

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2365–S2405

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 785–801, S. Res. 140–143, and S. Con. Res. 12. **Page S2387**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 109, honoring and supporting women in North Africa and the Middle East whose bravery, compassion, and commitment to putting the wellbeing of others before their own have proven that courage can be contagious. **Page S2386**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Lady Aggies of Texas A&M University: Senate agreed to S. Res. 142, congratulating the Lady Aggies of Texas A&M University on winning the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship. **Page S2402**

National Safe Digging Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 143, supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month. **Page S2402**

Appointments:

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106–79, appointed the following Senator to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Senator Moran. **Page S2402**

Japan-United States Friendship Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–118, Section 4(a)(3) appointed Senator Murkowski to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. **Page S2402**

United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, appointed the following Senator to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 112th Congress: Senator Hatch. **Page S2402**

Senate National Security Working Group for the 112th Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf

of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002) and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 21, 2004), the appointment of the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 112th Congress:

Senator Kyl (Administrative Co-Chairman)

Senator McConnell (Co-Chairman)

Senator Cochran (Co-Chairman)

Senator Graham (Co-Chairman)

Senator Lugar

Senator Sessions

Senator Corker

Senator McCain

Senator Risch

Senator Blunt.

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Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed Senator Hutchison, from the Committee on Appropriations, and Senator Burr, At Large, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy. **Pages S2402–03**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:

Senator Kirk, from the Committee on Appropriations, and Senator McCain, from the Committee on Armed Services. **Page S2403**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295(b) of the U.S. Code, as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Senator Isakson, from the Committee on Commerce,

Science and Transportation, and Senator Boozman, At Large. **Page S2403**

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 70-770, appointed Senator Cochran to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. **Page S2403**

Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 93-642, appointed the following Senator to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: Senator Blunt vice former Senator Bond. **Page S2403**

Morning Business—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, Senate proceed to a period of morning business for debate only until 3:00 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the Republicans controlling the time from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for the purpose of a colloquy, and the Majority controlling the time from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.; and the Majority Leader be recognized at 3 p.m. **Page S2403**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Vincent L. Briccetti, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S2371-74**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 58), John A. Kronstadt, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S2371-74**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—58) **Page S2374**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2403.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Robert F. Willard, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General Walter L. Sharp, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense.

COUNTERTERRORISM, COUNTERNARCOTICS, AND BUILDING PARTNERSHIP CAPACITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense plans and programs relating to counterterrorism, counternarcotics, and building partnership capacity, after receiving testimony from Garry Reid, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, James A. Schear, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Partnership Strategy and Stability Operations, and William F. Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, all of the Department of Defense.

DODD-FRANK ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building the new derivatives regulatory framework, focusing on oversight of Title VII of the “Dodd-Frank Act”, after receiving testimony from Mary L. Schapiro,

Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Daniel K. Tarullo, Governor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Mary J. Miller, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Markets; Thomas C. Deas, Jr., FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Lee Olesky, Tradeweb Markets LLC, New York, New York; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Ian Axe, LCH.Clearnet Group Limited, London, England; and Jennifer Paquette, Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association, Denver.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 99, to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 398, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve energy efficiency of certain appliances and equipment, with an amendment;

S. 629, to improve hydropower, with an amendment; and

The nomination of Peter Bruce Lyons, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy.

NATURAL GAS DRILLING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife to examine natural gas drilling, focusing on public health and environmental impacts including S. 587, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, after receiving testimony from Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Robert M. Summers, Maryland Department of the Environment Acting Secretary, Baltimore; Jeff Cloud, Oklahoma Corporation Commission Vice Chairman, Oklahoma City; David Neslin, Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Director, Denver; and Conrad Daniel Volz, University of Pittsburgh Center for Healthy Environments and Communities, and John W. Ubinger, Jr., Pennsylvania Environmental Council, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NUCLEAR EMERGENCY IN JAPAN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety to examine a review of the nuclear emergency in Japan and

implications for the United States, after receiving testimony from Representatives Capps and Bilbray; Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; California State Senator Sam Blakeslee, and James D. Boyd, California Energy Commission Vice Chairman, both of Sacramento; Lewis D. Schiliro, Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security Secretary, Dover; Curtis Sommerhoff, Miami-Dade Department of Emergency Management, Miami, Florida; Charles Pardee, Exelon Generation Company, Chicago, Illinois; and Thomas B. Cochran, Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., Washington, D.C.

