

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2919–S2989

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 555–566, and S. Res. 72–73. **Pages S2964–65**

Measures Passed:

Omnibus Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2920–54**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 90) Cornyn Amendment No. 673, to prevent the collection of excessive contingency legal fees by lawyers hired to protect the public interest. **Pages S2920–21, S2922–23, S2941**

By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 91) Cornyn Amendment No. 674, to prohibit the use of funds to implement an Executive Order relating to employee notice of rights under Federal labor laws. **Pages S2921–22, S2936, S2941–42**

By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 92) Thune (and others) Amendment No. 662, to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to repromulgate the Fairness Doctrine. **Pages S2931–32, S2935–36, S2942**

Sessions Amendment No. 604, to extend the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation established in title IV of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for 6 years. (By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 93), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2920, S2924, S2936, S2937–38, S2942–44**

By 39 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 94) Ensign Amendment No. 615, to strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program. **Pages S2920, S2927–30, S2936–37, S2939–40, S2944–45**

Grassley (for Vitter and others) Amendment No. 621, to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress. (By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 95), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2924, S2946–47**

Withdrawn:

Kyl Amendment No. 629, to provide that no funds may be used to resettle Palestinians from Gaza into the United States. **Pages S2920, S2927**

Bunning Amendment No. 665, to require the Secretary of State to issue a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran. **Pages S2920, S2940**

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

By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 96), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S2953–54**

Authorizing Expenditures by Committees of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, and October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011. **Pages S2954–60**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105, (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149, (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275, (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75, (adopted March 25, 1999), and S. Res. 383, (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355, (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480, (adopted November 21, 2004), the appointment of the following Senator as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: Senator Graham. **Page S2986**

Ogden Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion relative to the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General be withdrawn; that at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General; provided further, that the time until 4:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that when Senate continues consideration of the nomination on Thursday, March 12, 2009, that there be two hours remaining for debate, equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that upon the use of time on Thursday, March 12, 2009, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Cecilia Elena Rouse, of California, to be Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Austan Dean Goolsbee, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

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

John Morton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—96) **Pages S2941–45, S2947, S2954**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2987.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from Dennis C. Blair, Director, National Intelligence; and Michael D. Maples, United States Army, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, and David J. Dorsett, Director, Naval Intelligence, both of the Department of Defense.

SECURITIES MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhancing investor protection and the regulation of securities markets, after receiving testimony from Lynn E. Turner, former Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission; John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, T. Timothy Ryan, Jr., Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, and Robert Pickel, International Swaps and Derivatives Association, all of New York, New York; Paul Schott Stevens, Investment Company Institute, Alexandria, Virginia; Mercer E. Bullard, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford; Damon A. Silvers, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO), Takoma Park, Maryland; and Thomas Doe, Municipal Market Advisors, Concord, Massachusetts.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

WATER RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 531, to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, after receiving testimony from Carl O. Bauer, Director, National Energy

Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; Lon W. House, Association of California Water Agencies, Cameron Park; Stephen Bolze, General Electric Power and Water, Schenectady, New York; Peter H. Gleick, Pacific Institute, Oakland, California; and Michael E. Webber, University of Texas Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy, Austin.

HEALTH CARE PROPOSALS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 health care proposals, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

REBUILDING ECONOMIC SECURITY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rebuilding economic security, focusing on empowering workers to restore the middle class, after receiving testimony from Paula B. Voos, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick; Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and Jim Wallis, Sojourners, both of Washington, DC.; Anne Layne-Farrar, LECG, LLC, Chicago, Illinois; Deborah Kelly, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Anchorage, Alaska; Kelly Badillo, Service Employees International Union, Jersey City, New Jersey; Larry Getts, Dana Corporation, Albion, Indiana; and Sharon Harrison, AT&T Mobility, Lebanon, Virginia.

NATIONAL SERVICE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of national service, after receiving testimony from Alan Solomont, Weston, Massachusetts, Chairman, and Stephen Goldsmith, Vice-Chairman, Cambridge, Massachusetts, both of the Board of Directors, Corporation for National and Community Service; former Montana Governor Marc Racicot, Bigfork; Lester Strong, Experience Corps, and Shirley Sagawa, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, DC; Michael Brown, City Year, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; and Michelle Bouchard, HealthCorps, New York, New York.

