

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4405–S4468

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 829–837, and S. Res. 104–105. **Page S4445**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the Senate 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. **Page S4445**

Measures Passed:

National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 104, designating the third week of April 2009 as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week”. **Pages S4464–65**

Global Youth Service Days: Senate agreed to S. Res. 105, designating April 24 through 26, 2009, as “Global Youth Service Days”. **Page S4465**

Measures Considered:

Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds. **Pages S4408–26**

Appointments:

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 Majority 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 Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, Dorgan, and Chairman Brown. **Page S4465**

Hill Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. **Pages S4430–34**

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

By 73 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 158), 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 nomination. **Page S4434**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, and that all time in adjournment, recess or morning business count post-cloture. **Page S4466**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 82 yeas 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 155), Tony West, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

By unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. EX. 156), Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

By 87 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 157), Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S4426–30**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Peter H. Appel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Cameron F. Kerry, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Robert S. Rivkin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Donald Michael Remy, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Michael Nacht, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Raymond Edwin Mabus, Jr., of Mississippi, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Elizabeth Lee King, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Wallace C. Gregson, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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.

Sandra Brooks Henriquez, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Raphael William Bostic, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Rhea S. Suh, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy).

Daniel B. Poneman, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Michael L. Connor, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.

Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

Peter Silva Silva, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

George Wheeler Madison, of Connecticut, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Neal S. Wolin, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Miriam E. Sapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Howard K. Koh, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs.

Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Philip J. Crowley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs).

M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

Kathleen Martinez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Gabriella Cecilia Gomez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

John Q. Easton, of Illinois, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education for a term of six years.

Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Rand Beers, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Priscilla E. Guthrie, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Mary L. Smith, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

A. Thomas McLellan, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Jose D. Riojas, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Security, and Preparedness).

William A. Gunn, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Roger W. Baker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

David H. Stevens, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

36 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—158) **Pages S4428–30, S4434**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4466.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ladda Tammy Duckworth, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 93.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION DISASTER CAPACITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: On April 3, the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Disaster Capacity in the National Capital Region: Experiences, Capabilities, and Weaknesses. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Peter Nickels, Attorney General; MG Errol R. Schwartz, USA, Commanding General, DC National Guard; and Jeff Delinski, Deputy Chief, Special Operations Bureau, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Police; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Gabrielle Gallegos, Director, Law Enforcement Policy; Jonathan Sarubbi, Regional Administrator; and Kenneth Wall, Acting Director, Office of National Capital Region, both with FEMA; Daniel R. Nichols, Assistant Chief, U.S. Capitol Police Department; Vernon Herron, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety/Director of Homeland Security, Office of the County Executive, Prince George's County, Maryland; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: On Friday, April 3, 2009, committee concluded a hearing to examine the em-

ployment situation for March 2009, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cameron Kerry, to be General Counsel, and April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Robert Rivkin, to be General Counsel, Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Peter Appel to be the Administrator of Research and Innovative Technology Administration, and Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; and Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine reforming America's health care delivery system; to include a business meeting to consider the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States diplomatic capacity in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine empowering workers to rebuild America's economy and long-term competitiveness, focusing on green skills training for workers, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine

counternarcotics enforcement, focusing on coordination at the federal, state, and local level, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine improving the ability of inspectors general to detect, prevent, and prosecute contracting fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting national security and civil liberties, focusing on strategies for terrorism information sharing, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the systemic threats of large financial institutions, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 21 through April 25, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 10:00 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the funding of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 23, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the U.S. Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: April 22, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine environmental management stimulus funding, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

April 22, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current readiness of United States ground forces, with the possibility of a closed session following in SVC-217, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary, and Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary,

both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 21, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cameron Kerry, to be General Counsel, and April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Robert Rivkin, to be General Counsel, Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Peter Appel to be the Administrator of Research and Innovative Technology Administration, and Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; and Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 22, to hold hearings to examine S. 548, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, and Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 22, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration and energy efficiency in public buildings, 10 a.m., SD-406.

