

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3739–S3815

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 689–711, and S. Res. 85. **Pages S3784–85**

Measures Considered:

Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3745–53, S3754–73, S3776

Adopted:

Baucus/Grassley Amendment No. 692 (to Amendment No. 687), to establish a Nonprofit Capacity Building Program. **Page S3772**

Johanns Modified Amendment No. 693 (to Amendment No. 687), to ensure that organizations promoting competitive and non-competitive sporting events involving individuals with disabilities may receive direct and indirect assistance to carry out national service programs. **Pages S3745, S3772**

Landrieu Amendment No. 717 (to Amendment No. 687), to add a foster care program to the national service corps programs. **Pages S3764–65**

Murkowski (for Dorgan) Modified Amendment No. 691 (to Amendment No. 687), to modify certain provisions relating to Native Americans. **Pages S3745–51**

Shaheen/Gregg Modified Amendment No. 712 (to Amendment No. 687), to provide that an Education Corps may carry out activities that provide music and arts education and engagement. **Pages S3761–62**

Durbin (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 695 (to Amendment No. 687), to provide for outreach to high schools with low graduation rates. **Page S3776**

Durbin (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 696 (to Amendment No. 687), to clarify references to high school graduation rates. **Page S3776**

Rejected:

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 715 (to Amendment No. 692), to clarify that nonprofit organizations assisted under the Nonprofit Capacity Building Program include certain crisis pregnancy

centers, and organizations that serve battered women or victims of rape or incest. (By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 111), Senate tabled the amendment).

Pages S3760–61, S3771–72

Pending:

Mikulski Amendment No. 687, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3745**

Thune Amendment No. 716 (to Amendment No. 687), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal income tax deduction for charitable giving. **Pages S3762–64**

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

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 110), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Crapo/Corker Amendment No. 688 (to Amendment No. 687), to increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3751–52, S3757–60**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Mikulski Amendment No. 687, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, March 27, 2009. **Page S3772**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 26, 2009. **Page S3806**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority 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), amended by 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 Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: Senators Nelson (FL) and Lieberman.

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National Council of the Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council of the Arts: Senator Whitehouse.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 109), David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Margaret A. Hamburg, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Executive Communications: **Pages S3782–83**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3802–05**

Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—111) **Pages S3754, S3760, S3771–72**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3806.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Clyde A. Vaughn, USA, Director, Army National Guard, and Lieutenant General Jack Stultz, USA, Chief, Army Reserve, both of the United States Army, Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt, III, USAF, Director, Air National Guard, and Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., USAF, Chief, Air Force Reserve, both of the United States Air Force, Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, USN, Chief, Navy Reserve, United States Navy, and Lieutenant General Jack W. Bergman, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

RESERVE COMPONENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine reserve component programs of the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, Lieutenant General Clyde A. Vaughn, USA, Director, Army National Guard, and Lieutenant General Jack C. Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve and Commanding General, United States Army Reserve Command, both of the United States Army, Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt, III, USAF, Director, Air National Guard, and Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Chief, Air Force Reserve, both of the United States Air Force, Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, USN, Chief, Navy Reserve, United States Navy, Lieutenant General Jack W. Bergman, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, United States Marine Corps, and Rear Admiral Daniel R. May, USCG, Director, Coast Guard Reserve and Training, United States Coast Guard, all of the Department of Defense.

2010: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2010 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on

NextGen and the benefits of modernization, after receiving testimony from Hank Krakowski, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Joe Kolshak, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Air Transport Association of America; Dale Wright, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, Washington, D.C.; and TK Kallenbach, Honeywell Aerospace, Phoenix, Arizona.

ENERGY MARKET TRANSPARENCY AND REGULATION IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine how to improve energy market transparency and regulation, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Anna Cochrane, Acting Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Robert McCullough, McCullough Research, Portland, Oregon; and Gerry Ramm, Inland Oil Company, Ephrata, Washington, on behalf of the Petroleum Marketers Association of America.

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transportation investment, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, Harrisburg; and Mayor Kathleen Novak, Northglenn, Colorado, on behalf of the National League of Cities.

LONG-TERM CARE IN HEALTH REFORM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the role of long-term care in health reform, after receiving testimony from Judith Feder, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Ray Scheppach, National Governors Association, Dennis G. Smith, The Heritage Foundation, and Joshua M. Wiener, RTI International, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Reed, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign policy and the global economic crisis, after receiving testimony from Lawrence B. Lindsey, former Director of the National Economic Council; Martin Wolf, *Financial Times*, London, United Kingdom; and George Soros, Soros Fund Management and Open Society Institute, New York, New York.

