

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4567–S4622

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1367–1375. **Page S4608**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4577–S4605**

Pending:

Coburn (for McCain) Amendment No. 553, to eliminate the additional amount of \$10,000,000, not included in the President's budget request for fiscal year 2012, appropriated for the Department of Defense for planning and design for the Energy Conservation Investment Program. **Page S4605**

Johnson (SD)/Kirk Amendment No. 556, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4605**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 110), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the Johnson (SD) motion to waive the points of order under section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 for the bill, any amendments thereto and motions thereon. **Page S4601**

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 111), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the Johnson (SD) motion to waive the points of order under section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 for the bill, any amendments thereto and motions thereon. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Pages S4601–02**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, July 18, 2011. **Page S4622**

Oetken Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, July 18, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of J. Paul Oetken, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; that there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S4622**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—111) **Pages S4601–02**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4622.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GROWING JOBS IN RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine growing jobs in rural America, after receiving testimony from Bruce Graham, Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., Indianapolis; Zac Stewart, Ambient, LLC, Ignacio, Colorado; Paul Bony, ClimateMaster, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Helen Sanders, SAGE Electrochromics, Faribault, Minnesota; Marc Verbruggen, NatureWorks, Wayzata, Minnesota; Oliver P. Peoples, Metabolix, Cambridge, Massachusetts; John McIntosh, Signature Crypton Carpet, Dalton, Georgia; and Dennis Hall, The Ohio State University Bioproducts Innovation Center, Columbus.

LIGHT WATER SMALL MODULAR REACTORS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine the safety and economics of light water small modular reactors, after receiving testimony from Peter Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; William D. Magwood, IV, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Edwin Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Ernest J. Moniz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; E. James Ferland, Jr., Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania; Christofer M. Mowry, Babcock and Wilcox Nuclear Energy, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; and Paul Lorenzini, NuScale Power, Inc., Corvallis, Oregon.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine the National Nanotechnology Investment, focusing on manufacturing, commercialization, and job creation, after receiving testimony from Charles H. Romine, Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Chad A.

Mirkin, Northwestern University International Institute for Nanotechnology, Evanston, Illinois, on behalf of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology; Diandra L. Leslie-Pelecky, West Virginia University Nano Initiative, Morgantown; Thomas O'Neal, University of Central Florida, Orlando; and George McLendon, Rice University, Houston, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill to promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies;

S. 201, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir;

S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, with an amendment;

S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, with amendments;

S. 278, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado;

S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, with an amendment;

S. 333, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch;

S. 334, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir;

S. 382, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other permits;

S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior;

S. 512, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 519, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, with amendments;

S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument;

S. 683, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah, with amendments;

S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, with amendments;

S. 714, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, with an amendment;

S. 734, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 808, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District;

S. 897, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs;

S. 997, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District;

S. 1000, to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1001, to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1067, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Sudan, focusing on a roadmap forward, after receiving testimony from Princeton Lyman, Special Envoy to Sudan, Department of State.

EMPLOYMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine learning from what works for employment for persons with disabilities, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Martinez, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy; former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, National Organization on Disability,

Washington, D.C.; Deborah Dagit, Merck, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey; and Amelia Wallrich, Frankfort, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Cynthia Chavez Lamar, of New Mexico, Barbara Jeanne Ells, of Colorado, and Deborah Downing Goodman, of Oklahoma, all to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

NATIVE WOMEN

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine native women, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Rose Weahkee, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Donald W. Rodgers, Cawtawba Indian Nation, Rock Hill, South Carolina, on behalf of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.; Carmen O'Leary, Native Women's Society of the Great Plains, Timber Lake, South Dakota; Sherry Sanchez Tibbetts, American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth, Minnesota; Mickey Peercy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; and Sarah Deer, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of the Amnesty International USA's Native American and Alaska Native Advisory Council.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Stephen A. Higginson, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alison J. Nathan, and Katherine B. Forrest, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Susan Owens Hickey, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, and David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on closing the gaps, after receiving testimony from William Schoenhard, Deputy Under Secretary for Health Operations and Management, George Arana, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Clinical Operations, Antonette Zeiss, Acting Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer for Mental

