

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1099–S1158

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2138–2144, and S. Res. 382–384. **Page S1147**

Measures Passed:

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 382, designating March 2, 2012, as “Read Across America Day”. **Page S1143**

Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 383, designating February 29, 2012, as “Rare Disease Day”. **Pages S1143–44**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1106–42**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1730, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1106–42**

Reid (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1520 (to Amendment No. 1730), to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services. **Pages S1106–42**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 11 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Reid (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1520 (listed above), and that all provisions under the order of Tuesday, February 28, 2012, remain in effect. **Page S1156**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John E. Dowdell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S1157–58**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1156.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, and Pam K. Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Performance, and Acquisition, all of the Department of the Interior.

PUTTING HEALTH CARE SPENDING ON A SUSTAINABLE PATH

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine putting health care spending on a sustainable path, after receiving testimony from David M. Cutler, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Len M. Nichols, George Mason University College of Health and Human Services, Fairfax, Virginia; and James C. Capretta, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.

CRISIS IN SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the crisis in Syria from national security briefers.

DENTAL CRISIS IN AMERICA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine dental crisis in America, focusing on the need to expand access, after receiving testimony from Burton Edelstein, Columbia University, New York, New York; Shelly Gehshan, Pew Center on the States Children's Dental Campaign, Washington, D.C.; Grant Whitmer, Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region, Rutland, Vermont; Gregory J. Folse, Outreach Dentistry, Lafayette, Louisiana; and Christy Jo Fogarty, Children's Dental Services, Farmington, Minnesota.

DUE PROCESS GUARANTEE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Due Process Guarantee Act", focusing on banning indefinite detention of Americans, including S. 2003, to clarify that an authorization to use military force, a declaration of war, or any similar authority shall not authorize the detention without charge or trial of a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, after receiving testimony from Representatives Landry and Garamendi; Lorraine K. Bannai, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington; Stephen I.

Vladeck, American University Washington College of Law, and Steven G. Bradbury, former Acting Assistant Attorney General, and Principal Deputy, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Franken, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, who was introduced by Senator Levin, and Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Veterans' Programs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Steve L. Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, and W. Todd Grams, Executive in Charge for the Office of Management and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jeffrey C. Hall, Disabled American Veterans, Raymond Kelley, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and William F. Schrier, and Tim Tetz, both of the American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.; and Diane M. Zumatto, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4105–4115; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 105; H. Con. Res. 106; and H. Res. 567, were introduced.

Pages H1099–H1100

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1100–01

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Gerald Theriot, The American Legion, Schriever, Louisiana. **Page H1027**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 283 yeas to 127 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 82. **Pages H1027, H1041**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time through the legislative day of March 1, 2012 to consider in the House H. Res. 562; that the resolution shall be considered as read; and that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. **Page H1031**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 1st. **Page H1041**

San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act: The House passed H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 175 noes with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 91. **Pages H1041-79**

Rejected the Garamendi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 90. **Pages H1077-78**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112-15 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H1055**

Agreed to:

McClintock manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that makes several technical and clarifying changes to the bill. **Pages H1061-62**

Rejected:

Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to prevent several provisions of this Act from going into effect if any agriculture, agriculture-related, fishery, or fishery-related job is lost North of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 83); **Pages H1062-63, H1072**

McNerney amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to prevent several provisions of the Act from taking effect until it is determined that it will not harm the quality or safety of drink-

ing water supplies for residents of California's Delta region (Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo Counties) (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 84); **Pages H1063-65, H1072-73**

McNerney amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to prevent several provisions of the Act from taking effect until it is determined that it will not harm water quality or water availability for agricultural producers in California's Delta region (Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo Counties) (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 85); **Pages H1065-66, H1073-74**

Garamendi amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to remove provisions of the bill that seek to privatize a public resource and restores the Secretary of the Interior's discretion over water contract renewals (by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 86); **Pages H1066-67, H1074**

Napolitano amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to create a revenue stream through the elimination of a subsidy that allowed irrigators to repay project debt with no interest (by a recorded vote of 174 yeas to 250 noes, Roll No. 87); **Pages H1067-69, H1074-75**

Garamendi amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to remove provisions of the bill that seek to decrease the current supply of water to the Delta region (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 88); and **Pages H1069-70, H1075-76**

Markey amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to replace provisions in H.R. 1837 that override state law with a provision upholding state law and requiring use of the best available science (by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 89). **Pages H1070-72, H1076**

H. Res. 566, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 yeas to 173 noes, Roll No. 81, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 80. **Pages H1031-40**

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

Amending the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to revise the timing of special elections for local office: H.R. 3902, amended, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to revise the timing of special elections for local office in the District of Columbia. **Pages H1085-87**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

St. Croix River Crossing Project Authorization Act: S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values. **Pages H1079–85**

Condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy: H. Res. 556, amended, to condemn the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy. **Pages H1087–91**

Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy: Representatives Hinchey and Loretta Sanchez. **Page H1091**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and 10 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1039–40, H1040, H1041, H1072, H1073, H1073–74, H1074, H1075, H1075–76, H1076, H1078, and H1078–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Commodity Futures Trading Commission 2012 Agenda". Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of State. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary, Department of State.

