

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5587–S5635*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1552–1560, and S. Res. 266–267. **Page S5624**

#### Measures Passed:

**Hispanic Heritage Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 267, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States. **Pages S5631–32**

#### Measures Considered:

**Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 66, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5594–S5616, S5617–18**

##### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 602, to provide additional appropriations for disaster relief in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. **Pages S5617–18**

Reid Amendment No. 603 (to Amendment No. 602), to change the enactment date. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 604 (to Amendment No. 603), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 605 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 602), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 606 (to Amendment No. 605), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5617**

Reid Motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 607, to change the enactment date. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 608 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 607), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 609 (to Amendment No. 608), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S5617–18**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 602 (listed above), and, in ac-

cordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 16, 2011. **Page S5617**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid Amendment No. 602 (listed above). **Page S5617**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 15, 2011. **Page S5632**

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

Mary B. DeRosa, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5631, S5635**

Frank E. Loy, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5631, S5635**

Kendrick B. Meek, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5631, S5635**

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

David Campos Guaderrama, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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<b>Adjournment:</b> Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Malcolm Wallop, at 7:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5632.)	

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2012.

### APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2012.

### GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine general and flag officer requirements, after receiving testimony from Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Vice Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, Director, Joint Staff, General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, Admiral Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps, and General Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff,

United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense; and Benjamin J. Freeman, Project on Government Oversight, Washington, D.C.

### INSURANCE REGULATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine emerging issues in insurance regulation, after receiving testimony from Baird Webel, Specialist in Financial Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Therese M. Vaughan, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Washington, D.C.; Mary A. Weiss, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Daniel Schwarcz, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis.

### REFINANCING AND RESTRUCTURING MORTGAGE LOANS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine new ideas for refinancing and restructuring mortgage loans, including S. 170, to provide for the affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Isakson; Richard A. Smith, Realty Corporation, Parsippany, New Jersey; Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, and David H. Stevens, Mortgage Bankers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Ivy Zelman, Zelman and Associates, Beachwood, Ohio; Marcia J. Griffin, HomeFree-USA, Hyattsville, Maryland; Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Anthony B. Sanders, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Christopher J. Mayer, Columbia Business School, New York, New York.

### INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine moving intercity passenger rail into the future, after receiving testimony from Joseph C. Szabo, Federal Railroad Administrator, and Mitchell Behm, Assistant Inspector General for Rail, Maritime and Economic Analysis, both of the Department of Transportation; and Joseph H. Boardman, President and CEO, and Ted Alves, Inspector General, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, both of AMTRAK.

### TAX REFORM OPTIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform options, focusing on marginal rates on high-income taxpayers, capital gains and dividends, after receiving testimony from Dennis

Mehiel, U.S. Corrugated, Inc., New York, New York; Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, and Bill Rys, National Federation of Independent Business, both of Washington, D.C.; and Leonard E. Burman, Syracuse University Maxwell School, Syracuse, New York.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee began consideration of S. 1546, to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

#### SECURING THE PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the pharmaceutical supply chain, focusing on how the Food and Drug Administration faces challenges overseeing the foreign drug manufacturing supply chain, after receiving testimony from Deborah M. Autor, Deputy Commissioner for Global Regulatory Operations and Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services;

Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Kendra A. Martello, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), Gordon Johnston, Generic Pharmaceutical Association (GPhA), and Allan Coukell, The Pew Charitable Trusts, all of Washington, D.C.; and Martin VanTrieste, Amgen, Thousand Oaks, California, on behalf of Rx-360.

#### TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine renewing the commitment to victims of human trafficking, including S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, after receiving testimony from Mary Lou Leary, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Luis CdeBaca, Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and Kelly Ryan, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration and Border Security.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 2910–2934; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79 and H. Con. Res. 78–79, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H6182–83**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1070, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to authorize the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–206).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011:* H.R. 2867, amended, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998.

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**Motion to Proceed:** Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 392, Representative Reed moved that the House proceed to consider H.J. Res. 77. The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit:** The House agreed to H.J. Res. 77, relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on August 2, 2011, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 186 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 706.

**Pages H6156–68**

Pursuant to section 3101A(c)(4) of title 31, United States Code, H.J. Res. 77 was considered as read, and the previous question was considered as ordered on the joint resolution to its passage without

intervening motion except two hours of debate equally divided and controlled. **Pages H6156–57**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, September 15th. **Page H6168**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened at 6:41 p.m. **Page H6179**

**Quorum Calls Votes**—One recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H6167–68. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEED AVAILABILITY AND ITS EFFECT ON THE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INDUSTRIES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on the examination of the issue of feed availability and its effect on the livestock and poultry industries. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NEED FOR PRO-GROWTH TAX REFORM

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Need for Pro-Growth Tax Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FEDERAL ROLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Role in Public School Accountability.” Testimony was heard from Hanna Skandera, Secretary-Designate, New Mexico Public Education Department; Amy F. Sichel, Superintendent, Abington School District; Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and Blaine Hawley, Principal, Red Pump Elementary School.

