

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2455–S2518

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2293–2300, and S. Res. 424–426. **Page S2496**

Measures Passed:

Alliance to Save Energy 35th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 406, commending the achievements and recognizing the importance of the Alliance to Save Energy on the 35th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2517**

National Adopt a Library Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 425, designating April 23, 2012, as “National Adopt a Library Day”. **Page S2517**

Congratulating Baylor University Women’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 426, congratulating the Lady Bears of Baylor University on winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women’s Basketball Championship. **Pages S2517–18**

Measures Considered:

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. **Pages S2457–62**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2012, and that following the remarks of the two Leaders, the next hour be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the Majority controlling the second 30 minutes. **Page S2518**

21st Century Postal Service Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000, and to S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act be at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2012; and that the cloture votes with respect to Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000, and to S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act occur at 2:15 p.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2012. **Page S2518**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:
Charles Benton, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.
Christie Pearson Brandau, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2016.
Norberto Jesus Castro, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2016.
William B. Shultz, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services.
A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S2518**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2518.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

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 United States Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Susan Spear, Acting Director, Budget, both of the United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on a review of the recent Inspector General management deficiency report and an assessment of the fiscal year 2013 General Services Administration funding request, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, and Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, both of the General Services Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, focusing on challenges in attaining audit readiness and improving business processes and systems, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Joseph W. Westphal, Under Secretary of the Army and Chief Management Officer, Mary Sally Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, Gladys J. Commons, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, David Tillotson III, Deputy Chief Management Officer of

the Air Force, and Jamie M. Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, all of the Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

NATIONAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY LABORATORIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the National Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories, after receiving testimony from Charles F. McMillan, Laboratory Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Paul J. Hommert, President and Director, Sandia National Laboratories, and Penrose C. Albright, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and Charles V. Shank, and C. Kumar N. Patel, both a Co-Chairman, National Research Council Committee on Review of the Quality of the Management and of the Science and Engineering Research at the National Security Laboratories, all of the Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee began consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

PROTECTING COMMUTERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting commuters, focusing on ensuring accountability and oversight in tolling, after receiving testimony from Bill Baroni, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Deputy Executive Director, New York; Eugene A. Conti, Jr., North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary, Raleigh, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Steve Grabell, NFI, Vineland, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations; and Chris Plaushin, AAA, Washington, DC.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, and Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, both of the General Services Administration.

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCERS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the Asia Pacific, focusing on trade opportunities for agriculture and food producers from the Great Plains to the Pacific Northwest, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment; Islam Siddiqui, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Darci Vetter, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Mark Powers, Northwest Horticultural Council, Yakima, Washington; Paul Casper, South Dakota Soybean Association, Sioux Falls; Steve Crider, Amy's Kitchen, Medford, Oregon; and Steve Thomson, King Estate Winery, Eugene, Oregon.

IRAN AND SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Iran and Syria from National Security Briefers.

U.S. AFRICAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the United States policy response to entrenched African leadership, including S. Res. 402, condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for committing crimes against humanity and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government and governments in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Christopher Fomunyoh, National Democratic Institute, Washington, DC.; and Mo Ibrahim, London, United Kingdom.

