

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2005–S2061

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 693–713, S.J. Res. 10, and S. Res. 119–126. **Pages S2046–47**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Committee on Rules and Administration, United States Senate, during the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–8)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, One Hundred Eleventh Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–10)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–11)

Report to accompany S. Res. 81, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011, and October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, and October 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–9)

S. 216, to increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and international violations relating to food that is misbranded or adulterated, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures. **Pages S2045–46**

Measures Passed:

Tesoro Refinery Fire and Explosion Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 120, recognizing the 1 year anniversary of the April 2, 2010, fire and explosion at the Tesoro refinery in Anacortes, Washington. **Page S2059**

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 121, designating April 2011 as “Financial Literacy Month”. **Pages S2059–60**

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Elizabeth Taylor: Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, honoring the life and legacy of Elizabeth Taylor. **Page S2060**

Celebrating ACHIEVA’s 60th Anniversary Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, commending ACHIEVA on its 60th anniversary of providing strong advocacy for and innovative services to children and adults with disabilities and the families of those children and adults in the State of Pennsylvania and designating the week of March 26 through April 2, 2011, as “Celebrating ACHIEVA’s 60th Anniversary Week”. **Page S2060**

Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 4, to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations; that the only amendment in order to the bill be an amendment to be offered by Senator Menendez; that there be up to 60 minutes of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on or in relation to the Menendez amendment; that the amendment not be divisible and no amendments be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that upon disposition of the amendment, the bill be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that the amendment and the bill be subject to a 60 vote threshold.

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Reyna Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, April 4, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that there be one hour for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S2059**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China.

Corinne Ann Beckwith, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

George Lamar Beck, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

David L. McNulty, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Roger W.

Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Office of Information and Technology, and W. Todd Grams, Acting Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Library of Congress (LOC) and Open World Leadership Center, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, and Robert Dizard, Jr., Chief of Staff, Office of the Librarian, both of the Library of Congress; and John O'Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army, and General George W. Casey Jr., Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

OPERATION ODYSSEY DAWN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Operation Odyssey Dawn and the situation in Libya, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

HYDROPOWER POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 629, to improve hydropower, S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, and Title I, subtitle D of the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Steven G. Chalk, Chief Operating Officer and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Jeff C. Wright, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; John Seebach, American Rivers, and Andrew Munro, National Hydropower Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Sean O'Neill, Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition, Darnestown, Maryland; and Michael E. Webber, The University

of Texas at Austin Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy, Austin.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense.

ASIAN-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2011, focusing on breaking down barriers, creating economic growth, after receiving testimony from John K. Veroneau, Covington and Burling LLP, and Peter Scher, JPMorgan Chase, United States Representative to the APEC Business Advisory Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Bert Robins, Seacast, Inc., Butte, Montana; and Richard M. Hartvigsen, Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc., Provo, Utah.

COUNTERNARCOTICS AND CITIZEN SECURITY IN THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine counternarcotics and citizen security in the Americas, after receiving testimony from William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; William F. Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats; Vanda Felbab-Brown, The Brookings Institution, Cynthia J. Arnson, and Eric L. Olson, both of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and Stephen Johnson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

LIBYA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Libya, after receiving testimony from James Steinberg, Deputy Secretary of State.

DRUG GANGS' EVER EVOLVING TACTICS TO PENETRATE THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs concluded a hearing to examine drug gangs' ever-evolving tactics to pen-

etrate the border and the Federal government's ability to stop them, after receiving testimony from Donna Bucella, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Intelligence and Operations Coordination, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and James A. Dinkins, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Thomas M. Harrigan, Assistant Administrator and Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Kent Bitsko, Executive Director, Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Las Vegas; and Frances Flener, Arkansas State Drug Director, Little Rock.

MINE SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving safety at dangerous mines one year after Upper Big Branch, after receiving testimony from Joseph A. Main, Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and Elliot P. Lewis, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of the Inspector General, both of the Department of Labor.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures;

S. 216, to increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and international violations relating to food that is misbranded or adulterated, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Kevin Hunter Sharp, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Claire C. Cecchi, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND THE OFFICE OF ADVOCACY BUDGET

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Office of Advocacy, after receiving testimony from Karen G. Mills, Administrator, and Winslow Sargeant, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, both of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1277–1306; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 53; H. Con. Res. 32; and H. Res. 193, 195–196 were introduced. **Pages H2213–15**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2215–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 13, reaffirming “In God We Trust” as the official motto of the United States and supporting and encouraging the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools, and other government institutions (H. Rept. 112–47);

Report on Oversight Plans for All House Committees (H. Rept. 112–48); and

H. Res. 194, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1255) to prevent a shutdown of the government of the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–49). **Page H2213**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2111**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2116**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Charles Jackson, Sr., Brookland Baptist Church, West Columbia, South Carolina. **Page H2116**

Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics: The Chair announced that the Speaker named the following Members of the House of Representatives to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 112th Congress: Representatives Bishop (UT), Blackburn, Crenshaw, Latham, Simpson, Walden, Olson, Latta, Griffin (AR), and Grimm. **Page H2119**