SOUTHERN BORDER VIOLENCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Southern border violence, focusing on homeland security threats, vulnerabilities, and responsibilities, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; James B. Steinberg, Deputy Secretary of State; and David Ogden, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Darryl K. Hairston, Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration.

BENEFITS DELIVERY METHODS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine State-of-the-Art information technology (IT) solutions for Veterans' Affairs benefits delivery, after receiving testimony from Stephen W. Warren, Acting Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, and Keith M. Wilson, Director, Education Service, and Kim A. Graves, Director, Office of Business Process Integration, both of the Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Scott A. Gaydos, EDS, Washington, D.C.

ALZHEIMER'S STUDY GROUP

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update from the Alzheimer's Study Group, after receiving testimony from former Senator Bob Kerrey, former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, and Sandra Day O'Connor, former Associate Justice, Supreme Court

of the United States, all of the Alzheimer's Study Group; Maria Shriver, First Lady of California, Sac-

ramento; and Larry Butcher, Alzheimer's Community Care, Inc., West Palm Beach, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1699–1725; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 41; H. Con. Res. 81–82; and H. Res. 286–287 were introduced. **Pages H4025–26**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4026–27**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 608, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out certain construction projects (H. Rept. 111–53, Pt. 1). **Page H4025**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3837**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Reverend Earl F. Palmer, National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C. **Page H3837**

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

Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act of 2009: S. 383, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (division A of Public Law 110–343) to provide the Special Inspector General with additional authorities and responsibilities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 152 and

Pages H3847–51, H3853–54

Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse Designation Act: S. 520, to designate the United States Courthouse under construction at 327 South Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the “Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse”.

Pages H3995–96

Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 146, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, by a yeas and nays vote of 285 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 153. **Pages H3840–47, H3852–53, H3854–H3985**

H. Res. 280, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a re-

corded vote of 247 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 151, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 242 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 150. **Pages H3852–53**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 24th:

Recognizing the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy: H. Res. 273, to recognize the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece and to celebrate Greek and American democracy, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 154. **Pages H3985–86**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 286, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yeas and nays vote of 223 yeas to 182 nays with 16 voting “present”, Roll No. 155. **Pages H3990–91**

Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 1404, to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands and to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H3986–90, H3991–95**

H. Res. 281, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 248 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 156, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H3991–92**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Flake announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H3990–91**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3990.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 12 was held at the desk. **Page H3990**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas and nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3852, H3852–53,

H3853–54, H3985, H3985–86, H3990–91 and H3991–92. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing to review the USDA administration of conservation program contracts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Robert Stephenson, Acting Deputy Administrator, Field Operations, Farm Services Agency; Dave White, Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Kathleen S. Tighe, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and John Jurich, Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Combat Aircraft Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Mark Shackelford, USAF, Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force; and VADM David Archizel, USN, Principal Deputy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Navy.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a joint hearing on Protecting our Nation's Leaders: Challenges of 2008 Presidential Campaign and the 56th Presidential Inauguration. Testimony was heard from Mark Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; and Phillip Morse, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Native American and Alaska Natives Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Raising Wages and Living Standards for Families and Workers. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau

of Labor Statistics; Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on European Command. Testimony was heard from GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, U.S. Commander, European Command.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Medical Transition, Defense to Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and S. Ward Casscells, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECONSTRUCTING FUNDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: How the Use and Misuse of Reconstruction Funding Affects the War Effort in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; MAJ GEN Arnold Fields, USMC (ret.) Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Contingency Contracting: Has the Call for Urgent Reform Been Answered? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Shay D. Assad, Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; and Major Gen. Darryl A. Scott, USAF, Deputy Commander, Task Force to Support Business Operations in Iraq, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Business Transformation; the following officials of the Department of the Army: Edward M. Harrington, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Procurement, Department of the Army; and Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, U.S. Army Contracting Command.

SUSTAINING THE NAVY'S SURFACE FLEET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on readiness and sustainment of the Navy's surface fleet. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: RADM (Upper Half) (Select) Philip H. Cullom, USN, Director, Fleet Readiness Division (OPNAV N43); RADM (Upper Half) (Select) Joseph F. Campbell, USN, Director of Staff, Fleet Maintenance Officer (USFF N43); RADM (Lower Half) James P. McManamon, USN, Deputy Commander, Surface Warfare, (SEA 21); and RADM (Lower Half) Thomas H. Eccles, USN, Deputy Commander Naval Systems Engineering (SEA 05), both with Naval Sea System Command.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported, as amended, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.