ACCELERATED LEARNING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine effective strategies for accelerated learning, after receiving testimony from Thomas W. Rudin, The College Board, Washington, DC.; Carolyn Bacon Dickson, O'Donnell Foundation, Dallas, Texas; Peter Winograd, University of New Mexico Center for Education Policy Research, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Marybeth Shubert, Advanced Programs Initiative, Inc., Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Joel Vargas, Jobs for the Future, Boston, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James Xavier Dempsey, of California, Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives from the entrepreneurial ecosystem, focusing on creating jobs and growing businesses through entrepreneurship, after receiving testimony from Nishith Acharya, Director, Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; Mayor Craig Lowe, Gainesville, Florida; Evan Burfield, StartupDC, Washington, DC.; Scott Daugherty, North Carolina Small Business Technology Development Center, Raleigh; Christina Friederichs, Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program, Kansas City, Missouri; Scott D. Gerber, Young Entrepreneur Council, Hoboken, New Jersey; Juliet Gorman, Etsy, Brooklyn, New York; Patricia G. Greene, Babson College, Babson Park, Massachusetts; Jennifer Hyman, Rent the Runway, New York, New York; Alex Laskey, Opower, and Matt Mitchell, George Mason University Mercatus Center, both of Arlington, Virginia; Joe Nigro, Vsnap.com, Boston, Massachusetts; Vivek Wadhwa, Stanford University, Moffett Field, California; and Tim Williamson, The Idea Village, New Orleans, Louisiana.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

FUTURE OF LONG-TERM CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of long-term care, focusing on saving money by serving seniors, after receiving testimony from John O'Brien, Director of Healthcare and Insurance, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Loren Colman, Minnesota Department of Human Services Assistant Commissioner for Continuing Care, St. Paul; Judith Feder, Georgetown University Georgetown Public Policy Institute, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, DC.; and Bruce A. Chernof, The SCAN Foundation, Long Beach, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4377–4399; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 116; and H. Res. 622 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1978**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1917**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1922**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 295 yeas to 118 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 167. **Pages H1922, H1932**

Providing an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs: The House passed H.R. 4348, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, by a recorded vote of 293 yeas to 127 noes, Roll No. 170. **Pages H1925–62**

Rejected the Polis motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 169. **Page H1959–61**

Agreed to:

Boustany amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–446) that includes a guarantee that requires that the total amount available for spending from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) each fiscal year be equal to the Trust Fund receipts as estimated by the President's budget for that year; **Page H1944**

McKinley amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–446) that inserts the text of H.R. 2273, Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act. Leaves regulation and enforcement of coal combustion residuals to the states, and utilizes the existing framework and requirements of Federal regulatory programs for those states to follow; and **Pages H1955–58**

Ribble amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–446) that adds to the bill the environmental streamlining provisions from Title III of the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act (H.R. 7) (by

a recorded vote of 255 yeas to 165 noes, Roll No. 168). **Pages H1946–55, H1958–59**

H. Res. 619, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 177 noes, Roll No. 166, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 165. **Pages H1930–32**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on April 16th:

Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2453, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 4 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 171. **Page H1962**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H1963**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1930–31, H1931–32, H1932, H1958–59, H1960–61, H1961–62, H1962. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider a proposal to satisfy the Committee's reconciliation instructions required by H. Con. Res. 112. The recommendations with respect to Title I were adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water held a markup of Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

NAVY'S 30 YEAR SHIPBUILDING PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Navy's 30 Year Shipbuilding Plan—Assumptions and Associated Risks to National Security. Testimony was heard from Ronald O'Rourke, Defense Policy and Arms Control Section, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Impact of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs’ Regulatory and Enforcement Actions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FDA USER FEES 2012

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “FDA User Fees 2012: How Innovation Helps Patients and Jobs”. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; Jeffrey E. Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of the Committee Print of Budget Reconciliation legislative recommendations of the Committee on Financial Services. The following was passed as amended: Committee Print of budget reconciliation legislative recommendations of the Committee on Financial Services for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

NORTH KOREA AFTER KIM JONG-IL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “North Korea after Kim Jong-il: Still Dangerous and Erratic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUREAU OF COUNTERTERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Bureau of Counterterrorism: Budget, Programs, and Policies”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Benjamin, Ambassador-at-Large, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3674, the “PRECISE Act of 2011”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: ENSURING CONTINUITY AND EFFICIENCY DURING LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Library of Congress: Ensuring Continuity and Efficiency During Leadership Transitions”. Testimony was heard from

David S. Mao, Law Librarian, Law Library of Congress; Mary B. Mazanec, Director, Congressional Research Service; Maria A. Pallante, Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office; and Roberta I. Shaffer, Associate Librarian for Library Services, Library of Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee continued markup of Committee Print of Material to be Transmitted to the Committee on the Budget Pursuant to Section 201 of H. Con Res. 112.

