

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6277–S6356

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1661–1676, S.J. Res. 28, and S. Res. 288–290. **Pages S6330–31**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2012”. (S. Rept. No. 112–87) **Pages S6329–30**

Measures Passed:

United States Parole Commission Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 2944, to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6351–52**

Reid (for Coburn) Amendment No. 736, to authorize a 2-year extension of the Parole Commission. **Page S6352**

American Legion Authorization: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1639, to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Legion under its Federal charter to provide guidance and leadership to the individual departments and posts of the American Legion, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6352**

Discriminatory Laws against the Chinese: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 201, expressing the regret of the Senate for the passage of discriminatory laws against the Chinese in America, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6352–54**

Reid (for Brown (MA)) Amendment No. 737, to modify the resolution. **Pages S6353–54**

National Wildlife Refuge Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, designating the week beginning October 9, 2011, as “National Wildlife Refuge Week”. **Pages S6354–55**

Honoring Reverend Fred Lee Shuttlesworth: Senate agreed to S. Res. 289, celebrating the life and achievements of Reverend Fred Lee Shuttlesworth

and honoring him for his tireless efforts in the fight against segregation and his steadfast commitment to the civil rights of all people. **Page S6355**

Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 290, supporting the designation of October 6, 2011, as “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”. **Pages S6355–56**

Measures Considered:

Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1619, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6279–S6320**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 694, to change the enactment date. **Page S6279**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 695 (to Amendment No. 694), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6279**

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

By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 156), 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 bill. **Page S6283**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 696, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked. **Page S6279**

Reid Amendment No. 697 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 696) of the motion to commit, of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 696, fell. **Page S6279**

Reid Amendment No. 698 (to Amendment No. 697), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 697 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 696) of the motion to commit, fell. **Page S6279**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 157), Senate did not sustain the ruling of the Chair in relation to Reid point of order that the motion to suspend is a dilatory motion under Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Subsequently, the point of order

that the Reid (for Coburn) motion to suspend Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, including germaneness requirements, for the purpose of proposing and considering Coburn Amendment No. 670, was sustained. **Page S6315**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill following the 5:30 p.m. vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, and immediately vote on passage of the bill. **Page S6356**

American Jobs Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1660, to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs. **Page S6351**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 6, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 1619, Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act. **Page S6351**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S6351**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the vote on passage of S. 1619 on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, there be up to five minutes equally divided between the two Leaders, or designees, prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6351**

Trade Bills—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding not having received the following bills from the House of Representatives: H.R. 3080, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement; H.R. 3079, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; H.R. 3078, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; the Senate proceed to their consideration, en bloc, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader; that there be up to twelve hours of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, and the receipt of papers from the House of Representatives, the Senate vote on passage of the bills, in the order listed above; and that there be no amendments, points of order or mo-

tions in order to any of the bills other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; that there be 2 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; and that the consent agreement entered on September 26, 2011 remain in effect, and the Senate then resume legislative session. **Page S6351**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—157) **Pages S6283, S6315**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10 p.m., until 12 noon on Friday, October 7, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6356.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, David A. Montoya, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban

Development, Cyrus Amir-Mokri, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Patricia M. Loui, of Hawaii, and Larry W. Walther, of Arkansas, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John Edgar Bryson, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce, and promotion lists in the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps.

LEGACY URANIUM MINING AND MILLING OPERATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Children's Health and Environmental Responsibility concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal actions to clean up contamination from legacy uranium mining and milling operations, after receiving testimony from James Woolford, Director, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; David Geiser, Director, Office of Legacy Management, Department of Energy; and Michael Weber, Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Waste, Research, State, Tribal and Compliance Programs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for homeownership, after receiving testimony from former Senator John Breaux; Karl Case, Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies, Wellesley, Massachusetts; Robert Dietz, National Association of Home Builders, Washington, D.C.; Richard K. Green, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and Gregory M. Nelson, PulteGroup, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

PEACE CORPS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Nar-

cotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the Peace Corps, focusing on the next fifty years, after receiving testimony from former Senators Christopher Dodd and Harris Wofford; Aaron S. Williams, Director, and Kathy A. Buller, Peace Corps Inspector General, both of the Peace Corps; and Kevin F. F. Quigley, National Peace Corps Association, and Liz Odongo, DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, both of Washington, D.C.

INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine internet infrastructure in native communities, focusing on equal access to e-commerce, jobs and the global marketplace, after receiving testimony from Geoffrey C. Blackwell, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Federal Communications Commission; Howard Hays, Acting Chief Information Officer, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Lance Morgan, Ho-Chunk, Inc., Winnebago, Nebraska; Margo Gray Proctor, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Mesa, Arizona; Michael Pollock, Spectrum Gaming Group LLC, Linwood, New Jersey; Robert Odawi Porter, Seneca Nation of Indians, Irving, New York; Carl Marrs, Old Harbor Native Corporation and the Kodiak-Kenai Cable Company, Anchorage, Alaska; and Robin Puanani Danner, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Honolulu, Hawaii.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Evan Jonathan Wallach, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Dana L. Christensen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana, Cathy Ann Bencivengo, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Gina Marie Groh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, and Margo Kitsy Brodie, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, all of the Department of Justice.

