

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5565–S5647*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1067–1080, S. Res. 152–154, and S. Con. Res. 23. **Pages S5614–15**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2009". (S. Rept. No. 111–22)

H.R. 35, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–21) **Page S5614**

#### Measures Passed:

**Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act:** By 90 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 194), Senate passed H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5570–81**

Adopted:

Dodd Amendment No. 1130 (to Amendment No. 1058), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5570**

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1058, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5570**

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

By 92 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 193), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1058. **Page S5570**

Chair sustained a point of order that the following amendments were not germane post-cloture, and the amendments thus fell:

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 1079 (to Amendment No. 1058), to end abuse, promote disclosure, and provide protections to small businesses that rely on credit cards. **Page S5570**

Collins/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 1107 (to Amendment No. 1058), to address stored value devices and cards. **Page S5570**

Lincoln Amendment No. 1126 (to Amendment No. 1107), to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to the extension of certain limitations. **Page S5570**

**Helping Families Save Their Homes Act:** Senate passed S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability. **Page S5588–89**

**Special Reserve Funding:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 152, to amend S. Res. 73 to increase funding for the Special Reserve. **Pages S5581–82**

**Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act:** Senate passed H.R. 131, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5645**

**Importance of Public Diplomacy:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 49, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of public diplomacy. **Page S5645**

**M.S. St. Louis 70th Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 111, recognizing June 6, 2009, as the 70th anniversary of the tragic date when the M.S. St. Louis, a ship carrying Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany, returned to Europe after its passengers were refused admittance to the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5646**

**National Small Business Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 154, honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, beginning May 17, 2009. **Pages S5646–47**

**Measures Considered:**

**Supplemental Appropriations Act:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2346, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5589–S5607**

**Adopted:**

Inouye/Cochran Amendment No. 1131, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5591**

Inouye Amendment No. 1137, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S5595–98, S5607**

**Pending:**

Inouye/Inhofe Amendment No. 1133, to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States. **Pages S5591–95**

McConnell Amendment No. 1136, to limit the release of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, pending a report on the prisoner population at the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay. **Page S5595**

Cornyn Amendment No. 1139, to express the sense of the Senate that the interrogators, attorneys, and lawmakers who tried in good faith to protect the United States and abide by the law should not be prosecuted or otherwise sanctioned. **Pages S5598–S5602**

Brownback Amendment No. 1140, to express the sense of the Senate on consultation with State and local governments in the transfer to the United States of detainees at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. **Pages S5602–07**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 21, 2009. **Page S5607**

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, and that there be two hours of debate relative to Inouye Amendment No. 1133 (listed above), equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; with the time allocated as follows: the first 30 minutes under the control of the Republican Leader, the second 30 minutes under the control of the Majority Leader; and that the final 60 minutes be divided equally, with 10 minute limitations, with the final 5 minutes of time under the control of Senator Inouye; provided that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Inouye Amendment No. 1133, with no amendment in order to the amendment; provided further, that all first-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 21, 2009. **Page S5607**

**House Messages:**

**Helping Families Save Their Homes Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability. **Page S5581**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S5566**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 88 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. Ex. 195), Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2012.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S5582–88, S5647**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Philip L. Verveer, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy. **Page S5647**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5625–44**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S5644–45**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5645**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—195) **Pages S5570, S5573, S5582**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5647.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine funding and oversight of the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Navy military construction programs, after receiving testimony from B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Major General Eugene G. Payne, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installation and Logistics, and Rear Admiral Mark A. Handley, Deputy Commander, Navy Installations Command, all of the Department of the Navy, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, and Wayne Army, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Army proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Pete Geren, Secretary of the Army, and General George W. Casey Jr., USA, Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 2,425 nominations in the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and John D. Porcari, of Maryland, to be

Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, both of the Department of Transportation, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Lawrence E. Strickling, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, both of the Department of Commerce, and Aneesh Chopra, of Virginia, to be Chief Technology Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND CLIMATE POLICY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine business opportunities and climate policy, after receiving testimony from Chad Holliday, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Mark W. Stiles, Trinity Industries Inc., Dallas, Texas; Cynthia J. Warner, Sapphire Energy, San Diego, California; Tim Healey, Lange-Stegmann Company, St. Louis, Missouri; Richard Lowenthal, Coulomb Technologies, Campbell, California; Wayne F. Krouse, Hydro Green Energy, LLC, Houston, Texas; Richard W. Taylor, ImbuTec Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Jack Armstrong, BASF Corporation, Florham Park, New Jersey.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Philip J. Crowley, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, and Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, both of the Department of State, and Daniel Benjamin, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

### GREEN GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pathways to a green global economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Nicholas Stern, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom; and James E. Rogers, Duke Energy, Charlotte, North Carolina.

### PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*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 public health challenges in our nation's capital, after

receiving testimony from Pierre N.D. Vigilance, Director, and Shannon L. Hader, Senior Deputy Director, HIV/AIDS Administration, both of the District of Columbia Department of Health, and Raymond Catarino Martins, Whitman-Walker Clinic, all of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee began markup of S. 982, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

#### HOLDING FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS ACCOUNTABLE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine protecting Americans, focusing on holding foreign manufacturers accountable, after receiving testimony from Louise Ellen Teitz, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island; Thomas L. Gowen, Locks Law Firm, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Chuck Stefan, The Mitchell Company, Mobile, Alabama; and Victor E. Schwartz, Shook, Hardy, and Bacon, LLP, Washington, D.C.,

on behalf of the United States Chamber Institute for Legal Reform.

#### DISCOUNT PRICING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Discount Pricing Consumer Protection Act, focusing on a ban on vertical price fixing, after receiving testimony from Pamela Jones Harbour, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Tod Cohen, eBay Inc., San Jose, California; Stacy Haigney, Burlington Coat Factory, Burlington, New Jersey; and James A. Wilson, American Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Priscilla E. Guthrie, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 2472–2507; 1 private bill, H.R. 2508; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 458–459 were introduced.

**Pages H5790–92**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 466, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination and acts of reprisal against persons who receive treatment for illnesses, injuries, and disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in the uniformed services, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–118);

H.R. 915, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–119, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 456, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 627) to

amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan (H. Rept. 111–120);

H. Res. 457, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2352) to amend the Small Business Act (H. Rept. 111–121);

Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (H. Rept. 111–122); and H.R. 2200, to authorize the Transportation Security Administration's programs relating to the provision of transportation security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–123).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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

**Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act:** H.R. 2182, to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted pursuant to such Act; **Pages H5722–23**

**Amending chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing:** H.R. 1170, amended, to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing; **Pages H5723–24**

**Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009:** H.R. 1088, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute; **Pages H5724–25**

**Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009:** H.R. 1089, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and unemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 270; **Pages H5725–26, H5766**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and reemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, and for other purposes." **Page H5766**

**Urging all Americans and people of all nationalities to visit the national cemeteries, memorials, and markers on Memorial Day:** H. Res. 360, to urge all Americans and people of all nationalities to visit the national cemeteries, memorials, and markers on Memorial Day, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 272; **Page H5726–28, H5767–68**

**Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week:** H. Con. Res. 120, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week; **Pages H5728–30**

**Honoring police officers and law enforcement professionals during Police Week:** H. Res. 426, to honor police officers and law enforcement professionals during Police Week; and **Pages H5738–40**

**Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009:** S. 896, amended, to prevent mortgage fore-

closures and enhance mortgage credit availability, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 367 yeas to 54 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 271. **Pages H5740–65, H5766–67**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

**Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2009:** H.R. 1676, amended, to prevent tobacco smuggling and to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes. **Pages H5730–38**

**Congratulating Anthony Kevin "Tony" Dungy for his accomplishments as a coach, father, and exemplary member of his community:** The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 70, to congratulate Anthony Kevin "Tony" Dungy for his accomplishments as a coach, father, and exemplary member of his community. **Page H5765**

**Honoring Karen Bass for becoming the first African-American woman elected Speaker of the California State Assembly:** The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 49, to honor Karen Bass for becoming the first African-American woman elected Speaker of the California State Assembly. **Pages H5765–66**

**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representative Hastings (FL), Co-Chairman; Representatives Markey (MA), Slaughter, McIntyre, Butterfield, Smith (NJ), Aderholt, Pitts, and Issa. **Page H5768**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:28 p.m. **Page H5788**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5784, H5788.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5766, H5766–67 and H5767–68. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies held a hearing on the IRS. Testimony was

heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the National Archives. Testimony was heard from Adrienne Thomas, Acting Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration.

#### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the EPA. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA.

#### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Defense Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller); and Wayne Army, Deputy Under Secretary (Installations and Environment).

#### **AIR FORCE BUDGET**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense: Michael B. Donley, Secretary; and GEN Norman A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

#### **DEFENSE ACQUISITION METRICS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Defense Acquisition Panel held a hearing on Measuring Performance: Developing Good Acquisition Metrics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David P. Fitch, Director, AT&L Leadership Center of Excellence, Defense Acquisition University; and Daniel A. Nussbaum, Visiting Professor, Department of Operations Research, Naval Postgraduate School; and a public witness.

#### **NAVY AVIATION BUDGET**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower, and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy Aviation Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense: VADM David Architzel, USN, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; and LTG George J. Trautman, USMC, Deputy Com-

mander, Marine Corps Aviation Programs, U.S. Marine Corps.

#### **SCHOOLS USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Examining the Abusive and Deadly Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools. Testimony was heard from Greg D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Continued markup of H.R. 2454, American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

#### **WESTERN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS CAPITAL LOSS/CORRUPTION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Capital Loss, Corruption and the Role of Western Financial Institutions." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **CREDIT RATING AGENCY REGULATION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Approaches to Improving Credit Rating Agency Regulation." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY'S RIGHTWING EXTREMISM ASSESSMENT**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported, as amended, H. Res. 404, Directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, copies of documents relating to the Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Assessment titled, "Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment."

#### **CARMELO RODRIGUEZ MILITARY MEDICAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1478, Carmelo Rodriguez Military Medical Accountability Act of 2009.

#### **RAILROAD ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on H.R. 233,

Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Alexander; and public witnesses.

#### **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS/GUAM**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on Implementation of Public Law 110–229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam. Testimony was heard from Felix P. Camacho, Governor of Guam; Benigno Repeki Fitial, Governor, Northern Mariana Islands; Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Vice Speaker, Guam Legislature; David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Nikolao Pula, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Richard C. Barth, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL BUDGET/ POLICIES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled “ONDCP’s Fiscal Year 2010 National Drug Control Budget and the Priorities, Objectives, and Policies of the Office of National Drug Control Policy under the New Administration.” Testimony was heard from Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

#### **FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing entitled “The State of Federal Information Security.” Testimony was heard from Vivek Kundra, Chief Information Officer, OMB; Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jacquelyn Patillo, Acting Chief Information Officer; and Margaret Graves, Acting Chief Information Officer; and a public witness.

#### **AFGHAN/PAKISTAN’S CIVILIAN SURGE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, held a hearing on Afghanistan and Pakistan: Resourcing the Civilian Surge. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Paul Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary, South and Central Asia Bureau; James A. Bever, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia and Near East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Ambassador John Herbst, Coordinator, Office of Reconstruction and Stabilization; David S. Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Central Asian Affairs,

Department of Defense; and Michael Michener, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

#### **JOB CREATION THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2352, the Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waves all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard by Chairwoman Velázquez and Representatives Cardoza, Pingree, Polis (CO), Watson (CA), Davis (AL), Klein (FL), Boccieri, and Graves.

#### **PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 627, THE CREDIT CARDHOLDERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Rules.* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 627, the Credit Cardholders’ Bill of Rights Act of 2009. The rule makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Financial Services to concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule provides that the question of adoption of the motion shall be divided for a separate vote on concurring in

section 512 of the Senate amendment. The rule further provides that if either portion of the divided question fails of adoption, then the House shall be considered to have made no disposition of the Senate amendment. The rule provides that House Resolution 450 is laid on the table. Testimony was heard by Chairman Frank (MA), and Representative Bachus.

