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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 11, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Once again, we come to You to ask wisdom, patience, peace, and understanding for the Members of this people's House. The words and sentiments that have been spoken and heard in these recent days were born of principle, conviction, and commitment.

We ask discernment for the Members, that they might judge anew their adherence to principle, conviction, and commitment, lest they slide uncharitably toward an inability to listen to one another and work cooperatively to solve the important issues of our day.

Give them the generosity of heart and the courage of true leadership to work toward a common solution, with sacrifice on both sides. We pray that

their work results not in a Nation comprised of winners and losers, but where our citizens know in their hearts that we Americans are all winners.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
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.

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, May 15, 2012, for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.
Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5970. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel Timothy P. McGuire, United States Army, to wear the grade of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5971. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report to Congress specifying each Reserve component the additional items of equipment that would be procured and additional military construction projects for FY 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5972. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting extension of the waiver of Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, Pub. L. 107-511, with respect to assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5973. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5974. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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5975. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's 2011 Freedom of Information Act Litigation and Compliance Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e)(6); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5976. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's annual report for FY 2011 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5977. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's annual report for FY 2011 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5978. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Final 2012 and 2013 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish [Docket No.: 111213751-2102-02] (RIN: 0648-XA758) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5979. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0648-XB149) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5980. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the 2011 Report to Congress on Apportionment of Membership on the Regional Fishery Management Councils; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5981. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod for American Fisheries Act Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 111213751-2102-02] (RIN: 0648-XB138) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5982. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 111213751-2102-02] (RIN: 0648-XB118) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5983. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0648-XB122) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5984. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, Na-

tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 111220786-1781-01] (RIN: 0648-XB103) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5985. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Colorado Springs, CO [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1191; Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-21] received April 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5986. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bozeman, MT [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0783; Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-16] received April 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5987. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Federal Airways; Alaska [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0010; Airspace Docket No. 11-AAL-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5988. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Douglas, AZ [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1313; Airspace Docket No. 11-AWP-17] received April 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5989. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Report to Congress: Plan to Reform the Medicare Wage Index; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1838. A bill to repeal a provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act prohibiting any Federal bailout of swap dealers or participants; with amendments (Rept. 112-476, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3283. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide an exemption for certain swaps and security-based swaps involving Non-U.S. persons, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-477, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 365. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty; with an amendment (Rept. 112-478). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCKEON: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 4310. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-479). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII, the following actions were taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1838. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than May 30, 2012.

H.R. 3283. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than May 30, 2012.

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. ISRAEL:

H.R. 5737. A bill to provide that a former Member of Congress receiving compensation as a highly-paid lobbyist shall be ineligible to concurrently receive Federal retirement benefits; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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.

By Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (for herself, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 5738. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15285 Samohin Drive in Macomb, Michigan, as the "Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. CLYBURN):

H.R. 5739. A bill to provide for an exchange of land between the Department of Homeland Security and the South Carolina State Ports Authority; 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. ISRAEL:

H.R. 5737.

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

Article I, Section 6, Clause 1, of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mrs. MILLER of Michigan:

H.R. 5738.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina:

H.R. 5739.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the authority enumerated in Clause 2 of Section 3 of Article IV 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. 942: Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. MCCOTTER.
H.R. 1259: Mr. BILIRAKIS and Mr. WEBSTER.
H.R. 1742: Mr. ELLISON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. CAPPS, and Mr. HINCHEY.
H.R. 1860: Mr. OWENS.
H.R. 2139: Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. COOPER, and Mr. PASCRELL.
H.R. 2310: Mr. DINGELL.

