

Close Big Oil Tax Loopholes Act and Offshore Production and Safety Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, the Majority Leader be recognized to move to proceed to consideration of S. 940, to reduce the Federal budget deficit by closing big oil tax loopholes, and S. 953, to authorize the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify the requirements for exploration; that there be up to four hours of debate prior to a vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 940; that the vote on the motion to proceed be subject to a 60 vote threshold; provided further, that at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 18th, 2011, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953, to authorize the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify the requirements for exploration; that there be up to four hours of debate prior to a vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953; that the vote on the motion to proceed be subject to a 60 vote threshold; if a motion to proceed contained in this agreement does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, the motion be withdrawn; and that the time for debate on the motions to proceed to S. 940 and S. 953, be equally divided in the usual form. **Pages S2999, S3002**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Terry D. Garcia, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Frankie Annette Reed, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3001.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 50.

Committee Meetings

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, 10:15 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the United States Northern Command and