Health, and Mary Schohn, Acting Director, Mental Health Operations, all of the Veterans Health Administration, and John D. Daigh, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Health Care Inspections, and Michael Shepherd, Senior Physician, both of the Office of Inspector General, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Dave Underriner, Providence Health and Services, Oregon Region, Portland; Daniel Williams, National Alliance on Mental Illness,

Homewood, Alabama; and Andrea Sawyer, Wounded Warrior Project, Colonial Heights, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2527–2549; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 65; and H. Res. 350–351 were introduced. **Pages H5084–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5087–88**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: First Semiannual Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–147). **Page H5084**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5021**

Recess: The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5028**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. George Dillard, Peachtree City Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia. **Page H5028**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration of the measure began on Friday, July 8th. **Pages H5033–50, H5050–80**

Agreed to:

Reed amendment that was debated on July 13th that increases funding, by offset, for Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup by \$41 million (by a recorded vote of 261 ayes to 162 noes, Roll No. 575); **Page H5045**

Schiff amendment that was debated on July 13th that increases funding, by offset, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by \$79,640,000 (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 579); **Pages H5047–48**

Shimkus amendment that was debated on July 13th that increases funding, by offset, for the Yucca Mountain license application by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 297 ayes to 130 noes, Roll No. 581); **Page H5049**

Gosar amendment (No. 66 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to implement or enforce section 327.13(a) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations; **Pages H5053–54**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of the Department of Energy Organization Act; **Pages H5056–58**

Hastings (WA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement or enforce the recommendations or guidance proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers in the final draft of the McNary Shoreline Management Plan, Lake Wallula, Washington; **Pages H5058–59**

Hastings (WA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Energy to move the Office of Environmental Management under the authority of the Under Secretary for Nuclear Security of the Department of Energy; **Page H5060**

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Energy or any other Federal agency to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles, for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum-Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H5060–61**

Hastings (WA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the removal or associated mitigation of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project number 2342; **Page H5061**

Denham amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement section 10011(b) of Public Law 111–11; **Pages H5064–65**

Flores amendment (No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007;

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Young (IN) amendment (No. 75 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to pay the salaries of Department of Energy employees to carry out section 407 of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009;

Pages H5068–69

Luetkemeyer amendment (No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record of July 7, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used for the study of the Missouri River Projects authorized in section 108 of the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;

Pages H5073–74

Luetkemeyer amendment that prohibits funds from being used to continue the study conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to section 5018(a)(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007; and

Pages H5074–75

Cravaack amendment (No. 80 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to develop or submit a proposal to expand the authorized uses of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

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Rejected:

Matheson amendment that was debated on July 13th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 574);

Pages H5044–45

Holt amendment (No. 65 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2011) that was debated on July 13th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Science by \$42,665,000 (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 576);

Pages H5045–46

Royce amendment (No. 68 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2011) that was debated on July 13th that sought to reduce funding for Science by \$10 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 577);

Pages H5046–47

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 43 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that was debated on July 13th that sought to reduce funding for Science by \$820,488,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 99 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 578);

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Broun (GA) amendment (No. 48 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that was debated on July 13th that sought to eliminate funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program and apply the savings to the

spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 580); and

Pages H5048–49

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 47 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that was debated on July 13th that sought to eliminate funding for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 582).