H.R. 2569: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mrs. MYRICK.
H.R. 2980: Mr. HINCHEY.
H.R. 2989: Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HIMES, and Mr. KIND.
H.R. 3015: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 3032: Mr. THORNBERRY.
H.R. 3067: Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. WALDEN,

Mr. TERRY, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. DENT.
H.R. 3091: Ms. JENKINS.
H.R. 3288: Mr. ROYCE.
H.R. 3790: Mrs. DAVIS of California.
H.R. 4152: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 4180: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri.
H.R. 4229: Mr. TIBERI, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. MCCOTTER.
H.R. 4970: Mr. HECK.
H. Con. Res. 122: Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. BUERKLE, and Mr. MCHENRY.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Melody Poole Ellis has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Dunaire Elementary, and as a beloved daughter, mother, wife and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. Ellis has been chosen as the 2012 Teacher of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary school; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Mrs. Ellis is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Melody Poole Ellis for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2012 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 25, 2012, as Mrs. Melody Poole Ellis Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of April, 2012.

REGARDING MAY 9, 2012
"PRESENT" VOTE ON H.R. 4133

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support Israel, its rights as a nation, and its unequivocal right to defend itself. I fully support the provisions of this resolution aimed at strengthening Israel's defensive military capabilities. Unfortunately, this resolution also contains overly broad provisions that go well beyond support for those defensive capabilities. Specifically, I am concerned about provisions that include the terms "defensive articles" and "defensive services" and "specialized munitions," which security experts understand to include a vast array of offensive weapons, including bunker-buster bombs. The increased militarization of the Middle East could endan-

ger Israel's security and is a source of regional and global instability. While the bill enumerated ways the U.S. can lend military support to Israel, there was not an emphasis on achieving a negotiated peace with its neighbors. No amount of American military assistance will fully compensate for the lack of a productive and effective peace process. This bill was a missed opportunity for Congress to show balanced support for a comprehensive peace plan. The neglected Israeli-Palestinian peace process must be given stronger support by the United States, and this bill reflects the lack of U.S. leadership in achieving a lasting peace. Because of these flawed provisions, I voted present on H.R. 4133.

HONORS TEMPLE EMANUEL ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many who have gathered in celebration of Temple Emanuel's 50th Anniversary. This milestone is a very special occasion, not only for the administration and members, but for the community as well.

Founded in 1962, Temple Emanuel was the vision of a group of families seeking a better quality of Jewish education for their children and an experience different from what they had found in more typical Reform congregations. Chartered by the Union of American Congregations in 1966, Temple Emanuel, under the direction of Rabbi Mark Winer, found its home on what was originally a working farm. While awaiting the construction of its sanctuary, congregants first used the barn for services and the property's home was used for the offices and as a school building.

Working with members knowledgeable in architecture, design, and finance, their Temple Emanuel's current sanctuary was completed in 1991. Rabbi Winer had introduced the concept of "services in the round," so the new sanctuary was built with movable seating to fit any occasion. Services were participatory, with animated discussion and a self published Siddur, the traditional Jewish prayer book. Rabbi Brieger, Temple Emanuel's second rabbi, continued this style of worship. A former song leader with the North American Federation of Temple Youth and codirector of the International Torah Corps, Rabbi Brieger had strong roots in the Reform movement and excellent musical skills. Under his direction, and through song and communal prayer, Temple Emanuel's congregation developed its unique style and strengthened their connection to Judaism. Temple Emanuel is currently led by Rabbi Michael Farbman who came to the congregation following Rabbi Brieger's retirement in 2009. With his dynamic guitar playing services and the creation of the Temple Emanuel

Band, whose members range from middle school to retirement age, Rabbi Farbman continues the strong musical influence of his predecessors while bringing a new joy and energy to the congregation's worship.

In addition to their religious dedication, the congregants of Temple Emanuel are also deeply concerned with their community and their work on behalf of others extends far beyond the walls of their synagogue. Their members collect and donate food to local food pantries several times a year, they have been involved with Sister City projects, and have participated in Abraham's Tent—an effort to address homelessness in which congregations volunteer to provide meals and overnight shelter to twelve homeless men for the duration of their week, alleviating overcrowding in the shelters and demonstrating support for the homeless members of our communities—since its inception. Temple Emanuel's religious school students have regular Tzedakah projects which include making gift baskets for children residing in domestic violence shelters, collecting books and school supplies for area children's programs, and raising money for animal shelters. Through all of these efforts and more, the members of Temple Emanuel have touched the lives of thousands of people in need—setting an example of service to which we should all strive.

