

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2095–S2144

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 723–733, and S. Res. 130–131. **Page S2130**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act. (S. Rept. No. 112–13) **Page S2130**

Measures Passed:

Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments: By 87 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 49), Senate passed H.R. 4, to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, March 31, 2011, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2099–S2108**

Rejected:

Menendez Amendment No. 284, to protect small businesses from health insurance premium increases or losses of health insurance coverage. (By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 48), and pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 31, 2011, the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S2099–S2107**

Honoring the Upper Big Branch Mine Coal Miners: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 129, honoring the 29 coal miners who perished in the explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Montcoal, West Virginia, on April 5, 2010, and remembering all those who have lost their lives while mining for the resources on which the United States relies, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2142–43**

Gold Star Wives Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 130, designating April 5, 2011, as “Gold Star Wives Day”. **Page S2143**

Tsunami Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 131, designating April 2011 as “Tsunami Awareness Month.”. **Pages S2143–44**

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: **Page S2111**

Rejected:

Paul motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Foreign Relations with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith with Paul Amendment No. 276 (to the instructions on Paul motion to commit the bill), of a perfecting nature. (By 90 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 50), Senate tabled the motion.) **Page S2111**

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 S2111**

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property. **Page S2111**

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 S2111**

Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending. **Page S2111**

Paul Amendment No. 199, to cut \$200,000,000,000 in spending in fiscal year 2011. **Page S2111**

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 S2111**

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 S2111**

Coburn Amendment No. 184, to provide a list of programs administered by every Federal department and agency. **Page S2111**

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 S2111**

Landrieu Amendment No. 244 (to Amendment No. 183), to change the enactment date. **Page S2111**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, and that the pending amendments be set aside and Senator Reid, or his designee, be recognized to call up the following amendments: Baucus No. 236; Stabenow No. 277; Rockefeller No. 215; Coburn No. 217; Coburn No. 223; Coburn No. 273; and Inouye No. 286; that the pending Sanders Amendment No. 207 (listed above) be modified; that the Senate then proceed to a period of debate only until 4 p.m. with the time equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to votes on or in relation to the following amendments in the order listed below: Baucus No. 236; Stabenow No. 277; Rockefeller No. 215; McConnell No. 183 (listed above); Coburn No. 223; Inouye No. 286; and Coburn No. 273; that there be no amendments in order to the amendments prior to the votes; the amendments not be divisible; there be two minutes equally divided in between the votes; all after the first vote be 10 minutes in duration; and the amendments be subject to a 60 vote threshold for its adoption; further that upon the disposition of Coburn Amendment No. 273, Amendments No. 184 (listed above) and No. 217 offered by Senator Coburn, be agreed to; that no amendments be in order to Coburn Amendments No. 184 and No. 217 prior to their adoption; and all of the above occurring with no intervening action or debate. **Page S2142**

Morning Business—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time until 10:40 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half, and that at 10:40 a.m., Senator Ayotte be recognized to deliver her maiden speech to the Senate. **Page S2144**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Jonathan Andrew Hatfield, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S2144**

Messages from the House: **Page S2129**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—50) **Pages S2107–08, S2111**

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 7:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2144.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 and oversight of prior year funding for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., United States Navy, Commander, United States

Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General Douglas M. Fraser, United States Air Force, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Lieutenant General Robert P. Lennox, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army (G-8), and Lieutenant General William N. Phillips, USA, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, and Director, Acquisition Career Management, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

TOURISM IN AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine tourism in America, focusing on removing barriers and promoting growth, after receiving testimony from Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services; David T. Donahue, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; John Wagner, Executive Director, Admissibility and Passenger Programs, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen J. Cloobek, Corporation for Travel Promotion, Las Vegas, Nevada; Nancy Johnson, Carlson Hotels, Minnetonka, Minnesota; John Sprouls, Universal Orlando, Orlando, Florida, on behalf of Universal Parks and Resorts; and Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, Washington, D.C.