WAGE THEFT OF AMERICA'S VULNERABLE WORKERS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on GAO's Undercover Investigation: Wage Theft of America's Vulnerable Workers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Greg Kutz, Managing Director; and Jonathan Meyer, Assistant Director.

ADAPTATION POLICIES IN CLIMATE LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Adaptation Policies in Climate legislation. Testimony was heard from Tom Karl, Director, National Climate Data Center, NOAA; John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES: EXPLORING AVAILABILITY AND PRUDENT LENDING STANDARDS

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following measures: To amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, to prohibit unreasonable and excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards; and H. Res. 251, Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc, (AIG).

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "Exploring the Balance between Increased Credit Availability and Prudent Lending Standards. Testimony

was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Scott Polakoff, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Timothy W. Long, Senior Deputy Comptroller, and Chief National Bank Examiner, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Martin J. Gruenberg, Vice Chairman, FDIC; Elizabeth A. Duke, Governor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; James Kroeker, Acting Chief Accountant, SEC; and public witnesses.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY; CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ARCTIC

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported as amended the following measures: H. Res. 76, Mourning the horrific loss of life in January 2009 caused by a landslide in Guatemala and an earthquake in Costa Rica and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should assist the affected people and communities; H. Res. 152, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty; H. Res. 171, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the need for constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the importance of sustained United States engagement in partnership with the European Union (EU); and H. Con. Res. 36, Calling on the President and the allies of the United States to engage with officials of the Government of Iran to raise the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging officials of the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling on the Government of Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Committee also held a hearing on Climate Change and the Arctic: New Frontiers of National Security. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 279, as amended, Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress; Dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representatives from the First Congressional District of Hawaii; H.R. 1299, Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2009; H.R. 1679, House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 151, Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2009; H.R. 586, Civil Rights History Project Act of 2009; H.R. 749, To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; H.R.

415, Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2009; and Committee Resolution #111-5, providing Official Mail Allowance to Committees of the House for the 111th Congress.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1139, as amended, COPS Improvements Act of 2009; and H.R. 985, Free Flow of Information Act of 2009.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT; RESTORING FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full committee action the following bill: H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Restoring the Financial Stability of the U.S. Postal Service: What Needs to be Done? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO; Carolyn Lewis Gallagher, Chairwoman, Board of Governors; and David C. Williams, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL MARKETS REGULATORY AGENCIES—INSPECTORS GENERAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Roles and Responsibilities of Inspectors General within Financial Markets Regulatory Agencies. Testimony was heard from Representative John B Larson; Gary L. Kepplinger, General Counsel, GAO; H. David Kotz, Inspector General, SEC; Elizabeth A. Coleman, General Counsel, System Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; William DeSarno, Inspector General, National Credit Union Administration; A. Roy Lavik, Inspector General, Commodities Future Trading Commission; Vanessa K. Burrows, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported as amended the following bills: H.R. 1580, Electronic Waste Research and Development Act; and H.R. 1145, National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009.

OVERSIGHT—SBA AND ITS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration and its Programs.” Testimony was heard from Darryl Hairston, Acting Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration; the following officials of GAO: William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment and George Kutz, Managing Director, Forensics Audits and Special Investigations.

VETERAN’S LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1171, as amended, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 1377, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veterans eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility; and H.R. 1513, Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009.

NSA BRIEFING

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

HOT SPOTS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a briefing on Hot Spots. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Alexander Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-215.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine current and future roles, missions, and capabilities of United States military land power, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine enhancing investor protection and the regulation of securities markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue a markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine health insurance industry practices, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine legislation to strengthen American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Z. Cannon, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine middle income tax relief, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Karl Winfrid Eikenberry, of Florida, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, and Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, and the nominations of Tony West, of California, Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, and Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing on the state of obesity in the United States, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review tobacco production in the United States, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, to continue on Native-American and Alaska Natives Issues, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on DEA, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on S&T Research and Transitioning Products Into Use, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH: Budget Overview, Implementation of ARRA and Status of the National Children's Study, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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10 a.m., Thursday, March 26

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Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1388, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act.

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