Our houses of worship play a vital role in our communities—providing people with a place to turn to for comfort when they are most in need. In its first fifty years, there have been many who have worshiped within its halls and many who have found peace and strength in the outstretched arms of Temple Emanuel. It is with my deepest thanks and appreciation for all of their good work that I stand today to pay tribute to Temple Emanuel as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Their contributions have left an indelible mark on our community and a legacy that will live on for generations to come.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Fifty years ago, DeKalb County, Georgia, was blessed with an educational institution that continues today to uplift and assist citizens in gaining knowledge to enhance their lives and the lives of others by investing in dreams; and

Whereas, In 1961, DeKalb Area Vocational School—now Georgia Piedmont Technical College—was founded to promote a student-centered environment for lifelong learning and development, encompassing academic and technical education for employment in a global community here in DeKalb County, Georgia, to service the citizens of DeKalb County and nearby communities; and

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Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College has grown from one campus to nine campuses in DeKalb, Newton, Rockdale and Morgan counties; and

Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College continues to be a resource for citizens in DeKalb County and throughout the state of Georgia by providing excellent community service, educational opportunities and stellar leadership; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating Georgia Piedmont Technical College on its 50th anniversary as an anchor in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 14, 2012, as Georgia Piedmont Technical College Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of April, 2012.

IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR
THE DEBBIE SMITH DNA BACK-
LOG PROGRAM

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to Chairman WOLF and Ranking Member FATTAH for working together to ensure that the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program is adequately funded in the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

Given these difficult economic times, difficult choices must be made as to where scarce funds are to be allocated. Given the importance of the DNA Backlog Grant program to law enforcement agencies in my congressional district, I would have liked for the program to have received even more funding. But I am very pleased that the bill provides funding at the amount requested by the Administration, the sponsor of the authorizing legislation and my good friend, Congresswoman MALONEY from New York, and is more than eighty percent of the amount of funding I requested the Committee to provide.

The DNA Backlog Grant program provides funding to help reduce and eliminate the backlog of DNA evidence in state and local labs across the Nation. The "Justice For All Act" (P.L. 108-405) expanded the use of DNA technology to convict the guilty and free the innocent. In 2008, Congress again showed its overwhelming bipartisan support for this initiative by passing "The Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act" which extends this program through FY 2014.

There is an ever-present need to continue robust funding for programs such as the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program in order to make sure victims do not fall through the cracks of the system.

Women who have been raped have a right to expect police to thoroughly investigate the case and prosecute the offenders; however, many rape kits across the country are never even tested, and the perpetrators never face justice. Nowhere is this problem greater than in Los Angeles County, where there is a backlog of more than 12,000 rape kits sitting untested in storage facilities. Of those kits, 499 are attached to cases past the 10-year statute

of limitations for rape in California, meaning that even if those kits are tested, the offenders cannot be tried for their crimes.

The current fiscal crisis has already hindered efforts to eliminate the backlog, as Los Angeles city officials have been denied the funds necessary for hiring crime laboratory analysts. Continued cuts, however small, will continue a trend of neglecting this pursuit of justice, and thousands of women and their families will be denied their basic security and peace of mind.

DNA evidence is critical in sexual assault cases, and I would like to highlight one recent success story from my district in Long Beach. The alleged crime occurred in August of 2003, when a 17-year-old student was sexually assaulted by a stranger on her high school campus. The DNA collected at the scene went untested for 7 years due to the laboratory's backlog, but in 2011 Redondo Beach police arrested the attacker. The DNA match showed the chance of the DNA belonging to someone else was one in a trillion, providing nearly irrefutable proof of his guilt. I ask for unanimous consent to include in the RECORD copies of newspaper stories that discuss in greater detail the importance of robust funding for the DNA initiative to reduce the backlog in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Speaker, the DNA Initiative is an invaluable tool for law enforcement today, and it will continue to be a legislative priority of mine. That is why I am pleased that funding for this vitally important program was not reduced as so many other worthwhile programs have been. I commend my colleagues on the Committee for funding the program at the level requested by the President and those of us in this body that strongly support the program.

