

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 48, Additional Continuing Appropriations.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 30, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1771–S1878*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-nine bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 604–652, and S. Res. 104–108. **Pages S1825–28**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence, United States Senate, Covering the Period January 3, 2009, to January 4, 2011”. (S. Rept. No. 112–3)

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–4)

S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, with amendments. **Pages S1825–26**

#### Measures Passed:

**Additional Continuing Appropriations:** By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate passed H.J. Res. 48, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011. **Pages S1788–S1800**

**190th Anniversary of the Independence of Greece:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 51, recognizing the 190th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1874–75**

**Elections in Belarus:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 105, to condemn the December 19, 2010, elections in Belarus, and to call for the immediate release of all political prisoners and for new elections that meet international standards. **Pages S1875–77**

**100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Remembrance Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 106, recognizing the 100th anniversary of

the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire in New York City on March 25, 1911, and designating the week of March 21, 2011, through March 25, 2011, as the “100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Remembrance Week”. **Page S1877**

**National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 107, designating April 4, 2011, as “National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day”. **Pages S1877–78**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 30, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S1878**

#### Measures Considered:

**SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1780–88**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 183, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change. **Pages S1780, S1782**

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property. **Page S1780**

Inhofe (for Johans) Amendment No. 161, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements to payments made to corporations, payments for property and other gross proceeds, and rental property expense payments. **Page S1780**

Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving

oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending. **Page S1780**

Paul Amendment No. 199, to cut \$200,000,000,000 in spending in fiscal year 2011. **Page S1780**

Sanders Amendment No. 207, to establish a point of order against any efforts to reduce benefits paid to Social Security recipients, raise the retirement age, or create private retirement accounts under title II of the Social Security Act. **Page S1780**

Hutchison Amendment No. 197, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits. **Page S1780**

Coburn Amendment No. 184, to provide a list of programs administered by every Federal department and agency. **Page S1780**

Pryor Amendment No. 229, to establish the Patriot Express Loan Program under which the Small Business Administration may make loans to members of the military community wanting to start or expand small business concerns. **Page S1781**

Landrieu Amendment No. 244 (to Amendment No. 183), to change the enactment date. **Pages S1781–82**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 28, 2011. **Page S1878**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, Senator Rockefeller, and Senator Webb be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S1878**

**Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S1878**

**D’Agostino Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 28, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Mae A. D’Agostino, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York; 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 nomina-

tion, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Pages S1874, S1878**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 45), Amy Berman Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S1800–02, S1878**

Michael Vickers, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. **Pages S1874, S1878**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Richard C. Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2015.

Anthony Bryk, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Myrna Perez, of Texas, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2011.

Myrna Perez, of Texas, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2015.

Gineen Maria Bresso, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2013. **Page S1878**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1873–74**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1874**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—45) **Pages S1800, S1802**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 30, at 6:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1878.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

*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 Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Peggy Hamburg, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Government Printing Office (GPO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; William J. Boarman, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Donley, Secretary, and General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Terry A. Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations,

Environment and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense.

### TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), focusing on evaluating returns on taxpayer investments and the status of programs and implementation of the Government Accountability Office recommendations, after receiving testimony from former Senator Ted Kaufman, Chair, Congressional Oversight Panel; Timothy G. Massad, Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Stability, and Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Thomas J. McCool, Director, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine investing in Federal research and development, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President of the United States; Patrick D. Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology; Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; and Waleed Abdalati, Chief Scientist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Frances M.D. Gulland, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Ann D. Begeman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Philip E. Coyle III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime

Commissioner, and routine lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, and Coast Guard.

### GLOBAL INVESTMENT TRENDS IN CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine current global investment trends in clean energy technologies and the impact of domestic policies on that investment, after receiving testimony from Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Washington, D.C.; Kelly Sims Gallagher, Tufts University Fletcher School, Medford, Massachusetts; Will Coleman, Mohr Davidow Ventures, Menlo Park, California; and Neil Z. Auerbach, Hudson Clean Energy Partners, Teaneck, New Jersey.

