

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1763–S1815*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2203–2205, and S. Res. 399. **Page S1790**

**Measures Considered:**

***Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act—Agreement:*** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S1776–84**

Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1776**

Reid Amendment No. 1834 (to Amendment No. 1833), to change the enactment date. **Page S1776**

Reid Amendment No. 1835 (to Amendment No. 1834), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1776**

Reid (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1836 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1833), to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Page S1776**

Reid Amendment No. 1837 (to Amendment No. 1836), to change the enactment date. **Page S1776**

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1838, to change the enactment date. **Page S1776**

Reid Amendment No. 1839 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1838), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1776**

Reid Amendment No. 1840 (to Amendment No. 1839), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1776**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, with the time until 11:30 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees prior to the cloture vote on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833; provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833, Reid (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1836 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1833), and the bill be at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. **Pages S1814–15**

***Local Courthouse Safety Act—Referral:*** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2076, to improve security at State and local courthouses, and that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S1814**

***Official Photograph of the 112th Congress—Agreement:*** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair to allow for the weekly caucus meetings and the official photograph of the 112th Congress. **Pages S1814–15**

***Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act—Agreement:*** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding passage of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1903, be agreed to. Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1903, is technical in nature and strikes title V of division C with the heading entitled “Research and Innovative Technology Administration Reauthorization Act of 2012”, which was moved to division E. **Page S1814**

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

Edward W. Brehm, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2017.

Mark L. Asquino, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Susanna Loeb, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring March 15, 2016.

Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Kathleen H. Hicks, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

17 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Page S1815**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S1790, S1814**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1790–91**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1789–90**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1793–S1814**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1814**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1815.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 4202–4213; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 108; and H. Res. 588 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1391–92**

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

H.R. 4086, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–413);

H.R. 3309, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–414); and

H. Res. 587, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2087) to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia (H. Rept. 112–415). **Page H1390**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:11 p.m. and reconvened at 5:03 p.m. **Page H1370**

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

**Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act:** H.R. 4086, amended, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title and

**Pages H1370–72**

*Allowing otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E–2 nonimmigrant visas:* H.R. 3992, to allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E–2 nonimmigrant visas if similarly situated United States nationals are eligible for similar nonimmigrant status in Israel, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 111.

**Pages H1372–73, H1374**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:23 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H1374**

**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Inslee, wherein he resigned as Representative for the First Congressional District of Washington, effective at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. **Page H1375**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1392.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H1374. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Federal Communications Commission. Testimony was heard from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, FCC; and Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner, FCC.

## EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND TREAT TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “A Review of Efforts to Prevent and Treat Traumatic Brain Injury”. Testimony was heard from Bonnie Strickland, Director, Division of Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William Ditto, Director of the New Jersey TBI Division, New Jersey Department of Health; and public witness.

## TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS FROM A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 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 amendments and provides that it 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 March 19, 2012, or 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings, WA.

## ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force 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., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity research and development 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, 3 p.m., SR–232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Jeremiah O’Hear Norton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring July 15, 2013, and Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, and Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, both of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine commercial airline safety, 2:45 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Adam E. Sieminski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, Marcilynn A. Burke, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Anthony T. Clark, of North Dakota, and John Robert Norris, of Iowa, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency’s Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) for power plants, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, to hold hearings to examine tax fraud by identity theft, part 2, focusing on status, progress, and potential solutions, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya, and Jacob Walles, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Tunisian Republic, all of the Department of State, 2:45 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management,

the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of the Office of Special Counsel and Merit Systems Protection Board, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine student debt, focusing on providing fairness for struggling students, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*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 20 through March 23, 2012

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3606, Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833, at approximately 11:30, with the possibility of two more votes on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1836 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1833), and the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

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:* March 21, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine balancing prosperity and security, focusing on challenges for United States air travel in a 21st century global economy, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 21, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 21, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine strengthening market oversight and integrity, focusing on fiscal year 2013 resource needs of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

March 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

March 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 22, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and the U.S. Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 20, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force 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., SD-G50.

March 20, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity research and development 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, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

March 21, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

March 21, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Jeremiah O'Hear Norton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring July 15, 2013, and Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, and Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, both of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine international harmonization of Wall Street reform, focusing on orderly liquidation, derivatives, and the Volcker Rule, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 20, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine commercial airline safety, 2:45 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Adam E. Sieminski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, Marcilynn A. Burke, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Anthony T. Clark, of North Dakota, and John Robert Norris, of Iowa, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 22, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 303, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the

Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 1129, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, S. 1473, to amend Public Law 99-548 to provide for the implementation of the multi-species habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, S. 1492, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, S. 1559, to establish the San Juan Islands National Conservation Area in the San Juan Islands, Washington, S. 1635, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 1687, to adjust the boundary of Carson National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1774, to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, S. 1788, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada, S. 1906, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, S. 2001, 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, to provide additional protections for Rogue River tributaries, S. 2015, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming, and S. 2056, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 20, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) for power plants, 10 a.m., SD-406.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 20, Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, to hold hearings to examine tax fraud by identity theft, part 2, focusing on status, progress, and potential solutions, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya, and Jacob Walles, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Tunisian Republic, all of the Department of State, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Michael A. Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, and Makila James, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 22, to hold hearings to examine stay-at-work and back-to-work strategies, focusing on lessons from the private sector, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 20, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of the Office of Special Counsel and Merit Systems Protection Board, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine retooling government for the 21st century, focusing on the President's reorganization plan and reducing duplication, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 21, 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.