PATENT REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine patent reform in the 111th Congress, focusing on legislation and recent court decisions, after receiving testimony from Steven R. Appleton, Micron Technology, Inc., Boise, Idaho; Philip S. Johnson, Johnson and Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey; David J. Kappos, International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), Armonk, New York; Taraneh Maghame, Tessera, Inc., San Jose, California; Herbert C. Wamsley, Intellectual Property Owners Association, Washington, DC; and Mark A. Lemley, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Harmon, Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Tony West, of California, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUDGET FOR VETERANS PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs budget programs for fiscal year 2010, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Kerry Baker, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; Raymond C. Kelley, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kansas City, Missouri; Steve Robertson, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Rick Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 1404–1425; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 70; and H. Res. 228, 230–234, were introduced. **Pages H3144–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3145–46**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 813, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 111–27);

H.R. 837, to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building” (H. Rept. 111–28);

H.R. 842, to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 111–29);

H.R. 869, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the “Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 111–30);

H.R. 887, to designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the “James A. Leach United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 111–31);

H. Con. Res. 37, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 111–32);

H. Con. Res. 38, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service (H. Rept. 111–33);

H. Con. Res. 39, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (H. Rept. 111–34); and

H. Res. 229, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 111–35). **Pages H3143–44**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McIntyre to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3107**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3109**

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

J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 813, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 427 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 114;

Pages H3114–15, H3126

Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building Designation Act: H.R. 837, to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building”; **Pages H3115–16**

R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 842, to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 115;

Pages H3116–18, H3126–27

Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 869, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the “Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; **Pages H3118–19**

James A. Leach United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 887, to designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the “James A. Leach United States Courthouse”; **Pages H3119–21**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 37, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; and

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Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: H. Con. Res. 39, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Pages H3123–24**

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

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 38, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Pages H3122–23**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 228, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 184 nays with 14 voting "present", Roll No. 113.

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Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Reappointment: Read a letter from the Clerk of the House wherein she reappointed Mr. Bernard Forrester of Houston, Texas to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page H3127**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H3109–10.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 4 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and S. Con. Res. 10 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3125, H3126, and H3126–27. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Major Challenges Facing Federal Prisons, Parts I and II. Testimony was heard from Harley Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Offender Drug Abuse Treatment Approaches. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Marine Corps Ground Equipment. Testimony was heard from LTG George J. Flynn, USMC, Department of Defense; Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Secure Border Initiative and Control of the Land Border, and on Department of Homeland Security Response to Violence on the Border with Mexico. Testimony was heard from

the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jayson Ahern, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, David Aguilar, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, Mark Koumans, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Affairs; and March Forman, Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and a public witness.

STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations held a hearing on The Merida Initiative. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Thomas Shannon, Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs; David Johnson, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement; Roger Garner, Mission Director for Mexico, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Transportation Inspector General and GAO, Top Management Challenges and High Risk. Testimony was heard from Calvin Scovel, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and Katherine Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO.

LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on Littoral Combat Ship program update. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense: RADM Victor G. Guillory, USN, Director, Surface Warfare Division, N86; RADM William E. Landay, USN, Program Executive Officer, Ships; and E. Anne Sandel, Program Executive Officer, Littoral and Mine Warfare.

STRENGTHENING EMPLOYER-BASED HEALTH CARE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Strengthening Employer-Based Health Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAL FUTURE UNDER CLIMATE LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Future of

