

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1375–S1400*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2153–2155. **Page S1384**

**Measures Passed:**

*Nonmarket Economy Countries:* Senate passed S. 2153, to apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries. **Pages S1375–76**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when Senate receives H.R. 4105, to apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, and if it is identical text as S. 2153, Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4105, the bill be passed, with no amendments in order prior to passage, and with no intervening action or debate. **Page S1375**

*Fair Elections in Iran:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 386, calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1399**

**Appointments:**

*Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 35 (112th Congress), appointed the following Senators to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senators Reid, Schumer, and Alexander. **Page S1399**

**Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing at approximately

11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, Senate resume consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs; provided further, that the time prior to the cloture vote be equally divided and controlled between the two sides, with the final 10 minutes controlled between the two Leaders or their designees with the Majority Leader controlling the final five minutes. **Page S1400**

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

Edward M. Alford, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Piper Anne Wind Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

10 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S1400**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

**Pages S1376, S1384**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1384–85**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1382–83**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1385–99**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 5:32 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1400.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 4132–4143 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1153–54**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 940, to establish standards for covered bond programs and a covered bond regulatory oversight program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–407, Pt. 1) and H. Res. 570, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2842) to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–408).

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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 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m.

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

**Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3637, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Old Dixie Highway in Jupiter, Florida, as the “Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 362 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 95;

**Pages H1139–40, H1143**

**Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 3413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the “Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office”; and

**Pages H1140–41**

**James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse Designation Act:** S. 1710, to designate the United States courthouse located at 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, as the James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 35, to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration

of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 21, 2013.

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**Authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 36, to authorize the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation beyond March 6, 2012 of the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe’s democratic processes or institutions—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Rept. 112–92).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1139.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 35 and S. Con. Res. 36 were held at the desk.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1154.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeand-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H1143. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Federal Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, FTC; and J. Thomas Rosch, Commissioner FTC.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 452, the “Medicare Decisions Accountability Act of 2011”;

H.R. 3309, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act”; and H.R. 3310, the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act”.

#### SECURITY IN BONDING ACT OF 2011

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H. R. 3534, the “Security In Bonding Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SMALL CONDUIT HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL JOBS ACT OF 2011

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2842, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2011”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources as original text for purpose of amendment, and provides that each section shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments that are submitted for printing in the Congressional Record dated at least one day before the day of consideration of the amendment and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment submitted for printing in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who submitted it for printing or the Member’s designee and shall be considered as read if printed. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Financial Services may file a supplemental report to accompany H.R. 3606. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hasting, WA and Representatives Tipton and Napolitano.

#### 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 TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations 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 spurring job growth through capital formation while protecting investors, part II, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine keeping America competitive through investments in research and development, 2:45 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for capital investment and manufacturing, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for international development priorities, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Roy Wallace McLeese III, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

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

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 6 through March 9, 2012

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 1761 at 12 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, at 2:15 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Mary Elizabeth Phillips, of Missouri, to be United States District

Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and Thomas Owen Rice, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, and vote on confirmation of the nominations.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 7, to hold hearings to examine healthy food initiatives, local production, and nutrition, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 7, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 7, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Navy, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 8, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 8, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the Federal Housing Administration, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 8, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 6, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations 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.

March 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Syria; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9 a.m., SD-106.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 6, to hold hearings to examine spurring job growth through capital formation while protecting investors, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine addressing the housing crisis in Indian country, focusing on leveraging resources and coordinating efforts, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 6, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the President's proposed budget

request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 6, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine keeping America competitive through investments in research and development, 2:45 p.m., SR-253.

March 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine priorities, plans, and progress of the nation's space program, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 7, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 6, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 7, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 29, to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, S. 1150, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1191, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Naugatuck River Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut, S. 1198, to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area, S. 1215, to provide for the exchange of land located in the Lowell National Historical Park, S. 1589, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey, S. 1708, to establish the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, S. 2131, to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, and the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and S. 2133, to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* March 6, to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for capital investment and manufacturing, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's 2012 trade agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 6, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for international development priorities, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 8, to hold hearings to examine the key to America's global competitiveness, focusing on a quality education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 6, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of

Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Roy Wallace McLeese III, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 8, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Native Programs, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 7, to hold hearings to examine lending discrimination practices and foreclosure abuses, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 8, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1002, to prohibit theft of medical products, and the nominations of 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.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 7, to hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 6, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 7, to hold hearings to examine opportunities for savings, focusing on removing obstacles for small business, 2 p.m., SD-562.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 7, full Committee, hearing on budget views and estimates letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2013, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 6, Subcommittee on State Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Agency for International Development, 9 a.m., B-2358 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for Bureau of Land Management, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Air Force, 10 a.m., H-140, Capitol.

March 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the National Science Foundation, 10 a.m., H-309, Capitol.

March 6, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 6, Committee on Financial Services, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors and National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Geological Survey, 1 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Health and Human Services, 2 p.m. 2358-C Rayburn.

March 6, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget request for the Bureau of Prisons, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 7, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Federal Bureau of Investigations, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Army, 10 a.m., H-140, Capitol.

March 7, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Federal Emergency Management Agency, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management/Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Budget, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, hearing on Installation, Environment, and BRAC, 2 p.m., H-140, Capitol.

