of Public Health and Health Services, Raymond C. Scheppach, National Governors Association, Scott Serota, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, and Andy Stern, Service Employees International Union, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, William V. Corr, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 345, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009";

S. 954, to authorize United States participation in the replenishment of resources of the International Development Association;

S. 955, to authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the African Development Fund and the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative, to require budgetary disclosures by multilateral development banks, to encourage multilateral development banks to endorse the principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative;

S. 838, to provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoys;

S. Res. 49, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of public diplomacy;

S. Res. 84, urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt;

S. Con. Res. 19, expressing the sense of Congress that the Shi'ite Personal Status Law in Afghanistan violates the fundamental human rights of women and should be repealed; and

The nominations of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Ivo

H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Luis C. de Baca, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

IMPLICATIONS OF A WARMING ARCTIC

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the global implications of a warming arctic, after receiving testimony from Senators Murkowski and Begich; Mead Treadwell, United States Arctic Research Commission; David Carlson, International Polar Year International Program Office, London, United Kingdom; Scott Borgerson, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.; Lawson Brigham, Arctic Council, An-

chorage, Alaska; and Lisa Speer, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York.

PASSPORT ISSUANCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the passport issuance process, focusing on ending fraud, after receiving testimony from Brenda S. Sprague, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; and Jess T. Ford, Director, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

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: 21 public bills, H.R. 2243–2263; 1 private bill, H.R. 2264; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 49; H. Con. Res. 118–119; and H. Res. 401–403 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 400, providing for the 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. 111–96);

H.R. 1788, to amend the provisions of title 31, United States Code, relating to false claims to clarify and make technical amendments to those provisions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–97).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Salazar to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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

Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 774, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46–02

21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the “Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building”;

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Caroline O’Day Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1397, 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”;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week: H. Res. 299, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009, and throughout the year, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay” and 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 231;

Pages H5111–13, H5131–32

Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1271, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the “Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building”;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week: H. Res. 382, to support the

goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 3 through May 9, 2009;

Pages H5114–16

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month: H. Res. 338, to support the goals and ideals of National Community College Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 232;

Pages H5116–18, H5132

Supporting the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Days: H. Res. 353, to support the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Days, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 424 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 233;

Pages H5122–23, H5132–33

Honoring the graduating Class of 2009 at the University of California, Merced: H. Res. 396, amended, to honor the graduating Class of 2009 at the University of California, Merced;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week: H. Res. 313, to support the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; and

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Supporting the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month: H. Res. 269, to support the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

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

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; and

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day: H. Res. 367, to support the goals and ideals of National Train Day.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President transmitting a report which lists the sites, locations, facilities, and activities in the United States which will be declared to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), under the Protocol Additional to the Agreement between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 111–37).

Pages H5133–34

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5131–32, H5132 and H5133. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL ANIMAL ID SYSTEM

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry and the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and the Science and Technology of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing to review the National Animal Identification System. Testimony was heard from John R. Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; Tom McGinn, Chief Veterinarian, Director, Food, Agriculture and Veterinary Defense, Department of Homeland Security; David C. Smith, Assistant Director, Division of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture and Markets, State of New York; Kevin Kirk, Department of Agriculture, State of Michigan; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress, and public witnesses.

ARMY/AIR NATIONAL GUARD EQUIPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Army National Guard and Air National Guard equipment programs. Testimony was heard from the following official of the National Guard, Department of Defense: LTG Harry M. Wyatt III, ANG, Director, Air National Guard; and MG Raymond W. Carpenter, ARNG, Acting Deputy Director, Army National Guard.

