

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1546–S1572

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 538–564, and S. Res. 98–100. **Page S1546–47**

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs. **Page S1543**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 10, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur immediately following the Senate's action in Executive Session on Monday, March 14, 2011. **Page S1543**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S1543**

Boasberg Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 14, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and that there be one hour for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate. **Page S1568**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 38), Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. **Pages S1537–41, S1572**

Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2012. **Pages S1568, S1572**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher B. Howard, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

Dereh Britton Glance, of New York, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Richard M. Moy, of Montana, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—38) **Pages S1540–41**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:35 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1568.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and

Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder Jr., Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; Andrew M. Gibb, National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction; and Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION BUDGET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Mary Schapiro, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

DEFENSE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for defense and international affairs, after receiving testimony from William J. Lynn III, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Thomas R. Nides, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Philip E. Coyle III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, who was introduced by Senator Portman, Frances M.D. Gulland, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Ann D. Begeman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 398, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve energy efficiency of certain appliances and equipment, and S. 395, to repeal certain amendments to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to lighting energy efficiency, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Steven Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), Joseph McGuire, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, Steven Yurek, The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute, Kyle Pistor, National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), and Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America (CFA), all of Washington, D.C.; and Howard M. Brandston, Hollowville, New York.

CHILD WELFARE WAIVERS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine innovations in child welfare waivers, focusing on a pathway to reform, after receiving testimony from Crystal Ward Allen, Public Children Services Association of Ohio, Columbus; William C. Bell, Casey Family Programs, Seattle, Washington; Isha McNeely, Portland, Oregon; and Joscelynn Murdock, Santa Barbara, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INFORMATION SHARING IN THE ERA OF WIKILEAKS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine information sharing in the era of WikiLeaks, focusing on balancing security and collaboration, after receiving testimony from Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary of State for Management; Teresa Takai, Chief Information Officer, and Acting Assistant Secretary for Networks and Information Integration, and Thomas Ferguson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, both of the Department of Defense; and Corin R. Stone, Intelligence Community Information Sharing Executive, and Kshemendra Paul, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BRIDGEPOINT EDUCATION, INC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Bridgepoint Education, Inc., focusing on a case study in for-profit education and oversight, after receiving testimony from Kathleen S. Tighe, Inspector General, Department of Education; Arlie Thoreson Willems, Practitioner Preparation, Anamosa, Iowa; Sylvia Manning, North Central Association of Col-

leges and Schools Higher Learning Commission, Chicago, Illinois; and Jose Cruz, Education Trust, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, with amendments; and

The nominations of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, John A. Kronstadt, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Vincent L. Briccetti, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Arenda L. Wright Allen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael Francis Urbanski, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 992–1030; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 160–164, were introduced. **Pages H1722–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1726–27**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–29).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Latta to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1669**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1675**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Raymond Bowman, Spruce Street Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. **Page H1675**

FHA Refinance Program Termination Act: The House passed H.R. 830, to rescind the unobligated funding for the FHA Refinance Program and to terminate the program, by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 171. **Pages H1678–H1704**

Rejected the Deutch motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 170. **Pages H1702–04**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1686**

Agreed to:

Fitzpatrick amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that requires any unexpended balances for the FHA Refinance Program that are rescinded and canceled under the bill be retained in the general fund of the Treasury for reducing the debt of the Federal Government; **Page H1690**

Paulsen amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that includes military servicemembers and veterans who have service-connected injuries, as well as survivors and dependents of such individuals, in a study on use of the FHA Refinance program; and **Pages H1692–93**

Waters amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011), as modified, that requires the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to post a statement prominently on the HUD website stating that the FHA Short Refinance Program has been terminated and including contact information for borrowers who are uncertain as to how to proceed (by a recorded vote of 278 ayes to 147 noes, Roll No. 169). **Pages H1700, H1701–02**

Rejected:

Lynch amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of March 8, 2011) that sought to strike language in the bill terminating the Mortgage Letter 2010–23, which provided guidance for the FHA Refinance Program (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 168). **Pages H1690–92, H1700–01**

Point of Order sustained against:

Maloney amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to add a section which lists the number of underwater mortgages in 43 states and the District of Columbia; **Pages H1686–88**

Inslee amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to modify the bill's required study by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the FHA Refinance Program's use by, and effects on, certain homeowners to include a study on the need and appropriate guidelines for a replacement mortgage insurance program; **Page H1693**

Waters amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to direct the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in consultation with the Treasury Department, to conduct a study on the negative impacts of underwater mortgage loans on the housing market and economy of the United States and to report on the findings; **Pages H1694–95**

Loretta Sanchez amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that

sought to insert a complete new text detailing use of funding for the FHA Refinancing Program; **Pages H1695–96**

Inslee amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to add a new section directing the Attorney General to pursue criminal prosecution of those who have failed to comply with State laws relating to foreclosure of mortgages on residential real property; **Page H1696**

Holt amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to add a new section detailing modifications of real property standard deduction; and **Page H1697**

Garamendi amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to add a new section regarding treatment of bonuses for financial sector employees. **Pages H1697–98**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H1704**

