

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1879–S1906

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 653–658, and S. Res. 109–110. **Page S1894**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary During the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–5)

Special Report entitled “Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–6)

S. 49, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads. **Page S1894**

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1883–88**

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. **Page S1883**

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property. **Page S1883**

Inhofe (for Johanns) 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 S1883**

Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending. **Page S1883**

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

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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 S1884**

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 S1884**

Coburn Amendment No. 184, to provide a list of programs administered by every Federal department and agency. **Page S1884**

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 S1884**

Landrieu Amendment No. 244 (to Amendment No. 183), to change the enactment date. **Page S1884**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. **Page S1906**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. EX. 46), Mae A. D’Agostino, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. **Pages S1888–91, S1906**

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Executive Communications: **Pages S1892–94**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S1891–92**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1900–05**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1906.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 30.

House

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D191)

H.J. Res. 48, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011. Signed on March 18, 2011. (Public Law 112-6)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense efficiencies initiatives, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: To hold hearings to examine public proposals for the future of the housing finance system, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: To hold an oversight hearing to examine disease clusters and environmental health, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New

York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Senior Executive Service, focusing on a review of challenges facing the government's Leadership Corps, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine tools to prevent Department of Defense cost overruns, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine protecting the civil rights of American Muslims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 29 through April 2, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 30, to hold hearings to examine fundamentals and farming, focusing on evaluating high gas prices and how new rules and innovative farming can help, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine nuclear safety in light of the impact of natural disasters on Japanese nuclear facilities, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 30, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget

estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–124.

March 30, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

March 31, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD–124.

March 31, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Library of Congress (LOC) and Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 29, to hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 29, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense efficiencies initiatives, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

March 30, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 1 p.m., SR–222.

March 30, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

March 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Operation Odyssey Dawn and the situation in Libya, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 29, to hold hearings to examine public proposals for the future of the housing finance system, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 30, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety of our nation's motorcoach passengers, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 30, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the National Park Service, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

March 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 629, to improve hydropower, S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, and Title I, subtitle D of the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 29, to hold an oversight hearing to examine disease clusters and environmental health, 10 a.m., SD–406.

March 30, Full Committee, with the Subcommittee on Oversight, to hold joint hearings to examine the General Services Administration (GSA), focusing on opportunities to cut costs, improve energy performance, and eliminate waste, 10 a.m., SD–406.

March 31, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: March 30, to hold hearings to examine how complexity, uncertainty and other factors impact responses to tax incentives, 10 a.m., SD–215.

March 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2011, focusing on breaking down barriers, creating economic growth, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 29, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

March 31, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine counternarcotics and citizen security in the Americas, 10 a.m., SD–419.

March 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Libya, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 31, to hold hearings to examine improving safety at dangerous mines one year after Upper Big Branch, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 29, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Senior Executive Service, focusing on a review of challenges facing the government's Leadership Corps, 10 a.m., SD–342.

March 29, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine tools to prevent Department of Defense cost overruns, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on a report from the 9/11 Commission Chairman, 10 a.m., SD–342.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on building on the progress made, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

March 31, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine drug gangs' ever evolving tactics to penetrate the border and the Federal government's ability to stop them, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 29, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine protecting the civil rights of American Muslims, 10 a.m., SD–226.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, all of the Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures, S. 216, to increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and international violations relating to food that is misbranded or adulterated, S. 410, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 627, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, S. 394, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, and the nominations of John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Kevin Hunter Sharp, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Claire C. Cecchi, and Esther Salas, both to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, J. Paul Oetken, and Paul A. Engelmayer, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 31, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Office of Advocacy, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 30, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations from Paralyzed Veterans of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Wounded Warrior Project, Vietnam Veterans of America, The Retired Enlisted Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 29, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 31, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 31, full Committee, hearing on Defining the Market: Entity and Product Classifications Under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 29, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development

and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on HUD—Housing Counseling with Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 4 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Office of Justice Programs, FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on National Guard and Reserve Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Review, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Environmental Management, Legacy Management, FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FCC FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security—Science and Technology—Budget, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Quality of Life in the Military, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Highway Administration FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Indian Health Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight Hearing, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Office of Science and Technology Policy FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 31, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Air Force Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Review, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 31, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on European Command, 10 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

March 31, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA FY 2012 Budget Request, 10:15 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on Fiscal Year 2012 Request for Global Health and HIV/AIDS Programs, 10:30 a.m., Location TBD.

March 31, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Loan Guarantee Program and ARPA–E, FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security, NPPD Budget—Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Programs and Funding, 2 p.m., H–405 Capitol. This is a CLASSIFIED and CLOSED hearing.