Pages H5049–50

Withdrawn:

Rohrabacher amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to require that not less than 10 percent of the funds made available by the Act for carrying out section 1703 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 be available for carrying out projects described in subsection (b)(4) of such section that use coolants different from those commercial technologies that are in service at the time the guarantee is issued.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Eshoo amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enter into a contract with a corporation or other business entity that does not disclose its political expenditures;

Pages H5052–53

Capps amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being expended by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the purposes of the license renewal process for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, until advanced, peer-reviewed seismic studies are completed; and

Pages H5061–62

Rohrabacher amendment that sought to prohibit the funds made available for carrying out projects described in subsection (b)(5) of section 1703 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 from exceeding the amount of funds made available to carry out projects described in subsection (b)(4) that use coolants different from those commercial technologies that are in service at the time the guarantee is issued.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Cole amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to implement any rule, regulation, or executive order regarding the disclosure of political contributions that takes effect on or after the date of enactment of this Act;

Pages H5051–52

Cohen amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Solar Energy Program by \$16 million;

Pages H5054–55

Gosar amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to administer or enforce the requirements of subchapter IV of chapter 31 or title 40, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Davis-Bacon Act), except with respect to a contract that exceeds \$20 million;

Pages H5055–56

Kaptur amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$10 million; **Pages H5059–60**

Flake amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy; **Pages H5062–63**

Capps amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being expended by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2; **Pages H5063–64**

Flake amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for the Fossil Energy Research and Development program of the Department of Energy; **Page H5064**

Scalise amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Corps of Engineers-Civil—Construction by \$1 million; **Pages H5065–66**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 81 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2011) that seeks to eliminate funding for the Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; **Pages H5066–67**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 63 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to carry out the activities specified in section 505 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; **Pages H5067–68**

Landry (No. 76 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to pay the salary of individuals appointed to the current position through, or otherwise carry out, paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 5503(a) of title 5, United States Code; **Page H5069**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 5 percent; **Pages H5069–70**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 1 percent; **Pages H5070–71**

Harris amendment (No. 53 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to fund any portion of the International program activities at the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy with the exception of activities authorized in section 917 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; **Pages H5071–72**

Burgess amendment (No. 70 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to implement or enforce section 430.32(x) of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations or to implement or enforce the standards established by the tables contained in section 325(i)(1)(B) of the Energy Policy and Conservation

Act with respect to BPAR incandescent reflector lamps, BR incandescent reflector lamps, and ER incandescent reflector lamps; **Pages H5075–76**

Rohrabacher amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to carry out projects described in section 1703(b)(5) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; and **Pages H5077–78**

Adams amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Department of Energy for maintaining, developing, or creating any Web site which disseminates information regarding energy efficiency and educational programs on energy efficiency specifically to children under 18 years of age. **Pages H5078–79**

H. Res. 337, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Friday, July 8th.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hirono, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Ethics. **Page H5050**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 350, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H5050**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, July 15th. **Page H5080**

Discharge Petition: Representative Gohmert presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on Armed Services and Transportation and Infrastructure from the consideration of H.R. 1297, to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a funding gap caused by the failure to enact interim or full-year appropriations for the Armed Forces occurs, which results in the furlough of non-emergency personnel and the curtailment of Government activities and services (Discharge Petition No. 2).

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5088.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5044–45, H5045, H5045–46, H5046–47, H5047, H5047–48, H5048–49, H5049, H5049–50. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of

USDA Farm Loan Programs. Testimony was heard from Bruce Nelson, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture.

HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT: A HIGH RISK AREA FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Human Capital Management: A High Risk Area for the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Brenda Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team, GAO; Pasquale (Pat) M. Tamburrino, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy); and Keith Charles, Director, Human Capital Initiatives (Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics), Department of Defense.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “The Fair Labor Standards Act: Is It Meeting the Needs of the Twenty-First Century Workplace?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REGULATORY CHAOS: FINDING LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS TO BENEFIT JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on the Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Chaos: Finding Legislative Solutions to Benefit Jobs and the Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNET PRIVACY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade and the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Internet Privacy: The Views of the FTC, the FCC, and NTIA.” Testimony was heard from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Edith Ramirez, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and Lawrence Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator, National Telecommunication and Information Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a business meeting to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of a subpoena for certain records of the Office of Management and Budget relating to the Department of Energy’s issuance of a loan guarantee to Solyndra, Inc. on September 2, 2009. The subcommittee passed a resolution authorizing the full Committee Chairman

