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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROONEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.

October 7, 2011. I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

> JOHN A. BOEHNER, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Creator God, Eternal Presence, Spirit of Life in whom we breathe and live, we come into another day that has never been—a new day, an empty day waiting to be—its possibility and potential filled with only that which we bring to it.

As we pause in this moment, may we have the wisdom, humility, and grace to lay aside the fear, scarcity, pain, mistrust, and violence that have consumed so many of our yesterdays.

Where discord has been our nemesis, may harmony be our friend. Where suspicion shades our perspective, may trust bring light to see clearly and know Your presence in ourselves, in others, and in all Creation.

This is our prayer.

Fill us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control so that these may be the gifts we bring to this day—to our work, our lives, our country, and our world. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

I stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3410. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports [Doc. No.: AMS-CN-11-0026; CN-11-002] received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3411. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Correction [Doc. No. AMS-FV-10-0015C; FR] (RIN: 0581-AD03) received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3412. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate Decrease for Processed Pears [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0070 FV11-927-3 IR] received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3413. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate Decrease for Fresh Pears [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0060; FV11-927-2 IR] received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3414. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Dried Prunes Produced in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0068; FV11-993-1 IR] received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3415. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Multiyear Contracting (DFARS Case 2009-D029) (RIN: 0750-AG89) received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3416. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Positive Law Codification of Title 41 U.S.C. (DFARS Case 2011-D036) (RIN: 0750-AG38) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3417. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Ships Bunkers Easy Acquisition (SEA) Card and Aircraft Ground Services (DFARS Case 2009-D019) (RIN: 0750-AH07) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

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3418. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule - Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Construction and Architect-Engineer Services Performance Evaluations (DFARS Case 2010-D024) (RIN: 0750-AG91) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3419. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule - Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Designation of a Contracting Officer's Representative (DFARS Case 2011-D037) (RIN: 0750-AH35) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3420. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule - Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Passive Radio Frequency Identification (DFARS Case 2010-D014) (RIN: 0750-AH05) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3421. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule - Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); Alternative Line Item Structure (DFARS Case 2010-D017) (RIN: 0750-AH02) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3422. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule - Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Discussions Prior to Contract Award (DFARS Case 2010-D013) (RIN: 0750-AG82) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3423. A letter from the Chair, Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the Office's final rule — Cost Accounting Standards: Elimination of the Exemption From Cost Accounting Standards for Contracts and Subcontracts Executed and Performed Entirely Outside the United States, Its Territories, and Possessions received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3424 A letter from the Chair. Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the Office's final rule — Cost Accounting Standards: Change to the CAS Applicability Threshold for the Inflation Adjustment to the Truth in Negotiations Act Threshold received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

> By Mr. McCARTHY of California (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. NUNES, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. MCCLINTOCK):

H.R. 3143. A bill to freeze the availability of Federal funding for high-speed rail projects in California, and for other purposes: to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WALZ of Minnesota (for himself and Mrs. Myrick):

H.R. 3144. A bill to provide for improvement of field emergency medical services, and for other purposes: to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

161. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 100 urging the Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Assistance Program to increase the quality of food options through the Nutrition Assistance Programs; to the Committee on Agriculture.

162. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 urging the Congress and the President to renew the commitment to accessible higher education and support the research in the interest of the nation; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

163. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 130 notifying the Department of Education that the mentioned colleges and universities are authorized in the State of Texas to operate educational programs beyond secondary education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

164. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 urging the Congress to modernize the federal Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

165. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 supporting H.R. 308; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. McCARTHY of California:

H R. 3143

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The bill is introduced pursuant to Congress' power to regulate commerce pursuant to Article 1 Section 8.

By Mr. WALZ of Minnesota:

H R. 3144.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1134: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.

H.R. 1244: Mr. Walsh of Illinois, Mr. John-SON of Illinois, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, and Ms. McCollum.

H.R. 1259: Mr. LATTA.

H.R. 1653: Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. BOREN, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 1834: Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 1992: Mr. HEINRICH.

H.R. 2069: Mrs. MILLER of Michigan.

H.R. 2131: Mr. TONKO, Mr. MCINTYRE, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN.

H.R. 2139: Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. Reyes.

H.R. 2146: Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 2478: Mr. CHANDLER.