ZOELLICK LEAVES A LASTING
LEGACY AT THE WORLD BANK

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today's global challenges demand global solutions. From poverty and hunger, to climate change and the financial crisis, the complexities of the 21st century require not only American leadership, but also effective global institutions. While the world continues to change at a rapid pace, the World Bank—with its wealth of experts and resources for fighting poverty—is a critical multilateral instrument for addressing these global challenges.

During his 5-year term, outgoing World Bank President Robert Zoellick has helped lead a turnaround at the World Bank and reestablished for the United States a key partner in advancing vital U.S. interests abroad. President Zoellick has placed new focus on pragmatic, common-sense solutions. He recognized that in order to meet the challenges of a changing world, the World Bank had to change along with it. In the last 5 years, the Bank has transitioned from a once rigid top-down approach to development, into a flexible, collaborative, and more democratic institution.

President Zoellick recognized a critical reality: that alleviating poverty is vital to economic recovery. Investments in global health, education, food security, and empowering

women and girls not only lift millions of people out of poverty, but create important sources for economic growth. These investments make the world a safer place to do business. Even as it responded to the global financial crisis, the World Bank under President Zoellick raised \$90 billion for the International Development Association, the Bank's fund for the world's poorest. The World Bank worked with developing countries to strengthen their social safety nets and build resilience to crisis, and invested in critical infrastructure to remove investment barriers.

At the World Bank, President Zoellick leaves behind a real, tangible legacy. His push to institute a "Freedom of Information Act" unleashes public innovation by allowing free, open access to the World Bank's trove of economic data. This unprecedented step has ushered in a new era of accountability and transparency. President Zoellick created the Climate Investment Funds, which have already leveraged nearly \$50 billion for practical investments in energy efficiency, technology development, and combating deforestation. These remarkable contributions will continue long after President Zoellick leaves the World Bank next month.

As co-chair of the bipartisan Caucus for Congressional-World Bank Dialogue, I look forward to working with the World Bank to continue the progress achieved during President Zoellick's tenure.

Dr. Jim Yong Kim, the World Bank's next president, should give Congress—a major investor in the World Bank—confidence that an American with a proven track record of success will be advancing this shared vision for global development. Dr. Kim's significant contributions to global health, his commitment to partnerships on the ground in developing countries, and his proven management skills will make him an effective leader of this vital multilateral institution.

Together, we can build on the innovation, accountability, and effectiveness that President Zoellick has brought to the World Bank during his successful 5-year term.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, we are saddened by the death of Mr. Robert Lee Smith because our lives have been touched by the life of this one man; and Whereas, Mr. Robert Lee Smith's work is present in our community and his church, Hillcrest Church of Christ; being a deacon, Bible School instructor, bus driver and singer; and

Whereas, this highly effective motivator utilized his skills to aid in the growth and development of his church; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time and talent as he served his family, friends and community, and

Whereas, Mr. Robert Lee Smith was a husband, a son, a father, a friend and a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this

day to bestow a special recognition on Mr. Robert Lee Smith for his leadership, friendship and service to all as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 112th Congress of the United States that Mr. Robert Lee Smith of Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring Mr. Robert Lee Smith U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of April, 2012.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPRO-
PRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5326) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Chair, because of limited funding resources, the Subcommittee was not able to provide funding, as requested by the Office of Juvenile Justice, for a needed evidence-based competitive juvenile justice demonstration grant program. This type of a program would allow for new, innovative practices that may well lead to comprehensive change which, in turn, would likely produce better outcomes in treating at-risk juveniles.

A number of Members requested that the Subcommittee consider amending the Administration request to provide, within existing levels of funding in this bill, competitive grant program funding for qualified non-profit, private youth and family service organizations that can provide an Integrated Continuum of treatment services and programs for at-risk youth and their families.

We believe this approach is still important because it is estimated that 70 percent of youth in the juvenile justice system suffer from mental health issues, substance abuse, and/or learning disabilities. Most of these juveniles require an integrated, comprehensive treatment in order to allow them to succeed within their peer groups and families, in school, on jobs, or in their communities. Just as important, the families of most at-risk juveniles also require services and treatment programs to ensure that a juvenile's home environment is addressed.

