

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2767–S2828

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2832–2838, S.J. Res. 31, and S. Res. 507–509. **Page S2817**

Measures Reported:

S. 1418, to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–282) **Page S2817**

Measures Passed:

National 9–1–1 Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 468, designating April 2008 as “National 9–1–1 Education Month”. **Pages S2825–26**

Violence in Tibet and the Government of the People’s Republic of China: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 504, condemning the violence in Tibet and calling for restraint by the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the people of Tibet, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2826–27**

Congratulating the University of Tennessee Women’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 508, congratulating the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women’s Basketball Championship. **Pages S2827–28**

Measures Considered:

New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act and the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2780–S2811**

Adopted:

Dodd (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 4398 (to Amendment No. 4387), to address the availability of foreclosure prevention hotlines. **Page S2806**

Dodd (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4444 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide the sense of the Senate regarding non-interference with local government requirements that the holder of a foreclosed property maintain that property. **Page S2806**

Dodd (for Leahy/Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 4446 (to Amendment No. 4387), to assure national distribution of certain redevelopment and housing counseling resources. **Page S2806**

Dodd (for Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 4449 (to Amendment No. 4387), to sunset the ability of States to reinvest profits generated under title III. **Pages S2806–07**

Dodd (for Brownback) Amendment No. 4454 (to Amendment No. 4387), to require enhanced reporting regarding certain loans guaranteed by the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund. **Page S2807**

Dodd (for Gregg) Modified Amendment No. 4458 (to Amendment No. 4387), to ensure that no funds appropriated under title III may be used to fund any project that involves, includes, or is associated with the use of eminent domain. **Page S2807**

Dodd (for Crapo/Johnson) Modified Amendment No. 4464 (to Amendment No. 4387), to restore investment authority of certain banks and savings associations to the types of public welfare activities previously permitted by law and regulation. **Page S2807**

Dodd (for DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 4473 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide a limitation on the distribution of funds made available under titles II and III to organizations which have been indicted, or the employees of which have been indicted, for election fraud. **Page S2807**

Dodd (for Carper) Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4387), to require the Federal Housing Finance Board to permit the Federal home loan banks to use affordable housing program funds to refinance certain single-family first mortgages. **Page S2807**

Dodd (for McCaskill) Modified Amendment No. 4489 (to Amendment No. 4387), to prohibit authorized lenders of home equity conversion mortgages from requiring seniors to purchase an annuity with the proceeds of a reverse mortgage, and to provide other consumer protections to reverse mortgage borrowers. **Pages S2807–08**

Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 4494 (to Amendment No. 4478), to make additional funds available to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation to increase legal assistance available to homeowners at risk of foreclosure and assistance to community organizations working to preserve homeownership and prevent foreclosure, with an offset. **Page S2780, S2811**

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4518 (to Amendment No. 4387), to improve housing benefits for veterans. **Page S2808**

Dodd (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 4390 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain provisions applicable to real estate investments trusts. **Page S2808**

Lincoln (for Snowe) Amendment No. 4433 (to Amendment No. 4387), to modify the increase in volume cap for housing bonds in 2008. **Pages S2780, S2808–09**

Murray Amendment No. 4478 (to Amendment No. 4387), to increase funding for housing counseling with an offset. **Pages S2780, S2811**

Withdrawn:

Sanders Modified Amendment No. 4401 (to Amendment No. 4387), to establish a maximum rate of interest for loans insured under title II of the National Housing Act. **Pages S2780, S2806**

Cardin/Ensign Amendment No. 4421 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of a principal residence by a first-time homebuyer. **Pages S2780, S2806**

Nelson (FL)/Coleman Amendment No. 4423 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide for the penalty-free use of retirement funds to provide foreclosure recovery relief for individuals with mortgages on their principal residences. **Pages S2780, S2806**

Lincoln Amendment No. 4382 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide an incentive to employers to offer group legal plans that provide a benefit for real estate and foreclosure review. **Pages S2780, S2806**

Landrieu Amendment No. 4404 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the provisions relating to qualified mortgage bonds to include relief for persons in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. **Pages S2780, S2806**