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: 29 public bills, H.R. 3114–3142 and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; and H. Res. 426–428 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3078, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (H. Rept. 112–237);

H.R. 3079, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (H. Rept. 112–238);

H.R. 3080, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 112–239);

H. Res. 425, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3078) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3079) to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3080) to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 112–240); and

H.R. 2349, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to annually assess the skills of certain employees and managers of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–241).

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Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 2681, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities, by a recorded vote of 262 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 764. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, October 5th.

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Rejected the Capps motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 763.

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Rejected:

Cohen amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that was debated on October 5th that sought to insert a subparagraph relating to potential reductions in the number of illness-related absences from work due to

respiratory or other illnesses (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 248 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 760);

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Keating amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that was debated on October 5th that sought to insert a paragraph relating to a date for compliance with standards and requirements under such regulation in accordance with section 112(i)(3) of the Clean Air Act (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 761); and

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Edwards amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that was debated on October 5th that sought to add a section that finds that if the rules specified in section 3(b) remain in effect, they will yield annual public health benefits of \$6,700,000,000 to \$18,000,000,000, while the costs of such rules are \$926,000,000 to \$950,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 762).

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H. Res. 419, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2681) and (H.R. 2250) was agreed to on Tuesday, October 4th.

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Jackson announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011: The House began consideration of H.R. 2250, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a section to instruct the EPA Administrator not to delay actions to reduce emissions from waste incinerators or industrial boilers at chemical facilities, oil refineries, or large manufacturing facilities (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 766);

Pages H6644–51, H6658

Rush amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a subsection stating that section 5 is intended

to supplement the provisions of, and shall not be construed to supersede any requirement, limitation, or other provision of, sections 112 and 129 of the Clean Air Act (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 767); **Pages H6651–52, H6658–59**

Hahn amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a new subsection relating to the Ten Metropolitan Areas of the United States with the Worst Air Quality (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 768); **Pages H6652–53, H6659–60**

Capps amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a section to include findings for health costs and benefits for the rules specified in section 3(b) (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 769); and **Pages H6653–54, H6660**

Doyle amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to insert paragraphs relating to a date for compliance with standards and requirements under such regulation in accordance with section 112(i)(3) of the Clean Air Act (by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 251 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 770). **Pages H6654–56, H6660–61**

H. Res. 419, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2681) and (H.R. 2250) was agreed to on Tuesday, October 4th.

Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Jackson (IL) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Jackson (IL) appealed the ruling of the chair and Representative Whitfield moved to table the appeal. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 765. **Pages H6656–57**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it shall meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, October 11th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H6665**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 10 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6638–39, H6639–40, H6640, H6642, H6642–43, H6657, H6658, H6658–59, H6659–60, H6660, H6660–61. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOD’S FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform held a hearing entitled “Is the Financial Management Workforce Positioned to Achieve DOD’s Financial Improvement Goals?” Testimony was heard from Sandra A. Gregory, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) Office of Financial Workforce Management, Department of Defense; Mary Sally Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller), Department of the Army; Gladys J. Commons, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller), Department of the Navy; and Jamie M. Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller), Department of the Air Force.

CHEMICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Chemical Risk Assessment: What Works for Jobs and the Economy?” Testimony was heard from Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; David C. Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council.” Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE TO THE HOUSING CRISIS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Response to the Housing Crisis.” Testimony was heard from Tammye Trevino, Administrator, Housing and Community Facilities Programs, Rural Development Agency, Department of Agriculture; Carol Galante, Acting Federal Housing Administration Commissioner and Assistant Secretary for Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Darius Kingsley, Deputy Chief, Homeownership Preservation Office, U.S. Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

CLOUD COMPUTING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Cloud Computing: What are the Security Implications?” Testimony was heard from Richard Spires, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; David McClure, Associate Administrator, Office of Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 313, the “Drug Trafficking Safe Harbor Elimination Act of 2011.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

OBAMACARE’S EMPLOYER PENALTY AND ITS IMPACT ON TEMPORARY WORKERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled “Obamacare’s Employer Penalty and its Impact on Temporary Workers.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “Protecting Taxpayer Dollars: Are Federal Agencies Making Full Use of Suspension and Debarment Sanctions?” Testimony was heard from Bill Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Nancy Gunderson, Suspension and Debarment Official, Department of Health and Human Services; Nick Nayak, Chief Procurement Official, Department of Homeland Security; and Steven A. Shaw, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Air Force.

TO EXTEND THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; UNITED STATES-COLOMBIA TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT; UNITED STATES-PANAMA TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT; AND UNITED STATES-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the following: Senate Amendment to H.R. 2832—to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; H.R. 3078, the “United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act”; H.R. 3079, the “United States-Panama

Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act”; and H.R. 3080, the “United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.”