April 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 21, to hold hearings to examine reforming America's health care delivery system; to include a business meeting to consider the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine technology neutrality in energy tax, focusing on issues and options, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 21, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States diplomatic capacity in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine global climate change, focusing on United States leadership for a new global agreement, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, and Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council

of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine soldiers' stories from the Afghan war, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 21, to hold hearings to examine empowering workers to rebuild America's economy and long-term competitiveness, focusing on green skills training for workers, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 21, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine counternarcotics enforcement, focusing on coordination at the federal, state, and local level, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 21, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine improving the ability of inspectors general to detect, prevent, and prosecute contracting fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Craig Fugate, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and John Morton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 22, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine eliminating waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid, 3 p.m., SD-342.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine state and local stimulus funding, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 23, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Yvette Roubideaux, of Arizona, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 21, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting national security and civil liberties, focusing on strategies for terrorism information sharing, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

April 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 327, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections, and the nominations of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, and Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to

be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 22, to hold hearings to examine pending health related legislation, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 21, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 22, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review producers' views on the effectiveness and operations of the Federal crop insurance program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review Federal food safety systems at the USDA, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 21, Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA), 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 22, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Member Requests, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Supplemental Request, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Members Requests, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on U.S. Coast Guard: Measuring Mission Needs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Indian Affairs: Law Enforcement and Violence, 9:30 a.m., and on Member Requests, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on U.S. Capitol Police, and GPO, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 22, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Base Realignment and Closure, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on U.S. Supreme Court, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Member Requests, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Architect of the Capitol, and CBO, 2 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 23, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Outside Witnesses, 10 a.m., and on Related Agencies, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 23, Subcommittee State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Request, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Base Posture and Supplemental Request, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, April 22, Subcommittee on Readiness, on Air Sovereignty Alert Operations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 23, full Committee, hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: The Future of the U.S.-Pakistan Military Partnership, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army aircraft programs, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 23, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, on measuring value and risk in services contracts, 8 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Education and Labor, April 22, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on the 401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2009, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Ways to Reduce the Cost of Health Insurance for Employers, Employees and Their Families, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 21 and 22, full Committee and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearings on The American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009, 3 p.m., on April 21 and 9:30 a.m., on April 22, 2123 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Secrecy in the Response to Bayer's Fatal Chemical Plant Explosion," 12 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 847, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing on Communications Networks and Consumer Privacy: Recent Development, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 23 and 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearings on The American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 22, to consider H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 23, hearing on H.R. 1728, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 22, hearing on New Beginnings: Foreign Policy Priorities in the Obama Administration, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on U.S. Assistance to Africa: A Call for Foreign Aid Reform, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 21, Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on A New Age

for Newspapers: Diversity of Voices, Competition and the Internet, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 22, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1913, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009; H.R. 1748, Fight Fraud Act of 2009; H.R. 1788, False Claims Act Correction Act of 2009; H.R. 1676, PACT Act; H.R. 1667, War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2009; and H.R. 1741, Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2009, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 22, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 31, Lumbee Recognition Act; H.R. 1385, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009; H.R. 860, Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009; and H.R. 934, To convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 669, Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1121, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009; and H.R. 1376, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 22, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled "Public Service in the 21st Century: An Examination of the State of the Federal Workforce," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing entitled "The H-2B Guestworker Program and Improving the Department of Labor's Enforcement of the Rights of Guestworkers," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "National Security Implications of the U.S. Policy toward Cuba," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, April 22, to consider H.R. 1145, National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, April 22, hearing on Monitoring, Measurement and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions II: The Role of Federal and Academic Research and Monitoring Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on Oversight of NOAA's Geostationary Weather Satellite System, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Role of the SBIR and STTR Programs in Stimulating Innovation at Small High-Tech Businesses, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 22, hearing entitled "The Importance of Technology in an Economic Recovery," 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 22, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Oversight of Helicopter Medical Services, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 23, full Committee, hearing on An Independent FEMA: Restoring the Nation's Capabilities for Effective Emergency Management and Disaster Response, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 23, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on H.R. 952, COMBAT PTSD Act, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 23, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on VA Non-competitive Contracts, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 22, to continue hearings on reforming the health insurance market, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing to review the implementation and impact of the unemployment insurance provisions included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 22, executive, briefing on AFRICOM Update, 1:30 p.m., and, executive, briefing on FBI Update, 4 p.m., 304-HVC.

April 22, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, briefing on Global Climate Change, 2:30 p.m., 304 HVC.

April 23, full Committee, executive, briefing on Intelligence Community Diversity Report, 1 p.m., 304-HVC.

Joint Meetings

Joint Committee on the Library: April 23, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, and committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, 11:30 a.m., SC-4, Capitol.

Joint Committee on Printing: April 23, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, and committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, 11:45 a.m., SC-4, Capitol.

Joint Economic Committee: April 21, to hold hearings to examine the systemic threats of large financial institutions, 9:30 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Joint Economic Committee: April 23, to hold hearings to examine a quarterly report by the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), 9:30 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, April 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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