There is a wide range of existing national, regional and state-wide, nonprofit qualified youth and family serving organizations that can provide evidenced-based, integrated continuum treatment services and programs for at-risk juveniles and their families. However most, if not all, of the existing program funding opportunities only provide funding for limited services and treatments for at-risk juveniles. They do not allow, where necessary, services and treatment programs for the families of juveniles.

Using an integrated continuum is critical to providing programs and services (including

mental health and drug treatment), for both juveniles and their families, that will result in juveniles being permanently returned to improved home environments and becoming productive citizens. Early evidence suggests that an integrated approach is preferable to isolated and limited programs, because the integrated approach shows more promising potential for keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system and avoiding further arrest and recidivism.

Mr. Chair, I hope we can work with you, through the process, as your bill moves forward, to see if we can find a way to dedicate some resources to this integrated continuum of comprehensive services and treatment programs for both at-risk juveniles and their families.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, White's Chapel United Methodist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past one hundred forty-two years; and

Whereas, Pastor Harold Cobb and the members of the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past one hundred forty two (142) years, being organized in 1870 after Captain White donated two acres of land to a small group of former slaves in order for them to continue to worship together as a congregation; and

Whereas, White's Chapel has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with Rockdale County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 142nd Anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim March 25, 2012 as White's Chapel United Methodist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of March, 2012.

NEW HOPE: IN HONOR OF AN AMERICAN HERO, CORPORAL MARK LITYNSKI, 3-5 LIMA COMPANY, MARINE CORPS

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

NEW HOPE

From out of that darkness of most evil war!
From out of that pain and such heartache
that one must endure!

From out of that death and destruction,
and oh such suffering of all the more!
As from out of this most dreadful of gores!
Come, all of those and their loved ones . . .
whose daily lives are but filled with such anguish for sure!

And from out of all of this,
must now all somehow, somehow so endure!
To find the strength and the courage, to rebuild with not much more!

Then Hope to insure!
As comes their most swollen of tears so for sure!

That which their Mothers and Fathers,
their so Sisters and Brothers,
and their Husbands and Wives,
and all of their most precious of all Children
whose eyes must now pour!

And just when all so seems lost!
All out of this darkness of war, with its most tragic of all costs!

With but nothing so left,
but to so cling to Hope to so bless!
To so give us the strength to take just one more most courageous of steps!

But, comes only our very best of the best!
Our most brightest of all lights, as are you Mark so yes!

So shining above all of the rest!
Such brilliance, to all of our souls to caress!
That with all of your courage Mark,
our Nation you have so blessed!
Bringing Hope, from out of your most magnificent heart's breath!

So splendid and pure, so very special for sure!

Giving us Hope!
With something which so reaches so deep down inside all of our souls!

To have and to hold, which so helped you to so somehow endure!

While, against all the odds Mark . . . your victory it now so insured!

With that kind of Hope, that which so let's one so march off to war!

And come back home from a battlefields of honor so injured,
and still somehow to give more!

With Such New Hope!
All In Your Profiles In Courage!
All in what you so bore!

Teaching us all, what Heaven is for!
And Heather, your most magnificent wife!
all in her devotion and love, and so selfless sacrifice!

Standing by her Man!
Bringing tears to even our Lord eyes!
Yes Mark, with all of your Hope and fine faith . . .

You have, to all of us so shown us the way!
Because, no matter the cost . . .
your fine heart would never so wave!

As we've so watched you Mark,
so heroically moving onward day after day!
To So Teach Us!

To So Reach Us!
To So Beseech Us!
All in what your fine heart has all to say!

All in your Most Splendid Shades of Green . . .