March 7, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2 p.m. 2362-B Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

Request for the Treasury Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the National Park Service, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 6, full Committee, Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military personnel budget overview—service personnel chiefs' perspectives, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Missile Defense, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 7, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from U.S. Central Command, U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Transportation Command, 10 a.m. 2118 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on assessing mobility airlift capabilities and operational risks under the revised 2012 defense strategy, 3:30 p.m. 2118 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army and Marine Corps ground system modernization programs, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on request for authorization of another BRAC round and additional reductions in overseas bases, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for national security space activities, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, March 8, full Committee, hearing entitled "Members' Day", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 7, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Ensuring Regulations Protect Access to Affordable and Quality Companion Care", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 6, full Committee, continue markup of the following: H.R. 452, the "Medicare Decisions Accountability Act of 2011"; H.R.

3309, the "Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act"; and H.R. 3310, the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: The Pivotal Role of Communications Networks", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative: Rising Gasoline Prices", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The FY 2013 DOE Budget", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "FDA User Fees 2012: Hearing on Issues Related to Accelerated Approval, Medical Gas, Antibiotic Development and Downstream Pharmaceutical Supply Chain", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 6, full Committee, markup of "Approval of Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on matter to be set forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013", 2 p.m. 2128 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Capitol Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The Securities Investor Protection Corporation: Past, Present, and Future" 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 7, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2106, the "Syria Freedom Support Act"; H.R. 890, the "Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2011"; H.R. 1410 the "Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2011"; H.R. 3783, the "Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012"; H.R. 4041, the "Export Promotion Reform Act"; and S. Con. Res. 17, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "The State Department's Reward Programs: Performance and Potential", 2 p.m. 2127 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 6, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "From the 9/11 Hijackers to Amine el-Khalifi: Terrorists and the Visa Overstay Problem", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 6, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled "The Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards Program: Addressing Its Challenges and Finding a Way Forward", 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 8, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled "Eliminating Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Duplication in the Department of Homeland Security", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 6, full Committee, markup of H.R. 4119, the "Board Tunnel Prevention Act of 2012", 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Prescription Drug Epidemic in America", 10 a.m. 2141 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on H.R. 3808, the “Scott Gardner Act”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2299, the “Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY2013 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 6, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Office of Insular Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for these Agencies”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 6, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “2013 Budget Request of the Indian Health Service and of the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 7, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Council on Environmental Quality’s Fiscal Year 2013 Funding Request and the Effects on NEPA, National Ocean Policy and Other Federal Environmental Policy Initiatives”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 8, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands, hearing entitled H.R. 752, the “Molalla River Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”; H.R. 1415, the “Chetco River Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 3377, the “Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3436, to expand the Wild Rogue Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the Rogue River area, and to provide additional protections for Rogue River tributaries, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 6, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled “The Pros and Cons of Making the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey Voluntary”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 8, full Committee, hearing entitled “Food Stamp Fraud as a Business Model: USDA’s Struggle to Police Store Owners”, 9:30 a.m. 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 6, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3606, the “Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act of 2011”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 6, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Budget for Fiscal Year 2012”, 11 a.m. 2318 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency Budgets for Fiscal Year 2013”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 7, full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled “NSF Major Research Equipment and Facilities Management: Ensuring Fiscal Responsibility Accountability”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 7, full Committee, markup of the following: Views and Estimates on the Small Business Administration’s FY 2013 budget request; H.R. 3850, the “Government Efficiency through Small Business Contracting Act of 2012”; H.R. 3851, the “Small Business Advocate Act of 2012”; H.R. 3893, the “Subcontracting Transparency and Reliability Act of 2012”; H.R. 3980, the “Small Business Opportunity Act of 2012”; H.R. 4118, the “Small Business Procurement Improvement Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4121, the “Early Stage Small Business Contracting Act of 2012”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 7, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Protecting Maritime Jobs and Enhancing Marine Safety in the Post-Budget Control Act Fiscal Environment: A Review of the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2013 Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 8, full Committee, markup on the following: H.R. 2903, the “FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2011”; H.R. 4097, the “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2012”; H.R. 3182 to designate the United States courthouse located at 222 West 7th Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska, as the “James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse”; and H.R. 3556 to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the “Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, March 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “VA’s Dubious Contracting Practices: Savannah”, 12 noon, 334 Cannon.

March 8, Subcommittee of Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following: H.R. 3329, to amend title 38 United States Code to extend the eligibility period for veterans to enroll in certain vocational rehabilitation programs; H.R. 3483, the “Veterans Education Equity Act of 2011”; H.R. 3610, “Streamlining Workforce Development Programs Act of 2011”; H.R. 3670, to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; H.R. 3524, the “Disabled Veterans Employment Protection Act”; H.R. 4048, the “Improving Contracting Opportunities for Veteran-Owned Small Businesses Act of 2012”; H.R. 4051, the “TAP Modernization Act of 2012”; H.R. 4052, the “Recognizing Excellence in Veterans Education Act of 2012”; H.R. 4057, the “Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4072, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2012”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 8, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Honoring America’s Fallen Heroes: An Update on our National Cemeteries”, 1:30 p.m., 340 Cannon.

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March 7, full Committee, hearing entitled “Closely-Held Businesses in the Context of Tax Reform”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 8, full Committee, hearing on Committee Views and Estimates on the President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 9 a.m., HVC-304.

March 8, full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9:15 a.m., HVC-304.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 6

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, and at approximately 12 p.m., vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 1761, with a second-degree amendment filing deadline at 11:30 a.m.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Mary Elizabeth Phillips, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and Thomas Owen Rice, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, and vote on confirmation of the nominations.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 6

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**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 2842—Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act (Subject to a Rule).

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