

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2346, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009.

House ordered reported the National Defense Authorization Act for 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1267–1276, S. Res. 185–186, and S. Con. Res. 28–29.

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Measures Reported:

S. 669, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes. (S. Rept. No. 111–27)

S. Res. 153, expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras.

S. Res. 182, recognizing the democratic accomplishments of the people of Albania and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on June 28, 2009, maintain and improve the transparency and fairness of democracy in Albania.

S. Con. Res. 23, supporting the goals and objectives of the Prague Conference on Holocaust Era Assets.

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Measures Passed:

Condemning Shootings at Army-Navy Career Center in Little Rock, Arkansas: Senate agreed to S. Res. 186, condemning the murder of Army Private William Andrew “Andy” Long and the wounding of Army Private Quinton Ezeagwula, who were shot outside the Army-Navy Career Center in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 1, 2009.

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Measures Considered:

Travel Promotion Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise

promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

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

By 90 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 208), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, and that the time during any adjournment or period of morning business count post-cloture.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with New Zealand (Treaty Doc. No. 111–3).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Nicole A. Avant, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Howard W. Gutman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Belgium.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, which was sent to the Senate

on April 2, 2009, from the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S6667**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—208) **Pages S6628–29**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6666.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Small Business Administration and the General Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Karen Mills, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Paul F. Prouty, Acting Administrator, General Services Administration; and Joseph Bataillon, Chief Judge, United States District Court, District of Nebraska, and Chair, Space and Facilities Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for ballistic missile defense programs, after receiving testimony from William J. Lynn, Deputy Secretary of Defense, General James Cartwright, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, USA,

Director, Missile Defense Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

NAVY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for Navy shipbuilding programs, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisitions, and Vice Admiral Bernard J. McCullough, III, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, both of the Department of Defense.

ARMY MODERNIZATION AND MANAGEMENT BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for Army modernization and management of the Future Combat Systems Program, after receiving testimony from General Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Lieutenant General N. Ross Thompson III, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, and Director for Acquisition Career Management, and David G. Ahern, Director of Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense; and Paul L. Francis, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new ideas for sustainable development and economic growth relative to greener communities, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Inez Moore Tenenbaum, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner and Chairman, of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Graham and DeMint, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Julius Genachowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Robert Malcolm McDowell, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the National Park Service and proposed expenditures under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, after receiving testimony from Daniel N. Wenk, Acting Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

LOUISIANA HURRICANE AND FLOOD PREVENTION STATUS AND PROGRESS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status and progress of New Orleans hurricane and flood prevention and coastal Louisiana restoration, after receiving testimony from Senator Landrieu; Brigadier General Michael Walsh, Commander, Mississippi Valley Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers; Jeffrey Jacobs, National Research Council, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Committee on New Orleans Regional Hurricane Protection Projects; Steven Peyronnin, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, and Robert R. Twilley, Louisiana State University Research and Economic Development, both of Baton Rouge; and Joseph M. Rault, Pump to the River Jefferson/Orleans, and Thomas L. Jackson, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority, both of Metairie, Louisiana.

CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change legislation, focusing on tax considerations, after receiving testimony from Gary Hufbauer, Peterson Institute for International Economics, and Mark Price, KPMG LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Keith G. Butler, Duke Energy Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 962, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people, with amendments;

S. Res. 182, recognizing the democratic accomplishments of the people of Albania and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on June 28, 2009, maintain and improve the transparency and fairness of democracy in Albania;

S. Con. Res. 23, supporting the goals and objectives of the Prague Conference on Holocaust Era Assets;

S. Res. 153, expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras; and

The nominations of Eric P. Schwartz, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, Andrew J. Shapiro, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Ellen O. Tauscher, of California, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Kurt M. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Eric P. Goosby, of California, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, and Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine pandemic influenza preparedness and the federal workforce, after receiving testimony from Elaine C. Duke, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; Rear Admiral W. Craig Vanderwagen, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Preparedness and Response; Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; T.J. Bonner, American Federation of Government Employees AFL-CIO, San

Diego, California; and Maureen Gilman, National Treasury Employees Union, Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jeffrey D. Zients, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

CELL PHONE TEXT MESSAGING RATE INCREASES AND WIRELESS MARKET

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine cell phone text mes-

saging rate increases and the state of competition in the wireless market, after receiving testimony from Randal S. Milch, Verizon Communications, Inc., and Joel Kelsey, Consumers Union, both of New York, New York; Wayne Watts, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; Laurie Itkin, Cricket Communications, Inc., San Diego, California; and Srinivasan Keshav, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 2882–2891, 2893–2907; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 549–551 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6903–05

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–157).