H.R. 2569: Mr. Burgess, Mr. Rangel, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. KLINE

H.R. 2910: Mr. NUNNELEE and Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 2952: Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado.

H.R. 3091: Mr. PAULSEN.

H.R. 3099: Mr. Shimkus.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS-ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petition:

Petition 1 by Mr. CRITZ on House Resolution 310: John C. Carney Jr., Harold Rogers, Maurice D. Hinchey.

The following Member's name was withdrawn from the following discharge petition:

Petition 1 by Mr. CRITZ on House Resolution 310: Harold Rogers.



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Senate

The Senate met at 12:00 and 26 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

> APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUYE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, Washington, DC, October 7, 2011. To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair. DANIEL K. INOUYE,

President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:00 and 58 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 2 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF STEVEN PAUL JOBS, 1955–2011

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to speak about the passing of my constituent—an American icon, an American genius—Steve Jobs.

Steve was a child of Silicon Valley before there even was a Silicon Valley. He was born here, he was raised here, he started his business here, and he raised his family here. He was a part of Silicon Valley from start to finish, and I'm proud to have had him as my constituent.

Like many of Silicon Valley's pioneers and innovators, Steve began in a garage with just a simple idea and an oversized dream. And from those humble beginnings, his creative genius literally shaped our entire world.

In his short life, Steve Jobs' accomplishments elevated him as one of the great America innovators, not only in the 20th and 21st centuries, but in the history of our entire nation.

Steve said, "We're here to put a dent in the universe. Otherwise why else even be here?" He put far more than just a dent in the world he changed the way we work, learn, play and live—Macs, iPods, iTunes, iPhones, iPads, movies, design, and the democratization of the technology. He personalized technology for every man, woman and child.

As the world will mourn him, Silicon Valley will personally miss him, his brilliant mind, and his restless genius. Steve urged colleagues and friends, "Your time is limited. Don't waste it living someone else's dream." Steve's legacy will live on and it will continue to inspire future generations of Americans.

Mr. Špeaker, I ask the entire U.S. House of Representatives to join with me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Laurene Jobs and their four children.

As a poet wrote ". . . and so he passed, and all the trumpets sounded on the other side."

EPA REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, October 6, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2250) to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 were supported by large bipartisan majorities in both chambers of Congress. Section 112 of that legislation set forth a data-driven process for emissions reductions across more than 100 source categories—an approach that has proven to be an enormous success, reducing carcinogens and other air toxics by 1.7 million tons a year without hindering economic growth.

Inexplicably, today's legislation flies in the face of this bipartisan achievement. By attempting to first block and then delay EPA's ability to curtail toxic emissions from large industrial boilers and incinerators, H.R. 2250 effectively rewrites Section 112 of the Clean Air Act to prioritize pollution over public health. If permitted to take effect, the mandated three year delay in this bill would cause an estimated 20,000 premature deaths, 126,000 asthma attacks, 12,000 heart attacks and 960,000 days of missed work due to mercury, lead, arsenic and other toxic exposure. This is just completely unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, public health is not a problem. It's a priority. Outside the far right wing of the Republican party, America's broad bipartisan mainstream supports the Clean Air Act and, as a basic expectation of government, wants us to protect their right to healthy air.

We should listen.

RECOGNIZING THE HENRICO COUN-TY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR BEING NAMED THE AMERICAN ASSOCIA-TION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS' 2011 NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2011

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Henrico County Public Schools on their significant achievement of being named the American Association of School Librarians' 2011 National School Library Program of the Year.

Each year the American Association of School Librarians honors schools with exemplary library programs that share their commitment to ensuring that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information. The Henrico County library program met these criteria with its guiding mission of "empowering students and staff to become critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers, and ethical users of information."

The collaborative efforts of the staff, teachers, parents, and members of the Henrico County community have a profound impact on the program, helping to implement studentdriven inquiry, research, and creativity, while facilitating student growth. A strong education system is essential for the future of our country. The hard work and dedication of the librarians and staff at the Henrico County Public Schools will ensure their students are prepared to learn and succeed in the future.

Henrico County is composed of 69 schools with approximately 49,000 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. The library program is staffed by 82 full-time librarians, 39 full-time support staff, and 34 part-time staff, all of whom have contributed to the program's success.

I commend the Henrico County Public Schools and ask you to join me in recognizing the librarians, teachers, staff, and students for their outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DERRICK A. BELL, JR.