OVERSIGHT OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT’S VOTING RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing entitled “Voting Wrongs: Oversight of the Justice Department’s Voting Rights Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOCUMENT FRAUD IN EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION: HOW AN E-VERIFY REQUIREMENT CAN HELP

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “Document Fraud in Employment Authorization: How an E-Verify Requirement Can Help”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup of the following measures: H.R. 538, the “Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4257, the “Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012”; H.R. 4363, providing the authority to offer phased retirement to federal employees; H.R. 4365, clarifying that Federal tax levies may be enforced against TSP accounts; and H.R. 4364, reforming the law governing the pay of recess appointees. The following measure was withdrawn: H.R. 4364, reforming the law governing the pay of recess appointees. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 538, the “Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4257, the “Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012”; H.R. 4363, providing the authority to offer phased retirement to federal employees; and H.R. 4365, clarifying that Federal tax levies may be enforced against TSP accounts.

NSF MAJOR MULTI-USER RESEARCH FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled “NSF Major Multi-User Research

Facilities Management: Ensuring Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GROWING THE WIRELESS ECONOMY THROUGH INNOVATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Avoiding the Spectrum Crunch: Growing the Wireless Economy through Innovation”. Testimony was heard from James Olthoff, Deputy Director, Physical Measurement Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Rangam Subramanian, Chief Wireless and Technology Strategist, Idaho National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

TAX OUTLOOK FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Tax Outlook for Small Businesses: What’s on the Horizon?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RELIABILITY OF THE INLAND WATERWAY SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “How Reliability of the Inland Waterway System Impacts Economic Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from Major General John Peabody, Mississippi River Valley Division, Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

A LOOK AT CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVES’ ROLE IN THE DISABILITY CLAIMS PROCESS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From the Inside Out: A Look at Claims Representatives’ Role in the Disability Claims Process”. Testimony was heard from Tom Murphy, Director of Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup of the following measures: H.R. 4114, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”; H.R. 2377, the “RAPID Claims Act”; and H.R. 4142, the “American Heroes COLA Act”. The following measure was forwarded, without amendment, H.R. 4114, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”. The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2377, the “RAPID Claims Act”; and H.R. 4142, the “American Heroes COLA Act”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee continue markup of legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2013 302(b) allocations and to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, and Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and related agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the impacts of sea level rise on domestic energy and water infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine delays in OSHA’s standard-setting process and the impact on worker safety, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1684, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Kevin McNulty, and Michael A. Shipp, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Stephanie Marie Rose, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Gonzalo P. Curiel, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Robert J. Shelby, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, markup of Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on Recent Developments in the Middle East: The Security Situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on H.R. 4345, the “Domestic Fuels Protection Act of 2012”, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Where the Jobs Are: Can American Manufacturing Thrive Again?”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Budget Hearing—the Office of Financial Research”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “The DHS and DOE National Labs: Finding Efficiencies and Optimizing Outputs in Homeland Security Research and Development”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The

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Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4043, the “Military Readiness and Southern Sea Otter Conservation Act”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Bureau of Land Management’s Hydraulic Fracturing Rule’s Impact on Indian Tribal Energy Development”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Problems at the Internal Revenue Service: Closing the Tax Gap and Preventing Identity Theft”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing entitled “Impact of Tax Policies on the Commercial Application of Renewable Energy and Technology”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Equity Finance: Catalyst for Small Business Growth”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Use of Technology to Better Target Benefits and Eliminate Waste, Fraud, and Abuse”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, April 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1925, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000 to S. 1789, and if the motion is not agreed to, Senate will then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act. The filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000, and to S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act is at 11 a.m.

House Chamber

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