Sanders Amendment No. 4384 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide an increase in specially adapted housing benefits for disabled veterans. **Pages S2780, S2806**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2780**

Ensign Amendment No. 4419 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the limited continuation of clean energy production incentives and incentives to improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn in these sectors that would result from a lapse in the tax law. **Pages S2780, S2800**

Alexander Amendment No. 4429 (to Amendment No. 4419), to provide a longer extension of the renewable energy production tax credit and to encourage all emerging renewable sources of electricity. **Pages S2780, S2797–S2800**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding its adoption on April 4, 2008, Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 4389, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow use of amended income tax returns to take into account receipt of certain hurricane-related casualty loss grants by disallowing previously taken casualty loss deductions, and to waive the deadline on the construction of GO Zone property which is eligible for bonus depreciation, be further modified. **Pages S2810–11**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 10, 2008, and vote on or in relation to the following amendments, in the order listed, and that if a point of order is raised against an amendment, then there be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the motion to waive the point of order, equally divided and controlled in the usual form: Alexander Amendment No. 4429 (to Amendment No. 4419) (listed above), Ensign Amendment No. 4419 (to Amendment No. 4387), as amended, if amended (listed above), and that Senators Alexander and Ensign be recognized for 5 minutes each for consideration of the amendments; provided further, that upon disposition of listed amendments, Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387 (listed above), as amended, be agreed to, and that upon disposition of this amendment, Senate vote on passage of the bill, and that upon passage the title amendment, which is at the desk be agreed to; provided further, the cloture motion on the bill be withdrawn. **Page S2806**

CONSOLIDATED NATURAL RESOURCES ACT—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, April 10, 2008, following disposition of H.R. 3221, New

Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act, Senate begin consideration of S. 2739, Consolidated Natural Resources Act, and that when the bill is considered the only first-degree amendments in order be the 4 amendments at the desk by Senator Coburn, with no other amendments in order; that there be a total of 2 hours for debate with respect to the amendments, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon disposition of the amendments, the bill be read a third time, and without further intervening action or debate, Senate vote on passage of S. 2739, as amended, if amended; provided further, that the amendments be printed in the Record once this agreement is entered; and that the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2739 be withdrawn; and that the order with respect to S. 2483, National Forests, Parks, Public Land, and Reclamation Projects Authorization Act, be vitiated.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, April 10, 2008, upon disposition of S. 2739, Consolidated Natural Resources Act, following consultation by the Majority Leader with the Republican Leader, Senate begin Executive Session to consider the following nominations: Brian Stacy Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, John A. Mendez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Stanley Thomas Anderson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and Catharina Haynes, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; that there be a total of 4 hours of debate on the nominations, with two hours each under the control of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed above; provided further, that after the first vote in the sequence the vote time be limited to 10 minutes.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2828.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from James A. Rispoli, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Edward F. Sproat, III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy.

CYBER WARFARE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine cyber warfare programs, after receiving testimony from General Kevin Chilton, Commander, Strategic Command, Department of Defense; and Chris Inglis, Deputy Director, National Security Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of State and foreign operations, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on progress made by the government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, after receiving testimony from Andrew J. Bacevich, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; and General John M. Keane, USA (Ret.), Keane Advisors, LLC, and Robert Malley, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for Air Force and Navy aviation programs, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from William M.

Balderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Air Programs, and Rear Admiral Allen G. Myers, USN, Director, Air Warfare, both of the Department of the Navy, Lieutenant General Daniel J. Darnell, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans, and Requirements, and Lieutenant General Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, both of the Department of the Air Force, and Lieutenant General George J. Trautman, III, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

COAL GASIFICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine coal gasification technologies, focusing on the need for large scale projects, after receiving testimony from John Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Joseph P. Strakey, Chief Technology Officer, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; James M. Childress, Gasification Technologies Council, Arlington, Virginia; and Michael J. Mudd, FutureGen Alliance, David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council Climate Center, and John Novak, Electric Power Research Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