H. Res. 552, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–158).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Perlmutter to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:19 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 548, providing for the election of certain minority members to a standing committee: Committee on Armed Services: Representatives McKeon, to rank before Representative Bartlett; Representative Platts.

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The United States Association of Former Members of Congress: Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings of the United States Association of Former Members of Congress Annual Report to Congress be printed in the Congressional Record and

that all Members and former Members who spoke have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

Pages H6820–28, H6832

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

National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act Amendments of 2009: H.R. 1674, to amend the National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act to allow for the treatment of the nonprofit corporation affiliate of the Bank as a community development financial institution for purposes of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994;

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Homes for Heroes Act of 2009: H.R. 403, to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 344;

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Awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots (“WASP”): S. 614, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots (“WASP”); and

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Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the National Eye Institute (NEI) and expressing support for designation of 2010 through 2020 as the “Decade of Vision”: H. Res. 366, to recognize the 40th anniversary of the National Eye Institute (NEI) and to express support for designation of 2010 through 2020 as the “Decade of Vision”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 349.

Pages H6843–45, H6885–86

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measures which were debated on Monday, June 15th:

Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2470, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the “Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 340; **Pages H6845–46**

Student Internet Safety Act of 2009: H.R. 780, amended, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to promote the safe use of the Internet by students, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 341; and **Pages H6846–47**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To promote the safe use of the Internet by students, and for other purposes.”. **Page H6847**

Congressional Review Act Improvement Act: H.R. 2247, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 343. **Page H6849**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Bishop (UT) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H6847**

Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Bishop (UT) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a ye-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 342. **Pages H6847–49**

Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2346, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 348. **Pages H6850–54, H6865–85**

H. Res. 545, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 345, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6862–63**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 17th.

Pages H6854–64, H6886–98, H6900

Agreed to:

Mollohan amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009) that increases funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by \$100,000,000 and **Pages H6895–96**

Schock amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009) that increases the appropriation to the International Trade Administration by \$500,000 and decreases the appropriation for the Bureau of the Census by \$500,000. **Pages H6896–97**

Agreed to the Mollohan motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 124 noes, Roll No. 350. **Pages H6897–98**

H. Res. 544, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by ye-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 347, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 346. **Pages H6863–64**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:50 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17th.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6845–46, H6846–47, H6848–49, H6849, H6849–50, H6863, H6863–64, H6864, H6884–85, H6885–86, H6898. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 2:52 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17th.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010.

FAA BUDGET AND NEXT GENERATION AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Appropriation: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies continued hearings on FAA: FY 2010 Budget and Next Generation Air Transportation System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FAA, Department of Transportation: J. Randolph Babbitt, Administrator; Henry P. Krakowski, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization; Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety; Victoria Cox, Senior Vice President, NextGen and Operations Planning; and

Nancy LoBue, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Aviation Policy, Planning and Environment.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION/ SHIPBUILDING—AVIATION PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010; H.R. 477, Federal Efficiency and Performance Act of 2009; and H.R. 478, Federal Agency Performance Review and Efficiency Act.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on The Future of Learning: How Technology is Transforming Public Schools. Testimony was heard from Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and public witnesses.

SATELLITE TV LOCAL BROADCASTING TERMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on draft legislation to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY TERMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Terminations of Individual Health Policies by Insurance Companies." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SYSTEMIC RISK AND INSURANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Systemic Risk and Insurance." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GREEN ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 2336, GREEN Act of 2009, Testimony was heard from Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ADMINISTRATION'S EUROPE POLICIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Strengthening the Transatlantic Alliance: An Overview of the Obama Administration's Policies in Europe. Testimony was heard from Philip Gordon, Assistant Secretary, European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

UIGHUR NATIONALISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on Exploring the Nature of Uighur Nationalism: Freedom Fighters or Terrorists? Testimony was heard from Randall G. Schriver, former Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Shirley Kan, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTITERRORISM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing on H.R. 2868, Chemical Facility Antiterrorism Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Sue Armstrong, Director, Infrastructure Security Compliance Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection; and Philip Reiting, Deputy Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate; Paul Baldauf, Assistant Director, Radiation Protection and Release Prevention, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP NEEDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Bankruptcy Judgeship Needs. Testimony was heard from Barbara M.G. Lynn, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas; David S. Kennedy, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee, William Jenkins, GAO; and a public witness.