### EPA’S NEW AND PROPOSED POWER SECTOR REGULATIONS ON ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the American Energy Initiative with a focus on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency’s new and proposed power sector regulations on electric reliability. Testimony was heard from the following Commissioners of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission: Jon Wellinghoff, Philip D. Moeller, Marc Spitzer, John R. Norris, and Cheryl A. LaFleur; and Jeff Davis, Commissioner, Missouri Public Service

Commission; Jon W. McKinney, Commissioner, West Virginia Public Service Commission; Stan Wise, Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission; H.B. “Trip” Doggett, President and CEO, Electric Reliability Council of Texas; and Mark Shurtleff, Attorney General, Utah.

### SOLYNDRA AND THE DOE LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Solyndra and the DOE Loan Guarantee Program.” Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Zients, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Department of Energy Loans Programs Office.

### CYBERSECURITY: THREATS TO THE FINANCIAL SECTOR

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: Threats to the Financial Sector.” Testimony was heard from A.T. Smith, Assistant Director, United States Secret Service; Gordon Snow, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Greg Schaffer, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### HUD AND NEIGHBORWORKS HOUSING COUNSELING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “HUD and NeighborWorks Housing Counseling Oversight.” Testimony was heard from Deborah C. Holston, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### U.S. AID TO THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Promoting Peace? Reexamining U.S. Aid to the Palestinian Authority, Part II.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### U.S.-INDIA COUNTERTERRORISM COOPERATION

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on U.S.-India Counterterrorism Cooperation: Deepening the Partnership. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “United States Secret Service: Examining Protective and Investigative Missions and Challenges in 2012.” Testimony was heard from Mark Sullivan, Director, Secret Service.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a markup of the Subcommittee print to authorize the programs of the Transportation Security Administration relating to the provision of transportation security, and for other purposes, entitled the “Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act of 2011.” The print was ordered reported, as amended.

**INVESTOR VISA PROGRAM: KEY TO CREATING AMERICAN JOBS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “The Investor Visa Program: Key to Creating American Jobs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CREATING AMERICAN JOBS BY HARNESSING OUR RESOURCES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Creating American Jobs by Harnessing Our Resources: Domestic Mining Opportunities and Hurdles.” Testimony was heard from Tom Murphy, Mayor, Gillette, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 200, the “Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2842, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from David Murillo, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation; Ed Scott, Mayor Pro Tem, Rialto, California; Christopher Treese, External Affairs Manager, Colorado River District, Glenwood Springs, Colorado; Grant Ward, Water and Power Consultant, Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District and Electrical District No.3, Maricopa, Arizona; and public witnesses.

**HOW A BROKEN PROCESS LEADS TO FLAWED REGULATIONS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How a Broken Process Leads to Flawed Regulations.” Testimony

was heard from Cass Sunstein, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; and public witnesses.

**SUSTAINABILITY OF SMALL BUSINESS GRADUATES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Beyond the Size Standards: Sustainability of Small Business Graduates.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Connolly and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup of legislation regarding the “Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, Financial Services and General Government, and the Legislative Branch, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* To hold hearings to examine policy prescriptions for the economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be General Counsel, David T. Danielson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, all of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* To hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on promoting retirement security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* To hold hearings to examine the future of employment for people with the most significant disabilities, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* To hold an oversight hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on paving the way for jobs, infrastructure, and safety in native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Business meeting to consider S. 1151, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 1408, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1535, to protect consumers by mitigating the vulnerability of personally identifiable information to theft through a security breach, providing notice and remedies to consumers in the wake of such a breach, holding companies accountable for preventable breaches, facilitating the sharing of post-breach technical information between companies, and enhancing criminal and civil penalties and other protections against the unauthorized collection or use of personally identifiable information, H.R. 2480, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, and the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* To hold hearings to examine disaster recovery, focusing on evaluating the role of America's small business in rebuilding their communities, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

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

## House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform, hearing on organizational challenges in achieving sound financial management and audit readiness, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on sustaining GPS for national security, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Internet Privacy: The Impact and Burden of EU Regulation." 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Cutting the Red Tape: Saving Jobs from PPACA's Harmful Regulations." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Fixing the Watchdog: Legislative Proposals to

Improve and Enhance the Securities and Exchange Commission." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2885, the "Legal Workforce Act"; and H.R. 2847, the "American Specialty Agriculture Act." 11:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on legislation regarding to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2336, the "York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2011"; H.R. 2351, the "North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act"; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside; H.R. 2606, the "New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act"; and H.R. 2687, the "Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act." 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of the Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled "Crowdfunding: Connecting Investors and Job Creators." 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled "Defense Department Contracting in Afghanistan: Are We Doing Enough to Combat Corruption?" 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Out of Thin Air: EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule." 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled "Helping Small Businesses Compete: Challenges within Programs Designed to Assist Small Contractors." 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 15

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, September 15

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 66, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act, with the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments to the joint resolution and the substitute amendment at 1 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 2587—Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act.

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