TAX ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the best practices in tax administration, focusing on a look across the globe and preliminary information on selected foreign practices that may provide useful insights, after receiving testimony from Michael Brostek, Director, Strategic Issues Team, Government Accountability Office; Brian Erard, B.E. and Associates, Reston, Virginia; and Michael Gaffney, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 109, honoring and supporting women in North Africa and the Middle East whose bravery, compassion, and commitment to putting the wellbeing of others before their own have proven that courage can be contagious; and

The nominations of Nils Maarten Parin Daulaire, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Joseph M. Torsella, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Robert Patterson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Jonathan Scott Gratton, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Michelle D. Gavin, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, 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, all of the Department of State, and Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund.

ELIMINATING WASTEFUL SPENDING IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the President's plan for eliminating wasteful spending in information technology, and how continued improvements in investment oversight and management can yield billions in savings, after receiving testimony from Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, and Administrator, E-Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President; David McClure, Associate Administrator, Office of Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies, General Services Administration; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Stephen W.T. O'Keeffe, MeriTalk, London, England; Rishi Sood, Gartner, Chicago, Illinois; and Alfred Grasso, The MITRE Corporation, Amherst, Massachusetts.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine financial literacy, focusing on the Federal government's role in empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary of Edu-

cation for Vocational and Adult Education; Lori J. Schock, Director, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Joshua Wright, Acting Director, Office of Financial Education and Financial Access, and Hollister K. Petraeus, Director, Office of Servicemember Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, both of the Department of the Treasury.

FAIR ELECTIONS NOW ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine a comprehensive response to *Citizens United*, including S. 750, to reform the financing of Senate elections, and S. 749, to establish a revenue source for fair elections financing of Senate campaigns by providing an excise tax on amounts paid pursuant to contracts with the United States Government, after receiving testimony from former Senator Alan K. Simpson, Americans for Campaign Reform, Cody, Wyoming; Monica Youn, New York University School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, New York, New York; and Cleta Mitchell, Republican National Lawyers Association, Washington, D.C.

CYBER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine cyber security, focusing on responding to the threat of cyber crime and terrorism, after receiving testimony from Jason Weinstein, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Gordon M. Snow, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Pablo A. Martinez, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Phyllis Schneck, McAfee, Inc., Reston, Virginia; John E. Savage, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; Stewart A. Baker, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1474–1503; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 37–38; and H. Res. 220–222 were introduced. **Pages H2602–04**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 307, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 217 West King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, as the "W.

Craig Broadwater Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 112–59);

H. Res. 218, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1473) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 35) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473; and providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 36) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473 (H. Rept. 112–60); and

H. Res. 219, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1217) to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund (H. Rept. 112–61). **Page H2593**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleming to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2577**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2580**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 79 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 256. **Pages H2580, H2586–87**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H2581**

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

Amending the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act to extend the termination date for the Commission: H.R. 1308, to amend the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act to extend the termination date for the Commission, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 254 and **Pages H2581–82, H2585**

W. Craig Broadwater Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: S. 307, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 217 West King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, as the “W. Craig Broadwater Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 3 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 255. **Pages H2582–84, H2585–86**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2584**

Providing for the appointment of Stephen M. Case as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge and agree to S. J. Res. 8, to provide for

the appointment of Stephen M. Case as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H2584**

Electing Members to the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 197, to elect Members to the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library. **Page H2584**

Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 33, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Pages H2584–85**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2585, H2585–86, H2586–87. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USING SPECTRUM TO ADVANCE PUBLIC SAFETY, PROMOTE BROADBAND, CREATE JOBS, AND REDUCE THE DEFICIT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Using Spectrum to Advance Public Safety, Promote Broadband, Create Jobs, and Reduce the Deficit.” Testimony was heard from Slade Gorton, Former Senator, Member of the 9/11 Commission; Deputy Chief Charles Dowd, Commanding Officer, Communications Division, New York Police Department; Julius Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; and public witnesses.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on legislation on the Private Property Rights Protection Act, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011; AND LEGISLATION DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 1473

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 3, a closed rule providing for

consideration of H.R. 1473, Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011. The rule provides one hour of debate on H.R. 1473 to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1473. The rule provides that H.R. 1473 shall be considered as read. The rule provides that all points of order against provisions in H.R. 1473 are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 1473. The rule provides that if H.R. 1473 is passed by the House, it shall be in order to separately consider H. Con. Res. 35, Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to Make a Correction in the Enrollment of H.R. 1473 and H. Con. Res. 36, Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to Make a Correction in the Enrollment of H.R. 1473, each under a closed rule. The rule provides twenty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 35, and twenty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 36, to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H. Con. Res. 35 and H. Con. Res. 36. The rule provides that H. Con. Res. 35 and H. Con. Res. 36 shall be considered as read. The rule provides that if the House receives a message from the Senate transmitting its passage of H.R. 1473 without amendment, then the Clerk shall not certify an enrollment of the bill until notified by the Speaker or by message from the Senate that the Senate has taken the question on adoption of H. Con. Res. 35 and H. Con. Res. 36, if previously adopted by the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers, Rep. Dicks, Rep. Norton, and Rep. Kucinich.

REPEAL THE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 1217, to Repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund. 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 bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. 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 Rep. Pitts; Rep. Pallone; and Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas.

REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS AND ENSURING SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Reducing Regulatory Burdens and Ensuring Safe Transportation of Hazardous Materials, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Quarterman, Administrator, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Internal Revenue Service, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 United States Pacific Command (PACOM), 10:30 a.m., S-217, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current materiel readiness of U.S. Forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

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, 1:30 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs 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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request and oversight for fiscal year 2012 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, S. 680, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum, and S. 710, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine domestic renewable fuels, focusing on ethanol and advanced biofuels, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine international development policy priorities in the fiscal year 2012 budget, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation, S. 772, to protect Federal employees and visitors, improve the security of Federal facilities and authorize and modernize the Federal Protective Service, S. 550, to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards, S. 498, to ensure objective, independent review of task and delivery orders, S. 762, to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute, S. 191, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications, S. 514, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, S. Res. 128, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 1 through 7, 2011, and the nomination of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, 11 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine fulfilling our commitment to support victims of crime, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Henry F. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Nelva Gonzales Ramos, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Richard Brooke Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Sara Lynn Darrow, to be United States District

Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider the nomination of William J. Boarman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine veterans' employment, focusing on improving the transition from the battlefield to the workforce, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the reform of the medical device approval process, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on Implementing Dodd-Frank: A Review of the CFTC's Rulemaking Process, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the state of the poultry industry, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Defense Acquisition, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, Members Day hearing, 11 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Examining Fragmentation and Overlap of Federal Education Programs, 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to receive testimony on Guantanamo detainee transfer policy and recidivism, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing to receive testimony on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for military construction, base closure, environment, facilities operation and maintenance, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011 legislation, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled "Import Safety: Status of FDA's Screening Efforts at the Border", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Priorities for U.S. Assistance in the Western Hemisphere, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on Crisis in Cote d'Ivoire: Implications for the Country and Region, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Shifting Sands: Political Transitions in the Middle East, Part 1, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled "Taking Measure of Countermeasures

(Part 1): A review of government and industry efforts to protect the homeland through accelerated research, development, and acquisition of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear medical countermeasures”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on the H-2A Visa Program: Meeting the Growing Needs of American Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on legislation regarding the Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2011, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 1229, Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act; H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act; and H.R. 1231, Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on the following: H.R. 828, Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2011; H.R. 829, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2011; H.R. 1470, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the probationary period applicable to appointments in the civil service, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the “Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office”. 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled, “Federal Employees’ Compensation Act: A Fair Approach?” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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