Ooo . . . Rah, Jar Head!
 For you are but a Marine's Marine!
 Because, all in you . . .
 There Is New Hope for all human beings!
 And you and your family,
 are some of the best things that this county
 has ever seen!
 Coming back without an arm and both of
 your legs . . .
 Teaching us all about,
 what the word selfless sacrifice all so con-
 veys!
 As on that morning when you so awoke . . .
 All there in that darkness,
 as it was there somehow that you so found
 such Hope!
 That so gave you the strength,
 all in what your fine heart so meant . . .
 but to so help your fine soul to somehow to
 cope!
 Showing us all,
 the very meaning of the word Hope!
 And as we look into your eyes,
 it's the tears we now find . . .
 As so easily you could of so given up,
 or so given in and so died!
 And yet instead,
 you so chose all in your most gallant heart
 to so keep Hope alive!
 Because, just in a few short month's my son
 . . .
 Marine . . . already, look what you've done!
 And look at all of what you've so begun!
 As you've climbed mountains!
 Took beaches!
 Won major battles, to so beseech us!
 So Fearless! So Brave!
 For Mark, you are one of America's greatest
 of all son's!
 And you and your fine wife,
 shining there ever so bright . . .
 have so shone us all how so to behave!
 As you've come so far and so fast,

all from that grave of a past!
 Shining like a Star,
 to so carry our heart's far!
 Yea Mark . . . That's who you are, A Shining
 Star!
 A Star of Hope!
 And as long as one finds, so very deep down
 inside . . .
 That kind of courage and strength!
 From all of that Hope and what it so meant!
 Then, so surely, there is no mountain that
 we can not so climb!
 With New Hope we will find!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker. On May 8, 2012, I inadvertently voted "yes" on rollcall vote number 210 (Grimm amendment to H.R. 5326) when I meant to vote "no."

I would like to correct for the record that I wanted to vote "no" on rollcall vote 210.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals

who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Shundra Y. Nephew has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Traditional Theme School, and as a beloved daughter, granddaughter and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Nephew has been chosen as the 2012 Teacher of the Year, representing Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Traditional Theme School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Nephew is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children, receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Shundra Y. Nephew for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2012 Teacher of the Year at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 30, 2012, as Ms. Shundra Y. Nephew Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 30th day of March, 2012.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m., on Monday, May 14, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 5737–5739, were introduced. **Page H2662**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2662–63**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1838, to repeal a provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act prohibiting any Federal bailout of swap dealers or participants, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–476, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3283, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide an exemption for certain swaps and security-based swaps involving Non-U.S. persons, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–477, Pt. 1);

H.R. 365, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–478); and

H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–479). **Page H2662**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2661**

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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 14 through May 18, 2012

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., the Majority Leader will be recognized. At 4:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of George Levi Russell III, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and John J. Tharp, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the

Northern District of Illinois, and vote on confirmation of the nominations at approximately 5:30 p.m. Following which, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2072, Securing American Jobs Through Exports 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: May 16, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Northern Command and Southern Command Programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

May 17, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for European Command and Special Operations Command Programs, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 17, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the United States response to tsunami generated marine debris, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 17, to hold hearings to examine S. 2146, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to create a market-oriented standard for clean electric energy generation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 16, Subcommittee on Children's Health and Environmental Responsibility, to hold hearings to examine growing long-term value, focusing on corporate environmental responsibility and innovation, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: May 15, to hold hearings to examine tax reform, focusing on what it could mean for tribes and territories, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 16, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Piper Anne Wind Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, and Dorothea-Maria Rosen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edward M. Alford, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Mark L. Asquino, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Douglas M. Griffiths, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, and David J. Lane, of Florida, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 15, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the cost of HIV/AIDS drugs and the Prize Fund alternative, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine identifying opportunities for health care delivery system reform, focusing on lessons from the front line, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 16, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 17, to hold an oversight hearing to examine fulfilling the Federal trust responsibility, focusing on the foundation of the government-to-government relationship, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2554, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2017, S. 2276, to permit Federal officers to remove cases involving crimes of violence to Federal court, S. 2076, to improve security at State and local courthouses, S. 2370, to amend title 11, United States Code, to make bankruptcy organization more efficient for small business debtors, and the nominations of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman, James Xavier Dempsey, of California, Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 16, to hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on a review of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 15, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: May 15, to hold hearings to examine solving the long-term unemployment crisis for older workers, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture: May 16, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled "Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Commodity Programs and Crop Insurance", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 17, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled "Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Commodity Programs and Crop Insurance", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 4235, the "Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2012"; H.R. 1838, the "Swaps Bailout Prevention Act"; and H.R. 3282, the "Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act", 3 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 18, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Energy and Forestry Programs”, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 16, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Exploring State Success in Expanding Parent and Student Options”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 16, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Broadband Loans and Grants”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Where the Jobs Are: Promoting Tourism to America”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 16, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “The Impact of the Dodd-Frank Act: What It Means to be a Systemically Important Financial Institution”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s Structured Transaction Program”, 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