CONNECTING NATIVE NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine closing the digital divide, focusing on connecting native nations and communities to the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Federal Communications Commission; Alapaki Nahale-a, Hawaiian Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Chairman, Honolulu; Loris Taylor, Native Public Media, Flagstaff, Arizona, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Myron P. Naneng, Sr., Association of Village Council Presidents, Bethel, Alaska; and John Badal, Sacred Wind Communications, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Daniel M. Ashe, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mara E. Rudman, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, who was introduced by Senator Reed, and Robert Patterson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jonathan Scott Gration, of New Jersey, to be to the Republic of Kenya, and Michelle D. Gavin, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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: 16 public bills, H.R. 1364–1379; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 202, 204–205 were introduced. **Pages H2326–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2328**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 203, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 910) to amend the Clean Air Act 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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–54). **Page H2326**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Yoder to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2295**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2300**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Efreim Goldberg, Boca Raton Synagogue, Boca Raton, Florida. **Page H2300**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 310 ayes to 104 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 228. **Pages H2313–14**

Disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to the rule that is providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 37, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices, by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 227, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 226. **Pages H2303–13**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H2312**

Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative Reed, wherein he notified the House that he was resigning from the Committee on the Judici-

ary and taking a leave of absence from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H2314**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 202, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H2314**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:05 p.m. and reconvened at 5:31 p.m. **Page H2325**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2323.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2312, H2312–13 and H2313–14. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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 Harris Sherman, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Legal Services Corporation—FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following Legal Services Corporation officials: James J. Sandman, President; and Robert J. Grey Jr., Member of the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on General Services Administration, FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Martha N. Johnson, Administrator, GSA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of the United States Trade Representative—FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony

was heard from Ambassador Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on WMD Countermeasures—Threat, Programs, and Funding. Testimony was heard from Alexander Garza, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer; and Warren Stern, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. This was a classified and closed hearing.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on United States Court of Appeal for Veterans Claims. Testimony was heard from Bruce Kasold, Chief Judge.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Steve McManus, Acting Chief Operating Officer.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear forces programs. Testimony was heard from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Inés R. Triay, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Department of Energy; Peter S. Winokur, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Major General William A. Chambers, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration; Department of Defense; Rear Admiral Terry Benedict, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs; and Andrew C. Weber, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Transportation Command and U.S. Africa Command. Testimony was heard from General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command; and

General Carter F. Ham, USA, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on the following: H.R. 1343, to Clarify NTIA and RUS Authority to Return Reclaimed Stimulus Funds to the U.S. Treasury; H.R. 1217, to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health; H.R. 1216, to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health; H.R. 1215, to amend title V of the Social Security Act to convert funding for personal responsibility education programs from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health; H.R. 1214, to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health; and H.R. 1213, to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health. All bills were ordered reported without amendment. H.R. 1343 was ordered reported with amendment. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 1213; H.R. 1214; H.R. 1216; and H.R. 1217.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, markup on the following: H.R. 31, the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Accountability and Transparency for Taxpayers Act; H.R. 1221, the Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2011; H.R. 1222, the GSE Subsidy Elimination Act of 2011; H.R. 1223, GSE Credit Risk Equitable Treatment Act of 2011; H.R. 1224, the Portfolio Risk Reduction Act of 2011; H.R. 1225, the GSE Debt Issuance Approval Act of 2011; H.R. 1226, the GSE Mission Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1227, the GSE Risk and Activities Limitation Act of 2011. This markup was continued to April 6, time and room TBA.

NEED FOR SYSTEMIC REFORMS AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Watching the Watchers: The Need for Systemic Reforms and Independence of the State Department Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Jeanette M. Franzel, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team, GAO; and

Harold W. Geisel, Deputy Inspector General, Department of State.

FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AND NEEDS AMIDST ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN SOUTH ASIA

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 South Asia. Testimony was heard from Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Administrator for Asia, Agency for International Development; Daniel Feldman, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and Donald Sampler, Deputy Director, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, Agency for International Development.

BORDER SECURITY AT PORTS OF ENTRY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Using Resources Effectively to Secure Our Border at Ports of Entry—Stopping the Illicit Flow of Money, Guns and Drugs”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

USING MILITARY COMMISSIONS TO TRY THE 9/11 CONSPIRATORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Justice for America: Using Military Commissions to Try the 9/11 Conspirators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAFE FOR AMERICA ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on H.R. 704, SAFE for America Act. Testimony was heard from Rep. Goodlatte; and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT EFFECT ON PRIVATE SECTOR JOB CREATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY–2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service’s Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction.” Testimony was heard from Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Tony Ferguson, Director, Minerals and

Geology Management, USDA Forest Service; and public witnesses.