The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 3, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the Senate amendment shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule further provides a closed rule for H.R. 3078 with 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 3078 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3078 and provides that H.R. 3078 shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 3078. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 3078.

The rule also provides a closed rule for H.R. 3079 with 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 3079, with 30 minutes controlled by Representative Camp of Michigan or his designee, 30 minutes controlled by Representative Levin of Michigan or his designee, and 30 minutes controlled by Representative Michaud of Maine, or his designee. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3079 and provides that H.R. 3079 shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 3079. Pursuant to section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on H.R. 3079 to final passage without intervening motion.

The rule further provides a closed rule for H.R. 3080 with 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 3080, with 30 minutes controlled by Representative Camp of Michigan or his designee, 30 minutes controlled by Representative Levin of Michigan or his designee, and 30 minutes controlled by Representative Michaud of Maine, or his designee. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3080 and provides that H.R. 3080 shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 3080. Pursuant to section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on H.R. 3080 to final passage without intervening motion. Finally, the rule proves that H. Res. 418 is laid on the table.

Testimony was heard from Rep. Brady of Texas; and Rep. McDermott.

SUBPAR SUBCONTRACTING: CHALLENGES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES CONTRACTORS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled "Subpar Subcontracting: Challenges for Small Businesses Contractors." Testimony was heard from Joseph G. Jordan, Associate Administrator of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RECOVERY COORDINATION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The Federal Recovery Coordination Program: Assessing Progress Toward Improvement." Testimony was heard from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Philip Burdette, Principal Director, Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; John Medve, Executive Director, Office of VA-DoD Collaboration Service, Office of Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Arlington National Cemetery: An Update on Reform and Progress." Testimony was heard from Major General William H. McCoy, Jr., USA, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Army Inspector General Agency, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; Kathryn A. Condon, Executive Director, National Cemeteries Program, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; and Patrick K. Hallinan, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing reviewing unemployment benefit proposals in the President's latest jobs plan and assessing whether they will help the long-term unemployed return to work. Testimony was heard from Sen. Wyden; Rep. Renacci; Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment, and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC THREAT INTELLIGENCE

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Domestic Threat

Intelligence." Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 10 through October 15, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, to be followed by a vote on passage of S. 1619, Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act, and a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1660, American Jobs Act.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: October 12, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in disaster recovery and response, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 13, to hold hearings to examine addressing potential threats from Iran, focusing on Administration perspectives on implementing new economic sanctions one year later, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 12, to hold hearings to examine universal service reform, focusing on bringing broadband to all Americans, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 13, Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy, to hold hearings to examine innovative practices to create jobs and reduce pollution, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 11, business meeting to consider S. 1641, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, S. 1642, to implement

the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, S. 1643, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, and the nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Executive Office of the President, Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and David S. Johanson, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 4 p.m., SD-215.

October 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on capital investment and manufacturing, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 12, business meeting to consider the nominations of Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Thomas Charles Krajeski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, all of the Department of State, Anne Terman Wedner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Katherine M. Gehl, of Wisconsin, and Terry Lewis, of Michigan, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Russ Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and routine lists in the Foreign Service; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 12, to hold hearings to examine the state of chronic disease prevention, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 11, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine labor-management forums in the Federal government, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

October 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on a status report on information sharing, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Carcieri crisis, focusing on the ripple effect on jobs, economic development and public safety in native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 13, business meeting to consider 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, H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United

States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, S. 1636, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, H.R. 394, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, S. 1637, to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties, H.R. 2633, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties, S. 1014, to provide for additional Federal district judgeships, and the nominations of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, John M. Gerrard, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Thomas Owen Rice, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, David Nuffer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Steven R. Frank, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Martin J. Pane, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and David Blake Webb, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine arbitration, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: October 12, business meeting to consider the nomination of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: October 12, to hold hearings to examine finding consensus in the Medicare reform debate, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 12, full Committee, hearing to review legislative proposals amending Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, October 12, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives of Former Chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services." 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on National Guard and Reserve component acquisition and modernization, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 13, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives of Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey." 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on an update on KC-46A and legacy aerial refueling aircraft programs, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 14, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Nuclear Weapons Modernization in Russia and China: Understanding Impacts to the United States.” 11:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 12, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3094, the “Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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October 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Cutting EPA Spending.” 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

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Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 12, Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Narcoterrorism and the Long Reach of U.S. Law Enforcement.” 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Committee on the Judiciary, October 11, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1996, the “Government Litigation Savings Act.” 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Crimes, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Uncertain Justice: The Status of Federal Sentencing and the U.S. Sentencing

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October 13, full Committee, hearing entitled “BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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October 12, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled “Running on Empty: How the Obama Administration’s Green Energy Gamble Will Impact Small Business and Consumers.” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

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October 13, Subcommittee Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Advancing Coal Research and Development for a Secure Energy Future.” 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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