May 16, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Increasing Market Access for U.S. Financial Firms in China: Update on Progress of the Strategic and Economic Dialogue”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Settlement Practices of U.S. Financial Regulators”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “U.S. Insurance Sector: International Competitiveness and Jobs”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 15, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “Chen Guangcheng: His Case, Cause, Family, and Those Who are Helping Him”, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 16, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in South Asia”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Status of the Processing of the Camp Ashraf Residents”, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Iran Sanctions: Strategy, Implementation, and Enforcement”, 10 a.m., 2127 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 16, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Access Control Point Breaches at Our Nation’s Airports: Anomalies or Systemic Failures?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 17, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled “Department of Homeland Security: An Examination of Ethical Standards”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 18, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Terrorist Financing Since 9/11:

Assessing an Evolving al Qaeda and State Sponsors of Terrorism”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Implementation of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Geolocation Privacy and Surveillance Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Welcoming Business Travelers and Tourists to America Act of 2011”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Constitution, hearing entitled “District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act”, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 17, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3065, the “Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act”; and H.R. 3706, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 17, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 1103, the “American Memorial Park Tinian Annex Act”; H.R. 3100, the “San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act”; H.R. 3365, the “Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2011”; H.R. 4400, the “Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center”; and S. 270, the “La Pine Land Conveyance Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, May 16, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus and Government Spending, hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Green Energy Gamble: What Have All the Taxpayer Subsidies Achieved?” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 16, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Hatch Act: Options for Reform”, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, May 17, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled “Working for a Fire Safe America: Examining United States Fire Administration Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Trade Strategy: What’s Next for Small Business Exporters?” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 16, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime, hearing entitled “Creating American Jobs and Assuring the Safety and Security of America’s Waterways: A Review of the Coast Guard’s 5-year Capital Improvement Plan”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, May 16, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Optimizing Care for Veterans with Prosthetics”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 16, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Examining Executive Order #13607 and Its Impact on Schools and Veterans”, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 16, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Examining Operations and Oversight of Tax-Exempt Organizations”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 17, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Supporting Economic Growth and Job Creation Through Customs Trade Modernization, Facilitation, and Enforcement”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 17, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “State TANF Spending and Its Impact on Work Requirements”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: May 16, to hold hearings to examine how the taxation of labor and transfer payments affect growth and employment, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, May 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. At 4:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of George Levi Russell III, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and John J. Tharp, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and vote on confirmation of the nominations at approximately 5:30 p.m. Following which, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2072, Securing American Jobs Through Exports Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, May 15

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 365—National Blue Alert Act; (2) H.R. 1864—Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act; (3) H.R. 3534—Security in Bonding Act; (4) H.R. 4119—Border Tunnel Prevention Act of 2012; (5) H.R. 2621—Chimney Rock National Monument Establishment Act; (6) H.R. 2745—To amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; (7) H.R. 3874—Black Hills Cemetery Act; (8) H.R. 205—HEARTH Act; (9) H.R. 4240—Ambassador James R. Lilley and Congressman Stephen J. Solarz North Korea Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2012; (10) H. Res. 568—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability; and (11) H.R. 4045—To modify the Department of Defense Program Guidance relating to the award of Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence administrative absence days to members of the reserve components to exempt any member whose qualified mobilization commenced before October 1, 2011, and continued on or after that date, from the changes to the program guidance that took effect on that date.

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