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of civil rights legal scholar, Derrick Bell. As a respected attorney, scholar, war veteran and mentor, Mr. Bell lived his life believing that change only occurs when we take risks.

Mr. Bell was a man of many firsts. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh Law School, where he was the only black student, Mr. Bell would eventually become the first tenured black professor at Harvard Law School. He later became Dean of the University of Oregon School of Law, becoming the first African-American to ever head a nonblack law school. His willingness to be a pioneer was a reflection of his unwillingness to exchange personal position for the core principle of pursuing equity for all.

Mr. Bell's resolve to stand on principle was seen throughout his career. As a newly minted attorney in his 20s, selected to work at the Civil Rights Division of the United States Justice Department, Mr. Bell was told to relinquish his NAACP membership, which his superiors believed posed a conflict of interest. Mr. Bell, instead, did the opposite and quit the Justice Department. While perhaps a shock to some, Mr. Bell would ultimately resign as Dean at Oregon over a dispute about faculty diversity. In his 2002 memoir, "Ethical Ambition," Mr. Bell recalled how his actions appeared to associates as "futile and foolish." But he publicly declared the importance of living "a life of meaning and worth."

Mr. Bell is perhaps best known for his tenure at Harvard Law School, which began in 1969 after protests by black students for a minority faculty member. While at Harvard, Bell established a new course in civil rights law, published a leading legal textbook, "Race, Racism and American Law," and rejected the dry legal analytics, which dominated legal scholarship, in favor of allegorical stories and parables. In 1986, he orchestrated a five-day sit-in to protest the school's failure to grant tenure to two professors. Mr. Bell's challenge to the legal orthodoxy served as inspiration to Harvard Law students, and President Barack Obama compared him to civil rights hero Rosa

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Parks while attending a rally as a student at Harvard Law. Mr. Bell ultimately left the law school in 1990 over principle and concluded his career at NYU Law School. He summed up his actions in a speech to Harvard students, saying, "Your faith in what you believe must be a living, working faith that draws you away from comfort and security, and toward risk through confrontation." Mr. Bell believed that it would be hypocritical to urge his students to defy what is unjust, while not practicing his own precepts.

Largely credited as the originator of critical race theory, Mr. Bell explored the nuances that exist in race-relations. Known as a softspoken gentleman, the professor unapologetically challenged conservatives and liberals, alike, on shared societal beliefs concerning race in America. While many viewed the 1954 desegregation decision in Brown v. Board of Education as monumental in the fight towards equality, Mr. Bell wrote that in light of the consequences of Brown, conditions for minorities might have worked out better if the court had instead ordered governments to provide both races with truly equivalent schools. Mr. Bell focused on motives just as much as outcomes, and while he generally supported litigation, he also cautioned that seemingly favorable rulings often yield disappointing results. His discourse prepared and empowered us to fight beyond court decisions and dig deeper into the implementation of policies which affect underrepresented communities.

Mr. Bell will always be revered as a genuine, authentic champion in the struggle for civil rights. Robert Frost famously stated that "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." We are all honored that Derrick Bell took the road less traveled, for his contributions have truly inspired others to make a difference.

COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS FOR H.R. 3078, H.R. 3079, AND H.R. 3080

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION, Washington, DC, October 6, 2011.

Hon. DAVE CAMP,

Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives, Longworth House

Office Building, Washington, DC. Hon. SANDER M. LEVIN,

Ranking Member, Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN CAMP AND RANKING MEM-BER LEVIN: I am writing pursuant to section 4022 of the Internal Revenue Service Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (Pub. L. No. 105-206) (the "IRS Reform Act"), which requires the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation (in consultation with the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of the Treasury) to provide a complexity analysis of tax legislation reported by the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Ways and Means, or a Conference Report containing tax provisions. The complexity analysis is required to report on the complexity and administrative issues raised by provisions that directly or indirectly amend the Internal Revenue Code and that have widespread applicability to individuals or small businesses. The IRS Reform Act mandates that certain information be included in the complexity analysis, if determinable. The IRS Reform Act requires the complexity analysis to be included in the appropriate committee report, or provided to the Members of the committee reporting the legislation as soon as practicable after the report is filed.