### NASA BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Christopher Scolese, Acting Administrator, NASA.

### SCIENCE OF INSOLVENCY

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the Science of Insolvency. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEVEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Recommendations of the National Committee on Levee Safety. Testimony was heard from Eric Halpin, Special Assistant, Dam and Levee Safety, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### VA MEDICAL CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Medical Care: The Crown Jewel and Best Kept Secret. Testimony was heard from Paul J. Hutter, Chief Officer, Legislative, Regulatory, and Intergovernmental Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

### GULF WAR ILLNESS RESEARCH

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Gulf War Illness Research: Is Enough Being Done? Testimony was heard from R. Craig Postlewaite, DVM, Deputy Director, Force Readiness and Health Assurance, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Robert D. Walpole, former Special Assistant, Gulf War Illness Issues, Office of the Assistant Director, Central Intelligence, CIA; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

### SSA'S EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security Administration's (SSA's) employment support programs for disability beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Sue Suter, Associate Commissioner, Employment Support Programs, SSA; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—OVERHEAD ARCHITECTURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Overhead Architecture. The Committee was briefed by Betty Sapp, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

## Joint Meetings

### WEAPON SYSTEMS ACQUISITION REFORM ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for military space programs; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold a closed meeting to examine financing comprehensive health reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine developing a coordinated and sustainable strategy for Somalia, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine developments on the ground in Pakistan and Afghanistan, 11 a.m., SVC-217.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine foreign policy priorities in the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for international affairs; to be followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, and Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, both of the Department of State, 1:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to continue consideration of S. 982, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, and the nominations of Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, John Q. Easton, of Illinois, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education, and Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 599, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, S. 629, to facilitate the part-time reemployment of annuitants, S. 707, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, proposed Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act, S. 920, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to improve the transparency of the status of information technology investments, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal information technology investment projects, to improve the processes agencies implement to manage information technology investments, to reward excellence in information technology acquisition, S. 942, to prevent the abuse of Government charge cards, S. 469, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the computation for part-time service under the Civil Service Retirement System, S. 692, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances, H.R. 918, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building", H.R. 1595, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building", H.R. 663, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building", H.R. 987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsyl-

vania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office", H.R. 1284, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office", and the nominations of David Heyman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, Marisa J. Demeo, of the District of Columbia, and Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine the role of Community Development Block Grant Program in disaster recovery, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine securing the border and America's points of entry, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine criminal prosecution as a deterrent to health care fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine pension plans, 2 p.m., SR-432.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, on Department of Defense, 12:30 p.m., 210 HVC.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies, on OMB, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on U.S. Agency for International Development, 9:30 a.m.; on Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10:30 a.m.; and on Office of Global AIDS Coordinator, 11:30 a.m., B308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Member Requests, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Air Force Modernization Programs, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Another Crossroads? Professional Military Education Twenty Years after the Goldwater-Nichols Act and the Skelton Panel, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Military Services' Operations and Maintenance Funding, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of

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*Committee on Education and Labor*, hearing on the Obama Administration's Education Agenda, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to continue markup of H.R. 2454 American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "H.R. 2351, Credit Union Share Insurance Stabilization Act," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1886, Pakistan Enduring Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2410, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and to complete action on the following bills: H.R. 1741, Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2009; and H.R. 2247, Congressional Review Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on advance of the 61st meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to be held in Madeira, Portugal June 22–26, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, hearing entitled "State and Local Pandemic Preparedness," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on "Nip and Tuck: The Impact of Current Cost Cutting Efforts on Postal Service Operations and Network," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 915, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Heroes of Small Business," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Consumer Issues: Emergency Contingency Planning and Outlook for Summer Travel, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview, 4 p.m., 304 HVC.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Management, executive, briefing on Information Sharing, 2:30 p.m., 304-HVC.

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*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine oil and the economy, focusing on the impact of rising global demand on the United States recovery, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon Building.

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Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2346, Supplemental Appropriations Act, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to Inouye Amendment No. 1133.

House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 2352—Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 627—Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009 (Subject to a Rule).

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