to authorize and issue a subpoena duces tecum to the Office of Management and Budget, related to or arising from the investigation of a loan guarantee made to Solyndra, Inc.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESEARCH AND THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Financial Research and the Financial Stability Oversight Council.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1932, the “Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2011”; H.R. 2480, the “Administrative Conference of the United States Reauthorization Act of 2011”; H.R. 704, the “Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2011”; and H.R. 1002, the “Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011.” H.R. 1932, H.R. 2480, and H.R. 1002 were ordered reported, as amended. The markup of H.R. 704, the “Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2011,” will continue on July 15, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following: P.L. 110–229, the “Consolidated Natural Resources Act”; H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States; and H.R. 44, the “Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.” Testimony was heard from Benigno Repeki Fitial, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Eddie Baza Calvo, Governor, Guam; David Gootnik, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Kelly Ryan, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Border Security, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Nik Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Mauricio Tamargo, former Chairman, Guam War Claims Review Commission, former Chairman, United States Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; and Brig. Gen. V.G. Ben Blaz, USMC (Ret.), former Member of Congress; and public witnesses.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS REAUTHORIZATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing

entitled “Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization and Forest Management Options for a Viable County Payments Program.” Testimony was heard from Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; David Tenney, President, County Supervisors Association of Arizona, Navajo County Board of Supervisors; David Crews, Superintendent, Norwood, Colorado School District; and public witnesses.

ABANDONED MINED LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Abandoned Mined Lands: Innovative Solutions for Restoring the Environment, Improving Safety and Creating Jobs.” Testimony was heard from Marcilynn Burke, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service; and Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION EFFORTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Consumer Financial Protection Efforts: Answers Needed.” Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Warren, Assistant to the President, and Special Adviser to the Secretary of the Treasury.

EPA’S APPALACHIAN ENERGY PERMITORIUM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled “EPA’s Appalachian Energy Permitorium: Job Killer or Job Creator?” Testimony was heard from Rep. Capito, Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, EPA; Margaret E. Gaffney-Smith, Chief, Regulatory Community of Practice, Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

TRANSPARENCY AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT IT SYSTEMS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “Transparency and Federal Management IT Systems.” Testimony was heard from Vivek Kundra, Chief Information Officer, OMB; Roger Baker, Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lawrence Gross, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Department of the Interior; Owen Barwell, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy; and Joel Willemsen, Man-

aging Director, Information Technology Issues, GAO.

EPA’S IRIS PROGRAM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “EPA’s IRIS Program: Evaluating the Science and Process Behind Chemical Risk Assessment.” Testimony was heard from Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; David Trimble, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor, Elizabeth, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a markup of legislation regarding Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2011. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

FEMA REAUTHORIZATION AND CUTTING THE RED TAPE IN RECOVERY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “FEMA Reauthorization and Cutting the Red Tape in Recovery.” Testimony was heard from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, FEMA; Lt. Col. Jerome Hatfield, Deputy Superintendent for Homeland Security, New Jersey State Police, National Emergency Management Association; and public witnesses.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Silvertip Pipeline Oil Spill in Yellowstone County, Montana”. Testimony was heard from Rep. Tester; Cynthia Quarterman, Administrator, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on Intelligence Oversight. This was a closed hearing.

PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN AMERICA

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence held a hearing entitled “Preventing Violent Extremism in America: A Report from the Bipartisan Policy Center”. This is an open hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on military voting, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative.” The hearing will focus on legislation regarding the “Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011,” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing to Address Spectrum and Public Safety Issues,” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled “Homeland Security Contracting: Does the Department Effectively Leverage Emerging Technologies?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on legislation regarding the “Innovative Design Protection and Piracy Prevention Act,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup of H.R. 704, the “Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2011,” 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Offshore Energy: Interior Department’s Plans for Offshore Energy, Revenue, and Safety Reorganization,” 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2433, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 1941, the “Hiring Heroes Act of 2011”; and H.R. 169, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the main page of the Internet Web site of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet Web site and to publicize such Internet Web site, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: To hold hearings to examine Internet freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on current trends in Internet governance, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2055, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Following which, at 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of J. Paul Oetken, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, July 15

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2354—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012.

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