This letter fulfills the requirement for a complexity analysis of H.R. 3078, the "United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act," H.R. 3079, the "United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act," and H.R. 3080, the "United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act," as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means on October 6, 2011. We have determined that there are no items in these three bills that have widespread applicability to individuals or small businesses, as defined in Section 4022 of the IRS Reform Act.

I want to bring to your attention another provision of the IRS Reform Act. It appears that a point of order may be raised against a bill where the committee report for that bill does not contain a complexity analysis. unless the Ways and Means Committee has the complexity analysis printed in the Congressional Record prior to the consideration of that bill.

If you have any questions, please contact Brion Graber or me. Sincerely,

THOMAS A. BARTHOLD, Chief of Staff. 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2011

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, ten years ago today the United States pursued the perpetrators of 9/11 into the mountains of Afghanistan. Our original mission-which I supported-was to bring justice to members of al Qaeda who planned and executed one of the largest mass murders in history and the Taliban who enabled al Qaeda.

Members of the U.S. military have done everything that has been asked of them. They have fought heroically, and have selflessly served their country.

But, thanks to strategic and diplomatic missteps, a disastrous and unnecessary war in Iraq that distracted the U.S. from accomplishing our original mission, and the pursuit of failed policies, we have lost our way in Afghanistan.

The war in Afghanistan has cost the United States greatly in lives and taxpayer dollars. We have lost more than 1,700 American troops in Afghanistan, with this past August being the deadliest month. Tens of thousands of Americans have been injured, maimed or made permanently disabled. Meanwhile, we continue to hemorrhage taxpayer dollars trying to sustain an unsustainable war. To date, the U.S. has spent \$454 billion-nearly half a trillion dollars-in Afghanistan.

As we make drastic cuts in infrastructure, education, social services, and federal programs here at home, we are spending tens of billions of dollars per year to build critical infrastructure in Afghanistan, investing in roads and bridges in Afghanistan, and training Afghan troops and law enforcement officers.

That's wrong. We should use that money to hire teachers here at home, modernize our schools, repave our crumbling roads, rebuild our failing bridges, put sheriffs back on the roads and police back on the street.

It is long past time to bring this ten year war-the longest in the history of the United States-to a responsible end. I will continue to do everything I can in Congress to bring our troops home and to reinvest scarce federal resources in rebuilding our own country, rather than nation building in a failed state half a world away.

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Senate

Chamber Action

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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Senate met at 12:00:26 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:00:58 p.m. until 2 p.m., on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3143–3144 were introduced. Page H6676

Additional Cosponsors: Page H6676

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rooney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H6675

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington DC. Page H6675

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S. 1641, to implement the United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement, S. 1642, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, S. 1643, to imple-

ment the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, and the nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Executive Office of the President, Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and David S. Johanson, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 4 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine labor-management forums in the Federal government, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 10 through October 15, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, to be followed by a vote on passage of S. 1619, Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act, and a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on

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the motion to proceed to S. 1660, American Jobs Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations October 12, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in disaster recovery and response, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 13, to hold hearings to examine addressing potential threats from Iran, focusing on Administration perspectives on implementing new economic sanctions one year later, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 12, to hold hearings to examine universal service reform, focusing on bringing broadband to all Americans, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 13, Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy, to hold hearings to examine innovative practices to create jobs and reduce pollution, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 11, business meeting to consider S. 1641, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, S. 1642, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, S. 1643, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, and the nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Executive Office of the President, Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and David S. Johanson, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 4 p.m., SD-215.

October 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on capital investment and manufacturing, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 12, business meeting to consider the nominations of Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Thomas Charles Krajeski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, all of the Department of State, Anne Terman Wedner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Katherine M. Gehl, of Wisconsin, and Terry Lewis, of Michigan, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Russ Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and routine lists in the Foreign Service; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 12, to hold hearings to examine the state of chronic disease prevention, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 11, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine labor-management forums in the Federal government, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