H. Res. 150, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, March 9th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1700–01, H1701–02, H1703–04, and H1704. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EPA REGULATION ON AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the impact of EPA regulation on agriculture. Testimony was heard from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, EPA.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Land Management FY 2012 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Edward Avalos, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Science Foundation (NSF) FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Subra Suresh, NSF Director.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Executive Office of the President. Testimony was heard from Alyson Laackman, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Office of the President.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Reclamation FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Michael Conner, Commissioner of Reclamation; and Reed Murray, Director of Central Utah Project Compliance Act Office.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Education: FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies held a hearing on State Department FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Hilary Clinton, Secretary of State.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of Surface Mining FY 2012 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from the following Office of Surface Mining Officials: Joseph G. Pizarchick, Director; Glenda H. Owens, Deputy Director; and Ruth E. Stokes, Budget Officer.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Navy and Marine Corps FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from ADM Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. James Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Major Management Challenges at the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2012 Oversight and Budget. Testimony was heard from ADM Robert Papp, Commandant, United States Coast Guard.

FY 2012 BUDGET REQUEST AND READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on global challenges to readiness and the fiscal year 2012 budget request. Testimony was heard from LTG Daniel P. Bolger, Deputy Chief of Staff, USA; LTG Herbert J. Carlisle, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, USAF; VADM Bruce W. Clingan, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy; and Gen. Richard T. Tryon, Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, USMC.

BURDEN OF DEBT

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Lifting the Crushing Burden of Debt". Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former Director of the Congressional Budget Office and public witnesses.

EMPLOYER PROVIDED HEALTH CARE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on the Pressures of Rising Costs on Employer Provided Health Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on H.R. 910, the

Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011. The subcommittee forwarded the bill to the full Committee without amendment.

SEC'S OPERATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Operations, Activities, Challenges and FY 2012 Budget Request". Testimony was heard from the following SEC officials: Robert Cook, Director, Division of Trading and Markets; Meredith Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance; Robert Cook, Director, Division of Trading and Markets; Carlo di Florio, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations; and Eileen Rominger, Director, Division of Investment Management.

COMPETITIVENESS AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled "The Role of the Export-Import Bank in U.S. Competitiveness and Job Creation". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on North Korea's Sea of Fire: Bullying, Brinkmanship and Blackmail. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RELATIONS WITH EUROPE AND EURASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing on U.S. Relations with Europe and Eurasia. Testimony was heard from Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Central and South Asian Affairs Department of State; and Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

PRIORITIES AND NEEDS AMIDST ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and George A. Laudato, Administrator's Special Assistant for the Middle East, Agency for International Development.

RADICALIZATION—AMERICAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and That Community's Response." Testimony was heard from Rep. Dingell; Rep. Keith Ellison; Rep. Frank Wolf; and public witnesses.

JUDICIAL DECISIONS—PATENT LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on Review of Recent Judicial Decisions on Patent Law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; NEW JOBS IN RECESSION AND RECOVERY; AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORT REQUESTS ON THE BENEFICIARIES OF A PRIVATE BILL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on New Jobs in Recession and Recovery: Who Are Getting Them and Who Are Not. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing the subcommittee met to Adopt Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills and Statement of Policy on Federal Charters; and approved requests to the Department of Homeland Security Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of: H.R. 316, Private Bill for the relief of Esther Njeri Karinge, H.R. 357, Private Bill for the relief of Corina De Chalup Turcinovic, H.R. 794, Private Bill for the Relief of Allan Bolor Kelley, H.R. 823, Private Bill for the Relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas, and H.R. 824, Private Bill for the Relief of Daniel Wachira.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing entitled "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of National Park Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." Testimony was heard from Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a markup of H.R. 471, the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act. The bill was ordered reported without amendment.

WHO'S WATCHING WALL STREET'S WATCHDOG?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs and the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency

and Financial Management held a joint hearing entitled “Financial Management, Work Force, and Operations at the SEC: Who’s Watching Wall Street’s Watchdog?” Testimony was heard from the following SEC officials: Mary Schapiro, Chairman; Jeffrey Risinger, Director of Human Resources; Jonathan (“Jack”) Katz, former Secretary.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NOAA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2012 Research and Development Budget Proposals at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, NOAA; and Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA.

FEDERAL OFFICE SPACE

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management hearing on Cutting Spending and Consolidating Federal Office Space: GSA’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Building Service, GSA.

BUDGET FY 2012—INTELLIGENCE

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on H.R. 754, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, and views and estimates on the President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2012. Testimony was heard from administration officials.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Forest Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight Hearing, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Members and Outside Witness Hearing, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2012 Oversight & Budget Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Status of Health Reform Implementation, 10 a.m., 2358-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Library of Congress FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Government Accountability Office FY 2012 Budget, 11 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on counterproliferation strategy and the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and chemical biological defense program, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training hearing on Education Regulations: Federal Overreach into Academic Affairs, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled “The FY 2012 EPA Budget.” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Create a Covered Bond Market in the United States”, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Reform the National Flood Insurance Program” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on a bill regarding lawsuit abuse reduction, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “Transparency Through Technology: Evaluating Federal Open-Government Initiatives.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency & Financial Management, hearing entitled “Red to Black: Improving the Collection of Delinquent Debt Owed to the Government.” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposals at the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Finding Ways to Encourage and Increase Private Sector Participation in Passenger Rail Service, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Implementation of Caregiver Assistance: Are we getting it right? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the use of data matching to improve the administration of government benefit programs, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, March 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, March 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 836—Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act (Subject to a Rule).

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