### CLEAN AIR ACT AND JOBS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety with the Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy concluded joint hearings to examine the “Clean Air Act” and jobs, after receiving testimony from Mayor Richard P. Homrighausen, City of Dover, Ohio; Barbara Somson, United Auto Workers, and W. David Montgomery, Charles River Associates, both of Washington, D.C.; Paul J. Allen, Constellation Energy, Baltimore, Maryland; and James Yann, Alstom Power, Knoxville, Tennessee.

### UPRISINGS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine popular uprisings in the Middle East, focusing on the implications for U.S. policy, after receiving testimony from William J. Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

### IMPROPERLY PAID FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs concluded a hearing to examine recouping improperly paid Federal assistance in the aftermath of disasters, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Zimmerman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Matt Jadacki, Assistant Inspector General for Emer-

gency Management Oversight, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Michael A. Chodos, Deputy General Counsel, and Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration.

### FEMA

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine catastrophic preparedness, focusing on if FEMA is ready for the next big disaster, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Richard L. Skinner, former Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health insurance exchanges and ongoing state implementation of the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”, after receiving testimony from Steven B. Larsen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Utah State Representative David Clark, Santa Clara; Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Lawrence, on behalf of The National Association of Insurance Commissioners; and Joshua Sharfstein, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Baltimore.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Edward Milton Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 67 public bills, H.R. 1144–1210; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 176–184, were introduced. **Pages H1982–85**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1988–89**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
H.R. 471, to reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–36);

H.R. 899, to amend title 41, United States Code, to extend the sunset date for certain protests of task and deliver order contracts (H. Rept. 112–37);

H.R. 3, to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions and to provide for conscience protections, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–38, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–39, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 358, to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to modify special rules relating to coverage of abortion services under such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–40, Pt. 1). **Page H1982**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1909**

**Providing for the expenses of certain committees:** The House agreed to H. Res. 147, to provide for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress. **Page H1911**

**Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan:** The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 28, to direct the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan, by a yea-and-nay vote of 93 yeas to 321 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 193. **Pages H1920–53, H1967–68**

The resolution was considered pursuant to the order of the House of March 16, 2011.

**Prohibiting Federal funding of National Public Radio:** The House passed H.R. 1076, to prohibit Federal funding of National Public Radio and the use of Federal funds to acquire radio content, by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 192 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 192. **Pages H1953–67**

Rejected the Sutton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay of 184 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 191. **Pages H1965–67**

H. Res. 174, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 190, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 189. **Pages H1911–20**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1969.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1919, H1920, H1966–67, H1967, and H1967–68. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and at 5:55 p.m., pursuant to H. Con. Res. 30, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

## *Committee Meetings*

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Requests. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from GEN David H. Petraeus, Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Commander, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (USFOR-A); and Michele Flourinay, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. CLOSED HEARING.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Vivek Kundra, Chief Information Officer, Office of Management and Budget; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management, GAO; and

Steven Kempt, Commissioner, Federal Acquisitions, GSA.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Geological Survey FY 2012 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from the following Geological Survey officials: Marcia McNutt, Director, Suzette Kimball, Deputy Director; and Carla Burzyk, Director, Office of Budget, Planning, and Integration.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from Michael Bromwich, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement; Gregory J. Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and Deborah Gibbs Tschudy, Deputy Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Improper Payments. Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, Department of Health & Human Services; Kathleen S. Tighe, Inspector General for the Department of Education; Patrick O'Carroll, Jr. Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Elliot P. Lewis, Assistant Inspector General of Audit; Carolyn Colvin, Deputy Commissioner of Social Security; Deborah Taylor, Director of the Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Thomas P. Skelly, Director, Budget Service and Acting Chief Financial Officer; and Gay Gilbert, Administrator, Office of Unemployment Insurance Employment and Training Administration.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on Law of War Detention and the President's Executive Order Establishing Periodic Review Boards for Guantanamo Detainees. Testimony was heard from William J. Lynn III, Deputy Secretary, DOD; and Jeb Johnson; General Counsel, DOD.

*Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel hearing on military personnel. Testimony was heard from Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; LTG Thomas P. Bostick, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1; VADM Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; Lt. Gen. Darrell D. Jones, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel; and Lt. Gen. Robert E. Milstead, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.*

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on soldier and marine equipment for dismounted operations. Testimony was heard from David M. Markowitz, Director, Capabilities Integration, Prioritization, and Analysis, USA; BG (P) Peter N. Fuller, USA, Program Executive Officer, Soldier/Commanding General, Soldier Systems Center; Brig. Gen. Frank L. Kelley, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Brig. Gen. Daniel J. O'Donohue, USMC, Director, Capabilities Development Directorate, Combat Development & Integration.

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing on Fulfilling the Mission of Health Retirement Security. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing on Education Regulations: Roadblocks to Student Choice in Higher Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The Implementation and Sustainability of the New, Government-Administered Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Program. Testimony was heard from Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary, Administration on Aging; and public witnesses.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight of DOE Recovery Act Spending." Testimony was heard from Gregory Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Steve Isakowitz, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy; and Franklin Rusco, Director, National Resources and Environment, GAO.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the American Energy Initiative: focus on oil supplies, gasoline prices, and jobs in the Gulf of Mexico. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled "The Relationship of Monetary Policy and Rising Prices". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Global Nuclear Revival and U.S. Nonproliferation Policy. Testimony was heard from

Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Colombia and Panama Free Trade Agreements: National Security and Foreign Policy Priorities. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Padilla, former Under Secretary for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce; and James R. Jones, former Congressman.

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Effective Preparedness, Response, and Recovery for Events Impacting Health Security.” Testimony was heard from Alexander G. Garza, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing on Election Assistance Commission Operations and 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following Election Assistance Commission officials: Donetta Davidson, Commissioner; Gineen Bresso, Commissioner; Thomas Wilkey, Executive Director; Alice Miller, Chief Operating Officer; and Annette Lafferty, Chief Financial Officer.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1021, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts; it was ordered reported with an amendment; and H. Con. Res. 13, the “Reaffirming ‘In God We Trust’ as the official motto of the United States and supporting and encouraging the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools, and other government institutions” was ordered reported without amendment.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing on Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Domestic Resources and Economic Impacts. Testimony was heard from Richard G. Newell, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; Brenda Pierce, Energy Resources Program Coordinator, Geological Survey; Gene Whitney, Manager, Energy Research, Congressional Research Service; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee hearing entitled “The Freedom of Information Act: Crowd-Sourcing Government Oversight.” Testimony was heard from Miriam Nisbet, Director, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Daniel Metcalfe, Executive Director, Collaboration on Government Secrecy, Retired Founding Director, Office of Information and Privacy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Held a markup on H.R. 970, the Federal Aviation Research and Development Reauthorization and ordered the bill reported with amendment.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Federal Regulatory Overreach in the Railroad Industry: Implementing the Rail Safety Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from Elton Gallegly, State Representative, California; Jo Strang, Associate Administrator, Office of Safety, Federal Railroad Administration; and public witnesses.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2012 Budget for the Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and Related Agencies. Testimony was heard from Bruce E. Kasold, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Ronald E. Walters, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on pending trade agreements with Colombia. Testimony was heard from Miriam Sapiro, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary for Economic, Energy & Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; Thomas C. Dorr, President & Chief Executive Officer, Grains Council; former Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture; Peter F. Romero, President and Chief Executive Officer, Experior Advisory, LLC, former Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State, former

U.S. Ambassador to Ecuador; GEN Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Retired), President, BR McCaffrey Associates, LLC, former Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, former Commander of the U.S. Southern Command; and public witnesses.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Intelligence Authorities. Testimony was heard from departmental officials.*

### ***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### **House Committees**

No committee meetings are scheduled.



## Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, March 28

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, March 29

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act. At 4:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Mae A. D'Agostino, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.

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