October 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on a status report on information sharing, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Carcieri crisis, focusing on the ripple effect on jobs, economic development and public safety in native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 13, business meeting to consider S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, S. 1636, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, H.R. 394, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, S. 1637, to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties, H.R. 2633, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties, S. 1014, to provide for additional Federal district judgeships, and the nominations of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, John M. Gerrard, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Thomas Owen Rice, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, David Nuffer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Steven R. Frank, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Martin J. Pane, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and David Blake Webb, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine arbitration, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: October 12, business meeting to consider the nomination of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced. Select Committee on Intelligence: October 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: October 12, to hold hearings to examine finding consensus in the Medicare reform debate, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture: October 12, full Committee, hearing to review legislative proposals amending Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services: October 12, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives of Former Chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services." 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on National Guard and Reserve component acquisition and modernization, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 13, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives of Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey." 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on an update on KC–46A and legacy aerial refueling aircraft programs, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 14, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Nuclear Weapons Modernization in Russia and China: Understanding Impacts to the United States." 11:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: October 12, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3094, the "Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Regulations, Costs, and Uncertainty in Employer Provided Health Care." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: October 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade; and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing entitled "Food Marketing: Can 'Voluntary' Government Restrictions Improve Children's Health?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Cutting EPA Spending." 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Understanding Consumer Attitudes About Privacy." 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1633, the "Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011." 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: October 12, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy, markup to consider the discussion draft "The Supporting Economic and National Security by Maintaining U.S. Leadership in Multilateral Development Banks Act." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn. October 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Home Loan Bank System." 1 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "H.R. 1418, the 'Small Business Lending Enhancement Act of 2011.'" 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The U.S. Housing Finance System in the Global Context: Structure, Capital Sources, and Housing Dynamics." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Section 8 Savings Act of 2011: Proposals to Promote Economic Independence for Assisted Families." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 14, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Bring Certainty to the Over-the-Counter Derivatives Market." 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: October 12, Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Narcoterrorism and the Long Reach of U.S. Law Enforcement." 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 13, full Committee, hearing entitled "Emerging Threats and Security in the Western Hemisphere: Next Steps for U.S. Policy." 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: October 12, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 3116, the "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 13, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "TSA Reform: Exploring Innovations in Technology Procurement to Stimulate Job Growth, Part II." 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 14, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled "A Call to Action: Narco-Terrorism's Threat to the Southern U.S. Border." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration: October 13, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled "Federal Election Commission: Reviewing Policies, Processes and Procedures." 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 11, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1996, the "Government Litigation Savings Act." 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Crimes, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Uncertain Justice: The Status of Federal Sentencing and the U.S. Sentencing Commission Six Years after U.S. v. Booker." 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Immigration, hearing entitled "U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: Priorities and the Rule of Law." 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 13, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2870, the "Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2011"; H.R. 1254, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011"; H.R. 10, the "Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011"; H.R. 822, the "National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011"; and H.R. 3012, the "Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act".

October 14, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet; H.R. 2870, the "Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2011"; H.R. 1254, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011"; H.R. 10, the "Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011"; H.R. 822, the "National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011"; and H.R. 3012, the "Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act". 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: October 12, full Committee, hearing entitled "One Year after President Obama's Gulf of Mexico 6-Month Moratorium Officially Lifted: Examining the Lingering Impacts on Jobs, Energy Production and Local Economies." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 13, full Committee, hearing entitled "BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 14, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing entitled "Payments in Lieu of Taxes." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: October 12, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled "Status Report on the Transition to a Civilian-Led Mission in Iraq." 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled "Running on Empty: How the Obama Administration's Green Energy Gamble Will Impact Small Business and Consumers." 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules: October 12, full Committee, hearing on the following: H.R. 2273, the "Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act"; and H.R. 358 the "Protect Life Act." 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: October 12, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled "What Makes for Successful K-12 STEM Education: A Closer Look at Effective STEM Education Approaches." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled "The International Space Station: Lessons from the Soyuz Rocket Failure and Return to Flight." 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Endangered Species Act: Reviewing the Nexus of Science and Policy." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee Energy and Environment, hearing entitled "Advancing Coal Research and Development for a Secure Energy Future." 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business: October 12, full Committee, hearing entitled "LightSquared: The Impact to Small Business GPS Users." 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: October 12, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled "National Infrastructure Bank: More Bureaucracy and More Red Tape." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "Streamlining Emergency Management: Improving Preparedness, Response, and Cutting Costs." 8:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 12, full Committee, hearing entitled "Failures at Miami VAMC: Window to a National Problem." 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: October 11, full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 4 p.m., HVC-304.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Tuesday, October 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m), Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, to be followed by a vote on passage of S. 1619, Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act, and a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1660, American Jobs Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, October 11

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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