INDIAN LAND FRACTIONATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 887, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report on Indian land fractionation, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREATING ABUNDANT WATER AND POWER SUPPLIES AND JOB GROWTH

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on “Creating Abundant Water and Power Supplies and Job Growth by Restoring Common Sense to Federal Regulations.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POSTAL WORKFORCE COSTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Are Postal Workforce Costs Sustainable?” Testimony was heard from the following United States Postal Service officials: Louis J. Giuliano, Chairman, Board of Governors; James C. Miller III, Governor; and Patrick Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer.

WASTE, ABUSE AND MISMANAGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, DC, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled “Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement in Government Health Care”. Testimony was heard from Deborah Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, and Director of the Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Peter Budetti, M.D., Deputy Administrator for Program Integrity, and Director of the CMS Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Gerald Roy, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Loretta Lynch, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York; and public witnesses.

ENERGY TAX PREVENTION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 910, to amend the Clean Air Act 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, and for other

purposes. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Upton; Rep. Waxman; Michael Doyle; Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas; Rep. Crowley; Rep. Welch; Rep. Connolly; and Rep. Garamendi.

POLICY PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO REFORM THE NATION'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Policy Proposals from Members of Congress to Reform the Nation's Surface Transportation Programs. Testimony was heard from Members of the 112th Congress.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Deconstructing the Department of Veterans Affairs Construction Planning. Testimony was heard from W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lorelei St. James, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Team; GAO; Robert L. Neary, Jr., Acting Director of the Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs; and public witnesses.

DUPLICATE OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: FOCUS ON WELFARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on duplication in welfare and related programs under the Subcommittee's jurisdiction. Testimony was heard from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—CIA

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on Central Intelligence Agency Program FY 2012 Budget Overview. This was a CLOSED hearing. Testimony was heard from departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee membership, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense Health Programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic systems 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, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the role of the accounting profession in preventing another financial crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the state of community banking, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 3 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: To hold hearings to examine state and local perspectives on transportation, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine perspectives on the crisis in Libya, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Bruce Shear, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and

Kurt Walter Tong, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the census, focusing on learning lessons from 2010 and planning for 2020, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold hearings to examine the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, focusing on government perspectives on protecting privacy in the digital age, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits and Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: To hold hearings to examine the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids and stimulants, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the state of the beef industry, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigations—FY 2012 Budget Request, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FEMA budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on National Labor Relations Board—FY 2012, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the United Nations and other International Organizations, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Aviation Administration—FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts—FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on the Army, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on improving management and acquisition of information technology systems in the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for Fiscal Year 2012, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing on “Streamlining Federal Education and Workforce Programs: A Look at the GAO Report on Government Waste.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The U.S. Government Response to the Nuclear Power Plant Incident in Japan”, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The Cost of the Medical Liability System Proposals for Reform, including H.R. 5, the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2011.” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Improve the Structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance and Housing, markup of H.R. 1309, flood insurance reform act of 2011, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, continued markup on the following: H.R. 31, the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Accountability and Transparency for Taxpayers Act; H.R. 1221, the Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2011; H.R. 1222, the GSE Subsidy Elimination Act of 2011; H.R. 1223, GSE Credit Risk Equitable Treatment Act of 2011; H.R. 1224, the Portfolio Risk Reduction Act of 2011; H.R. 1225, the GSE Debt Issuance Approval Act of 2011; H.R. 1226, the GSE Mission Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1227, the GSE Risk and Activities Limitation Act of 2011. This markup was continued to April 6, time and room TBA.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Is America's Overseas Broadcasting Undermining our National Interest and the Fight Against Tyrannical Regimes? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Park Stout, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Philo L. Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Financial Hardball: Corraling Terrorists and Proliferators, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Unrest in the Middle East and North Africa: Ramifications for U.S. Homeland Security.” 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act; and H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Can a Civilian BRAC Commission Consolidate Federal Office Space and Save Taxpayers Billions? 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:00 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act, with a series of up to 7 rollcall votes on or in relation to S. 493 at approximately 4 p.m.

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