CYBERSPACE WARFIGHTING DOMAIN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Cyberspace Warfighting Domain: Policy, Management and Technical Challenges to Mission Assurance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG William Shelton, USAF, Chief of Warfighting Integration, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force; Robert Lenz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Cyber, Identify and Information Assurance and Senior Information Assurance Official; LTG Keith Alexander, USA, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command Network Warfare, Director, NSA; Rob Carey, Chief Information Officer, U.S. Navy; and Mike Krieger, Deputy Chief Information Officer/G–6, U.S. Army.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness continued hearings on New Innovations and Best Practices under the Workforce Investment Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DATA ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRUST ACT; INFORMED P2P USER ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2221, Data Accountability and Trust Act; and H.R. 1319, Informed P2P User Act. Testimony was heard from Eileen Harrington, Acting Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

LEHMAN BROTHERS BANKRUPTCY'S STATE/LOCAL EFFECT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "The Effect of the Lehman Brothers Bankruptcy on State and Local Governments." Testimony was heard from Representatives Eshoo and Speier; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL INSPECTORS GENERAL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Role of Inspectors General: Minimizing and Mitigating Waste, Fraud and Abuse." Testimony was heard from Eric Thorson, Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; Elizabeth A. Coleman, Inspector General, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General, FDIC.

U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Held a hearing on From Strategy to Implementation: The Future of the U.S.-Pakistan Relationship. Testimony was heard from Richard C. Holbrooke, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CREDIT CARDS—FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Federal Arbitration Act: Is the Credit Card Industry Using It To Quash Legal Claims? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Inular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 509, Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 556, Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act; and

H.R. 1454, Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Farr; Rowan Gould, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NORTHERN ROCKIES ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 980, Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Maloney and Rehberg; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Michael Nedd, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Judy Boyle, House Member, State Legislature, State of Idaho; and public witnesses.

SECURITY FEDERAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Emerging Threats, Vulnerabilities, and Challenges in Securing Federal Information Systems." Testimony was heard from Robert F. Lentz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Cyber, Identity, and Information Assurance, Department of Defense; John Streufert, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Information Security, Bureau of Information Resource Management, Department of State; Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-LENDING ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1728, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion after general debate and that no further consideration of the bill shall occur except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barney Frank and Representative Price of Georgia.

NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Expanding Climate Services at the NOAA: Developing the National Climate Service. Testimony was heard from Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

RECOVERY ACT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Follow the Money Part II: Government and Public Resources for Recovery Act Oversight. Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, GAO; Earl Devaney, Chairman, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board; and public witnesses.

GSA STIMULUS FUND OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Tracking Hearing #2:GSA Stimulus Funds-Up, Out, and Creating Jobs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA; William Guerin, Project Management Office Executive; Brian Miller, Inspector General; and Shapour Abadi, St. Elizabeth's Project Executive; and Michael Gallagher, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Budget, Finance, and Management, SSA.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE FOR U.S. MARINE DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence for the U.S. Marine Deployment to Afghanistan. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—PERU

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

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the range of innovative, non-geologic applications for the beneficial reuse of carbon dioxide from coal and other fossil fuel facilities, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing to examine space issues, 2:15 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine regulating and resolving institutions considered to be too big to fail, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, to hold hearings to examine the future of journalism, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending legislation on siting of interstate electric transmission facilities, energy finance, and nuclear energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine engaging Iran, focusing on obstacles and opportunities, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine NATO post-60, focusing on institutional challenges moving forward, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings 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, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine solutions to stop Medicare and Medicaid fraud from hurting seniors and taxpayers, 2 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research, hearing to review the impact of the indirect land use and renewable biomass provisions in the renewable fuel standard, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on House of Representatives Budget, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies, on Army Budget, 10 a.m., and on Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Department of Defense at High Risk: The Chief Management Officer's Recommendations for Acquisition Reform and Related High Risk Areas, 10 a.m., and a hearing on the report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 2187, 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Legislative Solutions for Preventing Loan Modification and Foreclosure Rescue Fraud," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Global Health Emergencies Hit Home: The Swine Flu Outbreak, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure, to mark up H.R. 2200, Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on Necessary Renovations to House Office Buildings, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Escalating Violence in Mexico and the Southwest Border as a Result of the Illicit Drug Trade, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the following measures: H.R. 2812, Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act; H.R. 885, 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, 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," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1728, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Legislation to Reauthorize and Modernize SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs," 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 1107—To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts”; (2) H. Res. 391—Recognizing May as “National Foster Care Month”; and (3) S. 386—Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009. Consideration of H.R. 1728—Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act (Subject to a Rule).

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