HISTORICAL LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1633, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefield and related sites of the Battle of Shepherdstown in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, as part of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park or Antietam National Battlefield, S. 1993 and H.R. 2197, bills to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, S. 2207, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Green McAdoo School in Clinton, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2254, to establish the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, S. 2262, to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, S. 2329 and H.R. 2627, bills to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site, S. 2502 and H.R. 3332, bills to provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Ha-

waii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, S. 2512, to establish the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, and H.R. 3998, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures, after receiving testimony from Senator Alexander; P. Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary, and Katherine H. Stevenson, Acting Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior; James T. Surkamp, Jefferson County Commission, Charles Town, West Virginia; and Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.

CLEAN WATER RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1870, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States, after receiving testimony from Alexander B. Grannis, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany; Joan Card, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Phoenix; David Brand, Madison County, London, Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Engineers (NACE); Carol M. Browner, Albright Group, LLC, Washington, D.C.; and Randall Smith, Glen, Montana, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and the Montana Stock Growers Associations (MSGAs).

CHIP DIRECTIVE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Healthcare concluded a hearing to examine covering uninsured children, focusing on the provisions and regulations in the current Children's Healthcare Insurance Program (CHIP) directive, after receiving testimony from Dennis G. Smith, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Chris L. Peterson, Specialist, Health Care Financing, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Alan Weil, National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), Nina Owcharenko, Heritage Foundation, and Cindy Mann, Georgetown University Center for Children and Families Health and Policy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Paula Novak, Lebanon, Ohio.

U.S. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS OF VIOLENT CRIMES OVERSEAS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine closing legal loopholes, focusing on prosecuting sexual assaults and other violent crimes committed overseas by American civilians in a combat environment, after receiving testimony from Sigal P. Mandelker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Gregory B. Starr, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, and J. Bradford Wiegmann, Assistant Legal Adviser for Management, both of the Department of State; and Robert E. Reed, Associate Deputy General Counsel for Military Justice and Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Eugene R. Fidell, Feldesman, Tucker, Leifer, Fidell, LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Mary Beth Kineston, Olmsted Falls, Ohio, and Dawn Leamon, Lena, Illinois, both of KBR, Inc.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, Scot A. Marciel, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Affairs, D. Kathleen Stephens, of Montana,

to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, who was introduced by Senator Kennedy, and William E. Todd, to be Ambassador to the State of Brunei Darussalam, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AT THE VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine efforts to make the Department of Veterans Affairs the workplace of choice for health care providers, after receiving testimony from Marisa Palkuti, Director, Health Care Retention and Recruitment Office, Veterans Health Administration, Shelia M. Cullen, Director, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco, California, Steven P. Kleinglass, Director, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Jennifer L. Strauss, Health Scientist, Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care, Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, on behalf of the Friends of VA Medical Care and Health Research, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Marjorie Kanof, Managing Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; John A. McDonald, University of Nevada School of Medicine, Reno, on behalf of the Association of American Medical Colleges; Valerie O'Meara, Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO); and Randy Phelps, American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 5734–5754; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 325–326; H. Res. 1093–1096, were introduced. **Pages H2149–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2151–52**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1092, relating to the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5724) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (H. Rept. 110–574). **Page H2149**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Carey D. Froelich, First Baptist Church, Baytown, Texas. **Page H2073**

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

Welcoming His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on his first apostolic visit to the United States: H. Res. 838, amended, to welcome His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on his first apostolic visit to the United States; **Pages H2076–78**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address

crime and violence in the region: H. Res. 865, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address crime and violence in the region; **Pages H2078–81**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with the current member states of Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic to address crime and violence in the region.”. **Page H2081**

Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5489, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the “Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 176; **Pages H2081–83, H2121**

Julia M. Carson Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Julia M. Carson Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 177; **Pages H2083–86, H2121–22**

William “Bill” Clay Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “William ‘Bill’ Clay Post Office Building”; and **Pages H2086–88**

Recognizing the plumbing industry and supporting the goals and ideals of “National Plumbing Industry Week”: H. Res. 1082, to recognize the plumbing industry and supporting the goals and ideals of “National Plumbing Industry Week”. **Pages H2092–93**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, April 10th:

Recognizing the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security and honoring the Department’s employees for their extraordinary ef-

forts and contributions to protect and secure our Nation: H. Res. 1038, to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security and honoring the Department’s employees for their extraordinary efforts and contributions to protect and secure our Nation. **Pages H2088–92**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, April 8th:

Calling on the Government of the People’s Republic of China to end its crackdown in Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution that respects the distinctive language, culture, religious identity, and fundamental freedoms of all Tibetans: H. Res. 1077, to call on the Government of the People’s Republic of China to end its crackdown in Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution that respects the distinctive language, culture, religious identity, and fundamental freedoms of all Tibetans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 166. **Pages H2098–99**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4:25 p.m. **Page H2112**

National Landscape Conservation System Act: The House passed H.R. 2016, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, by a recorded vote of 278 yeas to 140 noes, Roll No. 174. **Pages H2093–96, H2099–H2119**

Rejected the Cannon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 208 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 173. **Pages H2117–18**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2105**

Accepted:

Cannon amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that provides that the National Landscape Conservation System Act does not create an independent federal legal cause of action based on inclusion in the System; **Pages H2106–07**

Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that reiterates that nothing in the bill shall impede efforts by the Department of Homeland Security to secure the borders of the United States (by a recorded vote of 414 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 167); **Pages H2105–06, H2113**

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that provides that inclusion in the National Landscape Conservation System does not

additionally restrict or hinder energy development within the System (by a recorded vote of 333 ayes to 89 noes, Roll No. 170); **Pages H2109, H2115**

Altmire amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that provides that the bill does not in any way limit access for hunting, fishing, trapping or recreational shooting on the 27 million acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management and also provides that H.R. 2016 does not in any way infringe on a state's right to manage, control or regulate its hunting, fishing, trapping and recreational shooting activities on these lands (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 5 noes, Roll No. 171); and

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Pearce amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that provides that inclusion in the National Landscape Conservation System does not affect existing grazing rights or operations on those Bureau of Land Management lands (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 172).

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Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that sought to strike the preamble to the establishment of the National Landscape Conservation System (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 168) and **Pages H2107–08, H2113–14**

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that sought to strike Section 3(c)(2) and insert language directing the Interior Secretary to manage the system in accordance with each applicable law (including regulations) relating to each component of the system included under subsection (b) (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 169). **Pages H2108–09, H2114–15**

Withdrawn:

Walden amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (P.L. 106–399) from the bill. **Pages H2111–12**

H. Res. 1084, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 165, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 164.

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Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012.

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Agreed to the Goodlatte motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 175. **Pages H2120–21**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of the House bill (except title XII) and the Senate amendment (except secs. 12001, 12201–12601, and 12701–12808), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Peterson (MN), Holden, McIntyre, Etheridge, Boswell, Baca, Cardoza, Scott (GA), Goodlatte, Lucas, Moran (KS), Hayes, Musgrave, and Neugebauer. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of secs. 4303 and 4304 of the House bill, and secs. 4901–4905, 4911, and 4912 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives George Miller (CA), McCarthy (NY), and Platts. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 6012, 6023, 6024, 6028, 6029, 9004, 9005, and 9017 of the House bill, and secs. 6006, 6012, 6110–6112, 6202, 6302, 7044, 7049, 7307, 7507, 9001, 11060, 11072, 11087, and 11101–11103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Dingell, Pallone, and Barton (TX). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 11310 of the House bill, and secs. 6501–6505, 11068, and 13107 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kanjorski, Waters, and Bachus. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 3001–3008, 3010–3014, and 3016 of the House bill, and secs. 3001–3022, 3101–3107, and 3201–3204 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Berman, Sherman, and Ros-Lehtinen. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 11102, 11312, and 11314 of the House bill, and secs. 5402, 10103, 10201, 10203, 10205, 11017, 11069, 11076, 13102, and 13104 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Conyers, Scott (VA), and Smith (TX). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 2313, 2331, 2341, 2405, 2607, 2607A, 2611, 5401, 6020, 7033, 7311, 8101, 8112, 8121–8127, 8204, 8205, 11063, and 11075 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Rahall, Bordallo, and McMorris Rodgers. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 1501 and 7109 of the House bill, and secs. 7020, 7313, 7314, 7316, 7502, 8126, 8205, and 10201 of the Senate

amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Waxman, Towns, and Jordan (OH). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of secs. 4403, 9003, 9006, 9010, 9015, 9019, and 9020 of the House bill, and secs. 7039, 7051, 7315, 7501, and 9001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon (TN), Lampson, and McCaul (TX). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of subtitle D of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Velázquez, Shuler, and Chabot. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 2203, 2301, 6019, and 6020 of the House bill, and secs. 2604, 6029, 6030, 6034, and 11087 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oberstar, Norton, and Graves. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sec. 1303 and title XII of the House bill, and secs. 12001–12601, and 12701–12808 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Rangel, Pomeroy, and McCrery. **Page H2123**

For consideration of the House bill (except title XII) and the Senate amendment (except secs. 12001, 12201–12601, and 12701–12808), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives DeLauro and Putnam. **Page H2123**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2152–65.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2907, H2097–98, H2098–99, H2113, H2113–14, H2114–15, H2115, H2116, H2116–17, H2118, H2118–19, H2120–21, H2121 and H2122. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from Bruce I. Knight, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA.

U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE; INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION; BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on the USTR. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the International Trade Administration. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Padilla, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, ATF, Department of Justice.

FCC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Federal Communications Commission. Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from Cristian Samper, Acting Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

U.S. CAPITOL POLICE BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Capitol Police: Phillip Morse, Chief; and Daniel Nichols, Assistant Chief.

ARMY BUDGET

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

STATUS—IRAQ WAR AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS; STATUS OF U.S. GROUND FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of the war and political developments in Iraq. Testimony was heard from GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—Iraq, Department of Defense; and Ryan C. Crocker, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State.

The Committee also held a hearing and on the current status of U.S. ground forces. Testimony was

heard from GEN Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; and GEN Robert A. Magnus, USMC, Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5522, amended, Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008; and H.R. 5715, To ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families.

PROTECTING THE MEDICAID SAFETY NET ACT OF 2008

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5613, Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008.

HOUSING STABILIZATION AND HOMEOWNERSHIP RETENTION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Using FHA for Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention.” Testimony was heard from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency; and John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Randall Kroszner, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

IRAQ REPORT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Report on Iraq. Testimony was heard from David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—Iraq, Department of Defense; and Ryan C. Crocker, Ambassador to Iraq, Department of Defense.

FEMA RESPONSE/RECOVERY CAPABILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response held a hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Ensuring FEMA’s Ability to Respond and Recover in the Wake of a National Catastrophe.” Testimony was heard from Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., Acting Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security.

HOMELAND SECURITY’S MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a

hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Solving the Department of Homeland Security’s Management Challenges.” Testimony was heard from Elaine Duke, Deputy Under Secretary, Management, Department of Homeland Security; Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on the 2008 Presidential Primaries and Caucuses: “What we’ve learned so far.” Testimony was heard from April E. Pye, Interim Director, Registration and Elections, Fulton County, Georgia; Alisha Alexander, Elections Administrator, County Board of Elections, Prince George’s County, Maryland; Linda Weedon, Deputy Director, Elections, Maricopa County, Arizona; and public witnesses

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5608, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments Act, H.R. 3522, To ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, H.R. 3490, Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007, S. 2457, to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe, and H.R. 5680, To amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary; and Jerry Gidner, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Robert McSwain, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5687, as amended, To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees; H.R. 752, amended, Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of 2007; H.R. 1734, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630

Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office;” H. Res. 1026, Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club; H.R. 5601, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7925 West Russell Road in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the “Sergeant Irving Joseph Schwartz Post Office Building;” and H.R. 5631, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the “Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building.”