April 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

April 1, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on OPM FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Terrorist Travel—Programs and Funding, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol. This is a CLASSIFIED and CLOSED hearing.

April 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Health Reform, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 30, full Committee, hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. European Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 31, full Committee, hearing on Operation Odyssey Dawn and U.S. Military Operations in Libya, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on FY 2012 national defense authorization budget request for missile defense, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on improving the readiness of U.S. forces through military jointness, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on a review of the implementation plans for the repeal of law and policies governing service by openly gay and lesbian service members, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army and Air Force National Guard and Reserve component equipment posture, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 30, full Committee, hearing entitled “Member’s Day,” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 31, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “The Future of Union Transparency and Accountability,” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 30, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “True Cost of PPACA: Effects on the Budget and Jobs,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on H.R. 908, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to maintain the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing on legislation to Clarify NTIA and RUS Authority to Return Reclaimed Stimulus Funds to the U.S. Treasury, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The PPACA’s High Risk Pool Regime: High Cost, Low Participation,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Costs of Implementing the Dodd-Frank Act: Budgetary and Economic,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on Immediate Steps to Protect Taxpayers from the Ongoing Bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing, and Community Opportunity, hearing on Legislative Proposals to Reform the National Flood Insurance Program, Part II, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Is America’s Foreign Broadcasting Consistent with Our Nation’s Interests and our Commitment to Freedom?, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 31, full Committee, hearing on Libya: Defining U.S. National Security Interests, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H. Res. 139, expressing condolences to the people of New Zealand for the terrible loss of life and property suffered as a result of the deadly earthquake that struck on February 22, 2011, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn. Following the markup a hearing on Asia Overview: Protecting American Interests in China and Asia.

March 31, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, markup on H.R. 1016, to measure the progress of relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti

following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn. Following the markup a hearing on Rising Oil Prices and Dependence on Hostile Regimes: The Urgent Case for Canadian Oil, will take place.

April 1, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, joint hearing on the Government of Belarus: Crushing Human Rights at Home, Marketing Arms to State Sponsors of Terrorism Abroad, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 30, full Committee, hearing entitled “Public Safety Communications: Are the Needs of Our First Responders Being Met?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 31, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled “The U.S. Homeland Security Role in the Mexican War Against Drug Cartels,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, March 31, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled “The 2010 Election: A Look Back At What Went Right and Wrong”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 29, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Raising the Agencies’ Grades—Protecting the Economy, Assuring Regulatory Quality and Improving Assessments of Regulatory Need,” 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The Permanent Provisions of the PATRIOT Act,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on “America Invents” legislation, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “H-1B Visas: Designing a Program to Meet the Needs of the U.S. Economy and U.S. Workers,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on Competition and Consolidation in Financial Markets, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 30, full Committee, hearing on Examining the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), and the President’s FY 2012 Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 31, full Committee, hearing on Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 31, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing on “Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for these agencies,” 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 1, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Tribal development of energy

resources and the creation of energy jobs on Indian lands,” 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 30, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “Has Dodd-Frank Ended Too Big to Fail?” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement, hearing on “Unfunded Mandates and Regulatory Overreach Part II,” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 31, full Committee, hearing entitled “Why isn’t the Department of Homeland Security meeting the President’s standard on FOIA?” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, March 29, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 471, Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

March 30, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 658, FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, March 30, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on A Review of NASA’s Exploration Program in Transition: Issues for Congress and Industry, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 31, full Committee, hearing on Climate Change: Examining the Processes Used to Create Science and Policy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on The Role of Small Business in Innovation and Job Creation: The SBIR and STTR Programs, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 30, full Committee, hearing entitled “Reducing Federal Agency Overreach: Modernizing the Regulatory Flexibility Act,” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 29 and March 30, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Improving and Reforming the Nation’s Surface Transportation Programs”; on March 29 the hearing will begin at 2:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn, and on March 30 the hearing will begin at 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Improving the Nation’s Response to Catastrophic Disasters: How to Minimize Costs and Streamline our Emergency Management Programs,” 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, March 31, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Oversight hearing on the VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program budget and VRE National Counseling Contract, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 30, full Committee, hearing on government policies and actions that are impediments to job creation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 30, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on pending trade agreement with Panama, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 31, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) and the 2011 Tax Return Filing Season, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 1, Subcommittee on Health and Oversight, hearing on AARP’s organizational structure, management, and financial growth over the last decade, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 29, full Committee, hearing on ongoing Intelligence Activities, 4 p.m., 304 HVC. This is a CLOSED hearing.

April 1, full Committee, FY 2012 Budget Overview, 9 a.m., 304 HVC. This is a CLOSED hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, March 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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