PACIFIC SALMON/FISH HABITAT CONSERVATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2055, Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act of 2009; and H.R. 2565, National Fish Habitat Conservation Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Thompson of California; James Balsiger, Acting Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Gary Frazier, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Sara Laborde, Special Assistant to the Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Washington; Eric Schwaab, Deputy Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands, and the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a joint oversight hearing entitled “Mountain Pine Beetle: Strategies for Protecting the West.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Rehberg, Salazar, Markey of Colorado, Minnick, Polis and Scanlan; the following officials of the Forest Service, USDA: Barbara Bentz, Research Entomologist, Rocky Mountain Research Station; and Rick Cables, Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region; Herbert C. Frost, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ronald Turley, Special Programs Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Department of the Energy; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL CONTRACTING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing entitled “The State of Federal Contracting: Opportunities and Challenges for Strengthening Government Procurement and Acquisition Policies.” Testimony was heard from Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense; David A. Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA; and public witnesses.

PAKISTAN’S HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “U.S. Contributions to the Response to Pakistan’s Humanitarian Crisis: The Situation and the Stakes.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7–3, a rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, under a structured rule. The rule provides no further general debate.

The rule provides that no further amendments shall be in order except: (1) amendments numbered 3, 6, 19, 22, 25, 31, 35, 41, 59, 60, 62, 63, 69, 71, 93, 96, 97, 98, 100, 102, 111, 114, and 118 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009, which may be offered only by the Member who submitted it for printing or a designee; and (2) not to exceed 10 of the following amendments if offered

by the ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee: amendments numbered 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 104, 105, 106, 107, and 108 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009.

The rule provides that each amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except that amendments may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading. It provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate. Such amendment may be repeated, but only after consideration of an amendment listed in the first section of this rule.

Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee. The Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representatives Mollohan, Wolf, Burton, Flake, King (IA), Nunes, Rogers (AL), Gohmert, Price (GA), Jordon (OH) and Broun (GA).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2693, amended, Federal Oil Spill Research Program Act; H.R. 2729, amended, to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy; and H.R. 1622, To provide for a program of research, development, and demonstration on natural gas vehicles.

CYBERSPACE POLICY REVIEW

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, and the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a joint hearing on Agency Response to Cyberspace Policy Review. Testimony was heard from Cita Furkani, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Jeannette Wing, Assistant Director, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, NSF; Robert F. Leheny, Acting

Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense; and Peter Fonash, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Cyber Security Communications, Department of Homeland Security.

WATER/ENVIRONMENT AGENCY BUDGETS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on Agency Budgets and Priorities for FY 2010. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army: Terrance C. Salt, Acting Assistant Secretary, Civil Works; and LTG Robert L. Vantwerp, USA, Chief of Engineers; Howard Frumkin, M.D., Director, National Center, Environmental Health, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

VA ENDOSCOPY PROCEDURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Endoscopy Procedures at the VA: What Happened, What Has Changed? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John D. Daigh, Jr., M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General; and William E. Duncan, M.D., Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Quality and Safety, Veterans Health Administration.

Joint Meetings

INSTABILITY IN NORTHERN CAUCASUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine instability in the Northern Caucasus in Russia, after receiving testimony from Svetlana Gannushkina, Civic Assistance Committee for Refugees, Alexei Malashenko, Carnegie Endowment, and Elena Milashina, *Novaya Gazeta*, all of Moscow, Russia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for military con-

struction, environmental, and base closure programs, 3 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on the role and responsibility of commercial air carriers and employees, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the consumer wireless experience, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending energy legislation, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 409, to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, S. 782, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, S. 874, to establish El Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 1139, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and S. 1140, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, 1:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine Social Security in the 21st Century, 2 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1984, 401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2009; and H.R. 1988, Conflicted Investment Advice Prohibition Act of 2009, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up H.R. 2749, Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, joint hearing on North Korea's Nuclear and Missile Tests and the Six-Party Talks: Where Do We Go from Here? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on TV Marti: A Station in Search of an Audience? 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National

Archives, hearing entitled “Identity Theft: Victims Bills of Rights,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on Advancing Technology for Nuclear Fuel Recycling: What Should Our Research, Development and Demonstration Strategy Be? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, to continue hearings on Independent Assessment of the Na-

tional Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Legislative Initiatives to Strengthen and Modernize the SBIR and STTR Programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, to mark up H.R. 2701, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, 11 a.m., 304–HVC,

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1023, Travel Promotion Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.



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