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a joint hearing on 2010 Census, Progress on the Development of the Field Data Collection Automation Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Bureau of the Census: Department of Commerce: Steven H. Murdock, Director; and Preston Jay Waite, Deputy Director; the following officials of the GAO: Mathew Scire, Director, Strategic Issues; and David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL SECURITY ID CARDS; BACKGROUND CHECKS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Federal Security: ID Cards and Background Checks. Testimony was heard from Karen Evans, Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, OMB; Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director, Investigations, OPM; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Michael Sade, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Integrated Technology Service, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA; Thomas Wisner, Deputy Chief Information Officer for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

COLUMBIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT RELATING TO CONSIDERATION

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a rule providing that section 151(e)(1) and section 151(f)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 shall not apply in the case of H.R. 5724, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

GAS PRICES' IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The

Impact of Increasing Gas Prices on Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AVIATION DELAYS AND CONSUMER ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Delays and Consumer Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General; and D. J. Gribbin, General Counsel, Office of the Secretary; and public witnesses.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Transportation Challenges of Metropolitan Areas. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Assistant Director, Department of Transportation, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

ENDING VETERANS HOMELESSNESS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Held a hearing on Ending Homelessness for our Nation’s Veterans. Testimony was heard from Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Libby Perl, Analyst in Housing, CRS; a representative of a veterans organization; and public witnesses.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE TAX ACT; TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE AND SIMPLIFICATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5720, Housing Assistance Tax Act of 2008; and H.R. 5719, Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act of 2008.

ASSESSING THE FIGHT AGAINST AL- QAEDA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Assessing the Fight Against Al-Qaeda. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GLOBAL WARMING AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Healthy Planet, Healthy People: Global Warming and Public Health.” Testimony was heard from Howard Frumkin, M.D., Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
APRIL 10, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Housing Administration's role in addressing the housing crisis, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on the progress made by the Government in Iraq meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, the future U.S. military presence in Iraq, and the situation in Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on proposals to mitigate foreclosures and restore liquidity to the mortgage markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety oversight, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine challenges facing Hawaii's Air Service Market, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine identity theft, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine negotiating a long-term relationship with Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine climate change, focusing on a challenge for public health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider pending legislation, and the nomination of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew Saul, of New York, Alejandro Modesto Sanchez, of Florida, and Gordon James Whiting,

of New York, all to be Members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 2 p.m., SD-342.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on NOAA, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn, and on EEOC, 3 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy—Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Waste, 9 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secretary of DHS, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Government Accountability Office, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on European Command, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on U.S. Policy and Program in Iraq, 11 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn, and on U.S. Treasury International Assistance Programs and U.S. Contributions to International Financial Institutions, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: hearing on Contingency Contracting: Implementing a Call for Urgent Reform, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army acquisition programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workplace Protections, hearing on the 15th Anniversary of the Family Medical Leave Act: Achievements and Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "Strengths and Weaknesses of Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Using Existing Clean Air Act Authorities," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue hearings entitled "Using FHA for Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on War Power for the 21st Century: The Constitutional Perspective, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing and briefing on the Crisis in the Andes: The Border Dispute Between Columbia and Ecuador, and Implications for the Region, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Reauthorization and Improvement of DNA Initiatives of the Justice For All Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5541, Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act; and H.R. 5648, Emergency Wildland Fire Response Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Investigation into the Sale of Sensitive, In-Demand Military Equipment and Supplies on the Internet, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Modernizing the Tax Code: Updating the Internal Revenue Code to Help Small Businesses Stimulate the Economy,” 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Cosco Busan and Marine Casualty Investigation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the Old Post Office Building: The General Services Administration’s Plans for Future Use, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008, and H.R. 5509, Noble Warrior Act, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on extending unemployment insurance, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Colombia, 8:30 a.m., and, executive, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Cyber Initiative, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on the displacement of Iraqi citizens on Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Turkey, and other surrounding countries in the region, 2:30 p.m., 1100, Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, April 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act, and vote on or in relation to certain amendments; also, Senate will consider S. 2739, Consolidated Natural Resources Act. Additionally, Senate will vote on certain pending judicial nominations.

House Chamber

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