APPROPRIATIONS—CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Customs and Border Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from the following Customs and Border Protection officials: Michael Fisher, Chief; Kevin McAleenan, Assistant Commissioner (Acting), Office of Field Operations; Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation

and Acquisition; and Michael Kostelnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Weapons Activities; and National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from the following National Nuclear Security Administration officials: Thomas D'Agostino, Administrator; Donald Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs; and Brigadier General Sandra E. Finan, Principal, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner, Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration; Patrick McGarey, Assistant Commissioner for Budget, Food and Drug Administration; and Norris Cochran, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; and Barbara Bennett, Chief Financial Officer, EPA.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Agriculture: Phyllis Fong,

Inspector General; David Gray, Deputy Inspector General; Karen Ellis, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations; and Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General for Audit.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM U.S. EUROPEAN AND U.S. AFRICA COMMANDS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command. Testimony was heard from Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, U.S. European Command, NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; and General Carter F. Ham, USA, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FISCAL YEAR 2013 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2013 Science and Technology Programs. Testimony was heard from Zachary Lemnios, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Marilyn Freeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology; Rear Admiral Mathew Klunder, USN, Chief of Naval Research, Office of Naval Research; Steven Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Kaigham J. Gabriel, Deputy Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Department of Defense and the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Leon E. Panetta, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup of H.R. 452, the “Medicare Decisions Accountability Act of 2011”. The measure was forwarded without amendment.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ASSESSING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AMIDST ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities Amidst Economic Challenges: The Foreign Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State, Department of State.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications held a hearing entitled “The President’s FY 2013 Budget Request for the Federal Emergency Management Agency”. Testimony was heard from Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Office”. Testimony was heard from Bernard K. Melekain, Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 491, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1335, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes; H.R. 2050, the “Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act”; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National

Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2240, the “Lowell National Historical Park Land Exchange Act of 2011”; H.R. 2489, the “American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2011”; H.R. 2512, the “Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”; H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3263, the “Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act of 2011”; H.R. 3409, the “Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act”; H.R. 3411, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 3440, the “Recreational Shooting Protection Act”; H.R. 3452, the “Wasatch Range Recreation Access Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4089, the “Sportsmen’s Heritage Act of 2012”; S. 271, the “Wallowa Forest Service Compound Conveyance Act”; S. 292, the “Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act”; S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah; and 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.

HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON’S LEGACY: DOES AMERICA NEED A REMINDER?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled “Honoring George Washington’s Legacy: Does America Need a Reminder?”. Testimony was heard from Representative Wolf and public witnesses.

PREVENTING STOLEN VALOR

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operation held a hearing entitled “Preventing Stolen Valor: Challenges and Solutions”. Testimony was heard from Lernes Hebert, Director of Office and Enlisted Personnel Management, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Colonel Jason Evans, Adjutant General, U.S. Army; Colonel Kari Mostert, Director of Awards and Decorations, Air Force; James Nierle, President, Department of the Navy’s Board of Decorations and Medals, U.S. Navy;

and Scott Levins, Director, National Personnel Records Center and public witnesses.

PROMOTING INNOVATION, COMPETITION, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH: PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Promoting Innovation, Competition, and Economic Growth: Principles for Effective Domestic and International Standards Development”. Testimony was heard from Mary H. Saunders, Director, Standards Coordination Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

NASA CYBERSECURITY: AN EXAMINATION OF THE AGENCY’S INFORMATION SECURITY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “NASA Cybersecurity: An Examination of the Agency’s Information Security”. Testimony was heard from Linda Y. Cureton, Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

REVIEW OF CRUISE SHIP SAFETY AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE COSTA CONCORDIA ACCIDENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “A Review of Cruise Ship Safety and Lessons Learned from the COSTA CONCORDIA Accident”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Brian M. Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT OBAMA’S TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on President Obama’s trade policy agenda. Testimony was heard from Ron Kirk, Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative and public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year for 2013 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Office of Compliance, and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine tax reform to encourage growth, reduce the deficit, and promote fairness, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the cruise ship industry, focusing on if current regulations are sufficient to protect passengers and the environment, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on the crisis and its implications, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1002, to prohibit theft of medical products, and the nominations of Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Jeffrey J. Helmick, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Mary Geiger Lewis, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Timothy S. Hillman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Thomas M. Harrigan, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for National Protection and Programs Directorate, 9:30 a.m. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on the FY 2013 Fish and Wildlife Service Budget, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on the FY 2013 Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. Pacific Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The FY 2013 HHS Budget", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Prescription Drug Diversion: Combating the Scourge", 10:15 a.m. 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Understanding the Effects of the Repeal of Regulation Q on Financial Institutions and Small Businesses", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, markup of H.R. 3783, the "Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012", 10 a.m., 2127 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled "Building One DHS: Why Can't Management Information be Integrated?", 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled H.R. 1272, the "Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2011", 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled "The Status of Government Financial Management: A Look at the FY 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Overview of the Department of Energy Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2013", 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, markup of the following: H.R. 2903, the "FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2011"; H.R. 3182, the "James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse"; H.R. 3556, the "Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse"; the "John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2012"; and General Services Administration resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup of views and estimates submission, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, March 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, and vote on or in relation to Reid (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1520, at approximately 11 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Res. 562—Directing the Office of the Historian to compile oral histories from current and former Members of the House of Representatives involved in the historic and annual Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, marches, as well as the civil rights movement in general, for the purposes of expanding or augmenting the historic record and for public dissemination and education.

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