Coal under Climate Legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE SYSTEM REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Making Health Care Work for American Families with emphasis on Designing a High Performance Healthcare System. Testimony was heard from Glenn Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Alan Levine, Secretary, Department of Health and Hospitals, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY MISSION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Reviewing the Federal Cybersecurity Mission." Testimony was heard from Dave Powner, Director, Information Technology and Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 848, Performance Rights Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY COMPLIANCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA): Barriers to Timely Compliance by States. Testimony was heard from Laura Rogers, Previous Director, SMART Office, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL POWER MARKETING BORROWING AUTHORITY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Federal Power Marketing Administration Borrowing Authority: Defining Success. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Timothy Meeks, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration; and Steve Wright, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; Steve Ellenbecker, Energy Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1387, amended, Electronic Message Preservation Act; H.R. 1320, Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2009; H.R. 1323, Reducing Information Control Designations Act; H. Res. 166, Recognizing the 450th birthday of the settlement of Pensacola, Flor-

ida, and encouraging the people of the United States to observe the 450th birthday of the settlement of Pensacola, Florida, and remember how the rich history of Pensacola, Florida, has likewise contributed to the rich history of the United States; H. Res. 178, Expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month; H. Res. 211, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month; H.R. 918, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building;" 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;" H.R. 987, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office;" 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;" H.R. 1217, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building;" H.R. 1218, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building;" and H.R. 1284, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Services located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office."

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of March 11, 2009, providing for consideration or disposition of any measure making appropriations for the fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes. The rule provides that House Resolutions 218 and 219 are laid on the table.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY—FORENSIC SCIENCE ROLE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: The Role of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Testimony was heard from Pete Marone, Director, Technical Services, Department of Forensic Science, State of Virginia; John Hicks, former, FBI Laboratory, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Lands and Emergency Management held a hearing on EDA Reauthorization: Rating Past Performances and Setting Goals During an Economic Crisis. Testimony was heard from the Sandra R. Walters, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Transportation; Jonathan Sallet, former Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Planning and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

VA BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2010. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade met for organizational purposes.

Joint Meetings

CLIMATE REMEDIATION POLICIES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the impact of potential climate remediation policies on carbon-intensive United States industries and creating climate-friendly economic and trade policies, focusing on ways the financial crisis impacts the implementation of climate-friendly policies within the United States and among trading partners, after receiving testimony from Richard D. Morgenstern, Resources for the Future, Trevor Houser, Rhodium Group Peterson Institute for International Economics, and Rob Bradley, World Resources Institute, all of Washington, DC.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 231)

S. 234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building". Signed on March 9, 2009. (Public Law 111-7)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on al-Shabaab recruitment in America, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S.J. Res. 7 and H.J. Res. 21, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine voter registration, focusing on assessing current problems, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review animal identification systems, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Assessment of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative, 9:30 a.m., on Innovative Prisoner Reentry, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Soldier Equipment, Ergonomics and Injuries, 10 a.m., and executive, on Army and Marine Corps Readiness, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and Government Operations, on SEC Actions Relating to the Financial Crisis, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on U.S. Forest Service Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on security challenges arising from the global financial crisis, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Tracking and Disrupting Terrorist Financial Networks: A Potential Model for Inter-Agency Success? 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Members' Day, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 1388, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, 10 a. m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on How Do You Fix Our Ailing Food Safety System? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following: S. 383, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act of 2009; and a Committee Print entitled "Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Mortgage Lending Reform: A Comprehensive Review of the American Mortgage System, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on The Summit of the Americas: A New Beginning for U.S. Policy in the Region? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "The Mumbai Attacks: A Wake-Up Call for America's Private Sector," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Circuit City Unplugged: Why Did Chapter 11 Fail to Save 34,000 Jobs? 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Peeling Back the TARP: Exposing Treasury's Failure to Monitor the Ways Financial Institutions are Using Taxpayer Funds Provided under the Troubled Assets Relief Program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1262, Water Quality Investment Act of 2009, 3:30 p.m., Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on FutureGen and the Department of Energy's Advanced Coal Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulations and Healthcare, hearing entitled "Impact of Food Recalls on Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard, and Maritime Transportation, hearing on overview of Coast Guard Drug and Migrant Interdiction, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider Budget Views and Estimates to be submitted to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., hearing on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Expanding Coverage, Improving Quality and Controlling Costs, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, to consider pending business, 4:45 p.m., 304, HVC.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S.J. Res. 7 and H.J. Res. 21, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) accountability and oversight, focusing on achieving transparency, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Wednesday, March 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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