U.S. Marine Corps; Katherine Robertson, Deputy Manager, Counseling, Advocacy and Prevention Program, Commander, Navy Installation Command, U.S. Navy; Charlene M. Bradley, Assistant Deputy, Force Management Integration, Office of the Assistant Secretary, (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), U.S. Air Force; and Kaye Whitley, Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO); and public witnesses.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a nonrecord vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 38, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes. The rule provides one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution (except for clause 10 of rule XXI). The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule also provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the employment situation for February 2009, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 9 through March 14, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations 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 Armed Services: March 10, to hold hearings to examine current and future threats to the national security of the United States; with the possibility of a closed session to follow in SH–219, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 10, to hold hearings to examine enhancing investor protection and the regulation of securities markets, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine sustainable transportation solutions, focusing on investing in transit to meet 21st century challenges, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: March 10, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–608.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 budget and revenue proposals, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 12, to hold hearings to examine climate science, focusing on empowering our response to climate change, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 10, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, 10 a.m., SD–366.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation regarding siting of electricity transmission lines, including increased federal siting authority and regional transmission planning, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: March 9, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 5 p.m., SD–215.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 health care proposals, 10 a.m., SD–215.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine workforce issues in health care reform, focusing on assessing the present and preparing for the future, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 9, to hold hearings to examine preventing worker exploitation, focusing on protecting individuals with disabilities and other vulnerable populations, 2:30 p.m., SD–430.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine rebuilding economic security, focusing on empowering workers to restore the middle class, 10 a.m., SD–106.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the next generation of national service, 2:30 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 11, to hold hearings to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on al-Shabaab recruitment in America, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 12, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for tribal priorities, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 10, to hold hearings to examine patent reform in the 111th Congress, focusing on legislation and recent court decisions, 10 a.m., SD–226.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Tony West, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

March 11, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S. J. Res. 7 and H. J. Res. 21, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, 10 a.m., SH–216.

March 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 11, to hold hearings to examine voter registration, focusing on assessing current problems, 10 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 10, to hold an oversight hearing to examine budget for veterans programs for fiscal year 2010, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings to examine legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 10, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 2:30 p.m., SD–106 .

March 12, Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 11, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review animal identification systems, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Major Challenges Facing Federal Prisons, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., and on Offender Drug Abuse Treatment Approaches, 3 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Defense, on Marine Corps Ground Equipment, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Treasury Actions Relating to the Financial Crisis, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secure Border Initiative and Control of the Land Border, 10 a.m., and on Department of Homeland Security Response to Violence on the Border with Mexico, 11:30 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on State and Operations, on The Merida Initiative, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, on Department of Transportation Inspector General and GAO, Top Management Challenges and High Risk, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Assessment of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative, 9:30 a.m., on Innovative Prisoner Reentry, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Defense, on Soldier Equipment, Ergonomics and Injuries, 10 a.m., and executive, on Army and Marine Corps Readiness, 1:30 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on U.S. Forest Service Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on What Works for Successful Prisoner Reentry, 10 a.m., H–309 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Defense, on Army and Marine Corps Force Protection, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Nuclear Weapons Complex, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Securing the Nation's Rail and Transit Systems, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Review of VA Challenges, 10 a.m., and on Family and Troop Housing, 1:30 p.m., H–143 Capitol.

March 12, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Africa: Great Lakes, Sudan and the Horn, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Transportation Challenges of Rural America, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 10, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on Littoral Combat Ship program update, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on space and U.S. security, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 11, full Committee, hearing on security challenges arising from the global financial crisis, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Tracking and Disrupting Terrorist Financial Networks: A Potential Model for Inter-Agency Success? 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, full Committee, hearing on the Department of Defense at High Risk: Recommendations of the Comptroller General for Improving Department Management, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military resale and morale, welfare and recreation overview, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 11, hearing on Members' Day, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

March 12, full Committee, hearing on Department of Education Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 10, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Strengthening Employer-Based Health Care, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, and the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security of the Committee on the Judiciary, joint hearing on Lost Educational Opportunities in Alternative Settings, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Future of Coal under Climate Legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Making Health Care Work for American Families with emphasis on Designing a High Performance Healthcare System, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on How Do You Fix Our Ailing Food Safety System? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing on Universal Service: Reforming the High-Cost Fund, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Consumer Protection Policies for Climate Legislation, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 10, hearing entitled ''Exploring the Balance between Increased Credit Availability and Prudent Lending Standards,'' 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 11, to consider the following: S. 383, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act of 2009; and a Committee Print entitled ''Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010,'' 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Mortgage Lending Reform: A Comprehensive Review of the American Mortgage System, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Mark-to-Market Accounting: Practices and Implications, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing on H.R. 1327, Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 11, hearing on The Summit of the Americas: A New Beginning for U.S. Policy in the Region? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on U.S. Foreign Economic Policy in the Global Crisis, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 10, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled ''Reviewing the Federal Cybersecurity, Mission,'' 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 12, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled '' Border Violence: An Examination of DHS Strategies and Resources,'' 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 10, hearing on H.R. 848, Performance Rights Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA): Barriers to Timely Compliance by States, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Circuit City Unplugged: Why Did Chapter 11 Fail to Save 34,000 Jobs? 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 10, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Federal Power Marketing Administration Borrowing Authority: Defining Success, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 10, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on TARP Oversight: Assessing Treasury's Efforts to Prevent Waste, and Abuse of Taxpayers Funds, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Money, Guns, and Drugs: Are U.S. Inputs Fueling Violence on the U.S.-Mexican Border? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, March 10, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: The Role of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on FutureGen and the Department of Energy's Advanced Coal Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee, on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on ATSDR: Problems in the Past, Potential for the Future, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 11, Subcommittee on Regulations and Healthcare, hearing entitled ''Impact of Food Recalls on Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Ensuring Stimulus Contracts for Small and Veteran-owned Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 10, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Lands and Emergency Management, hearing on EDA Reauthorization: Rating Past Performances and Setting Goals During an Economic Crisis, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Coast Guard, and Maritime Transportation, hearing on overview of Coast Guard Acquisition Policies and Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 10, hearing on U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2010, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

March 12, full Committee, Meeting to Approve the Views and Estimates for the Fiscal Year 2010 VA Budget, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 10, Subcommittee on Trade, to meet for organizational purposes, 11:15 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 11, full Committee, hearing on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Expanding Coverage, Improving Quality and Controlling Costs, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 12, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Protecting Lower-Income Families While Fighting Global Warming, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 10, full Committee, executive, briefing on National Intelligence Council, 4 p.m., 304 HVC.

March 11, executive, to consider pending business, 4:45 p.m., 304 HVC.

March 12, full Committee, executive, Briefing Intelligence Activities, 9:30 a.m., 304 HVC.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: March 11, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S.J. Res. 7 and H.J. Res. 21, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Joint Economic Committee: March 11, to hold hearings to examine Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) accountability and oversight, focusing on achieving transparency, 10 a.m., Room to be announced.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: March 10, to hold hearings to examine the impact of potential climate remediation policies on carbon-intensive United States industries and creating climate-friendly economic and trade polices, focusing on how the financial crisis impacts the implementation of climate-friendly policies within the United States and among trading partners, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

Joint Hearing: March 12, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.