March 22, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management to examine problems in Army military pay, 10 a.m., 2154, Rayburn Building.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 22, to hold hearings to examine S. 1898, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska, and H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coshatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 20, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine student debt, focusing on providing fairness for struggling students, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine convicting the guilty and exonerating the innocent, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 21, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine Verizon and cable deals, 2 p.m., SD-226.

March 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2159, to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program through fiscal year 2017, and the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Gregory K. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* March 22, to hold hearings to examine small business investment companies and their role in the entrepreneurship ecosystem, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 21, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Non Commissioned Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Wounded Warrior Project, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and The Retired Enlisted Association, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, Blinded Veterans Association, American Veterans (AMVETS), Gold Star Wives, Fleet Reserve Association, Military Officers Association of America, and the Jewish War Veterans, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 20, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 21, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled "To Identify Duplicative Federal Rural Development Programs", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 20, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Smithsonian Institution, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Archives, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Re-

quest for U.S. Mission to the United Nations, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the National Institutes of Health, 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Park Service, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Department of Energy, Office of Science, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Office of Management and Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2:30 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Projects, hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for Department of State, Near Eastern Affairs, 8:30 a.m., HVC-301. This is a closed hearing.

March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Veterans Employment and Training Programs, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 21, 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 21, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Central Command and the International Security Assistance Force, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

March 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security Facilities, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Issues, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Small Business Administration, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget issues, 9 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget issues, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Transportation Major Modes, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 20, Full Committee, hearing on the recent developments in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for Information Technology and Cyber Operations Programs, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Force, hearing on Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force tactical aviation programs, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Defense Health Program budget overview, 3 p.m. 2212 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Navy's readiness posture, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on hazing in the military, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, March 21, Full Committee, markup of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 20, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Ensuring Regulations Protect Access to Affordable and Quality Companion Care", 10 a.m. 2175 Rayburn.

March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposals for the U.S. Department of Labor", 10 a.m. 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on the Future of Energy Technology with an Emphasis on Canadian Oil Sands", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Center for Consumer Infor-

mation and Insurance Oversight and the Anniversary of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Motor Vehicle Safety Provisions in House and Senate Highway Bills", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Hearing to Receive the Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprise, hearing entitled the "Swap Data and Clearing House Indemnification Correction Act of 2012", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, business meeting to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum for the appearance of Edith O'Brien, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The Future of Money: How Mobile Payments Could Change Financial Services", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Fiscal year 2013 Budget: A Review of U.S. Foreign Assistance Amidst Economic Uncertainty", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Russia 2012: Increased Repression, Rampant Corruption, Assisting Rogue Regimes", 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled "Halting the Descent: U.S. Policy toward the Deteriorating Situation in Iraq", 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 20, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled "Ensuring the Transparency, Efficiency, and Effectiveness of Homeland Security Grants", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Iran, Hezbollah, and the Threat to the Homeland", 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 22, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled "Building One DHS: Why is Employee Morale Low?" 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 20, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 3534, the "Security in Bonding Act of 2011"; H.R. 4078, the "Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012"; and H.R. 3862, the "Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2012", 10:40 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Secure Identification: The REAL ID Act's Minimum Standards for Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing entitled "The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: Federal Regulations

and Regulatory Reform under the Obama Administration”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Effects of the President’s FY 2013 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service’s Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 20, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 4027, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes”; and H.R. 4194, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes, 10 a.m. 1334 Longworth.

March 20, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands, hearing entitled “Proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial”, 10 a.m. 1324 Longworth.

March 20, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Resources program and the Four Power Marketing Administrations”, 2 p.m. 1334 Longworth.

March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Families and Cost-of-Life Impacts”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY 2013 Budget for the U.S. Geological Survey on Private Sector Job Creation, Hazard Protection, Mineral Resources and Deficit Reduction”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 22, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Empty Hooks: The National Ocean Policy is the Latest Threat to Access for Recreational and Commercial Fisherman”, 9:30 a.m. 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Energy’s Stimulus Spending”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Europe’s Sovereign Debt Crisis: Causes, Consequences for the United States and Lessons Learned”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn,

March 21, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “FOIA in the 21st Century: Using Technology to Improve Transparency in Government”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 20, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5, the “Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2011”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 20, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Office of Commercial Space Transportation Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Job Creation Roadmap: How America’s Entrepreneurs Can Lead Our Economic Recovery”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 22, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 3985, the “Building Better Business Partnerships Act of 2012”; H.R. 3987, the “Small Business Protection Act of 2012”; H.R. 4081, the “Contractor Opportunity Protection Act of 2012”; the “Contracting Oversight for Small Business Jobs Act of 2012”; and the “Women’s Procurement Program Improvement Act of 2012”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 21, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Review of Innovative Financing Approaches for Community Water Infrastructure Projects—Part II”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 20, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on no-cost improvements to the child support enforcement (CSE) program, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 20, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on how disability is decided, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Internal Revenue System (IRS), 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 22, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: March 21, to hold hearings to examine prerequisites for progress in Northern Ireland, focusing on the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, and the current challenges to full implementation of the agreement and the action that is necessary for continued confidence and progress in the peace process, 2 p.m., 2247, Rayburn Building.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 20

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3606, Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833, at approximately 11:30 a.m., with the possibility of two more votes on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1836 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1833), and the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

*(Senate will recess subject to the call of the Chair at 12:30 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings and the official photograph of the 112th Congress.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 2087—Removing restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 665—Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act, as amended, under suspension of the Rules.

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