Point of Personal Privilege: Representative Kucinich rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized. **Pages H2119–22**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, March 30th:

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011: H.R. 872, amended, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 292 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 206. **Pages H2129–30**

FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011: The House began consideration of H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, April 1st. **Pages H2122–29, H2130–H2212**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated March 22, 2011, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill. **Page H2141**

Agreed to:

Pierluisi amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that ensures that airports in Puerto Rico are apportioned amounts under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), while also remaining eligible for discretionary grants under the Program; **Pages H2176–77**

Hirono amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that exempts Hawaii’s large- and medium-hub airports from collecting PFCs from interisland travelers due to the unique everyday travel circumstances the island state presents. Changes the formula under which Hawaii’s annual Federal apportionments are reduced when the State’s large and

medium hub airports collect passenger facility charges from overseas travelers; **Pages H2177–80**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that directs the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a feasibility study on the development of an online public resource that would list the location and height of potential low-altitude aviation obstructions, such as guy-wire and free-standing towers. Gives the Administrator one year to conduct the study and report to Congress; **Pages H2180–81**

LoBiondo amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that allows the FAA to assist in establishing a NextGen Research and Development Center of Excellence. The Center would leverage the FAA's existing centers of excellence program, a program that relies on several university consortia to address ongoing FAA research and development challenges.

The Center would provide educational, technical, and analytical assistance to the FAA and other agencies involved in the development of NextGen;

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Miller (MI) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that directs the FAA to work with various Federal agencies to integrate Unmanned Aerial Systems into the National Airspace System more expeditiously; **Page H2187**

Woodall amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that prohibits implementation by the FAA of a new rule interpretation relating to 14 CFR 135, sections 263 and 267(d) so far as it relates to air ambulances and air cargo charter pilot rest requirements. Sets the interpretation of those sections at the state they were on January 1, 2011; **Pages H2187–88**

Mica manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that makes technical corrections to provisions in the underlying bill (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 207);

Pages H2170–76, H2194

Graves (MO) amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that provides relief for an air show in Cleveland, Ohio, from complying with certain airspace restrictions; **Pages H2203–04**

Waxman amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that encourages the FAA to work with the City of Santa Monica to achieve safety improvements at Santa Monica Airport, a general aviation facility that has no runway safety areas; **Page H2204**

Moore amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that requires the Transportation Department Inspector General to report to Congress on the number of new small business concerns, including those owned by veterans and other disadvantaged groups, that participate in the projects carried out throughout the duration of the reauthorization. The

report would list the top 25 and bottom 25 large- and medium-hub airports using such small businesses, assess the reasons why airports have been successful in using such small businesses and make recommendations to the FAA and Congress on how those successes can be replicated; **Pages H2205–06**

Graves (MO) amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that prohibits the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from destroying vintage aircraft type certificate data and requires such data to be made available to the public, for non-commercial purposes, upon a Freedom of Information Act request; **Pages H2206–07**

Matheson amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that allows the Transportation Department to release any terms, conditions, reservations, or restrictions on deeds which the United States conveyed to an airport, city, county property for airport purposes, as long as the release results in furthering other airport purposes; and **Pages H2209–10**

Schiff amendment (No. 31 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that includes sense of Congress language that the operator of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) should consult with representatives of the community surrounding LAX regarding airport operations and expansion plans. **Page H2210**

Rejected:

Richardson amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that sought to require air carriers to provide an option for passengers to receive a notification via electronic service if there are any changes to the status of their flight; **Pages H2189–90**

Garrett amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that sought to require the FAA to study alternatives to the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia airspace redesign to reduce delays at the 4 airports included in the redesign. Would also prohibit the FAA from continuing with the implementation of the airspace redesign until the study is submitted to Congress (by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 303 noes, Roll No. 208); **Pages H2181–83, H2194–95**

DeFazio amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that sought to require mechanics at contract repair stations certificated by the Federal Aviation Administration in the U.S. and in foreign countries to undergo the same criminal background checks required for mechanics and other aviation employees at U.S. airports (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 209);

Pages H2183, H2195–96

Hirono amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that sought to establish an Aviation Rule-making Committee (ARC) to study and provide regulatory recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administrator to ensure that all certified aircraft is properly equipped with technology that maintains

pilot visibility when dense, continuous smoke is present in the cockpit. The ARC would be directed to complete its work in one year and provide its recommendations to the Administrator who must inform Congress of the recommendations and outline what actions the agency will take on the basis of those recommendations (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 210);

Pages H2184–85, H2196

Capuano amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that sought to require greater disclosure of a passenger's baggage fees when a fare is quoted to an airline passenger and require refunds for baggage that is lost, damaged, or delayed. The Secretary of Transportation would prescribe any requirements necessary to implement the baggage fee disclosures by ensuring that necessary information is shared between carriers and ticket agents that have an already existing agency appointment or contract (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 211); and

Pages H2190–92, H2196–97

Gingrey amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that sought to prohibit FAA employees from using official—taxpayer-sponsored—time for union activities during the official work day. It would not repeal the right of any FAA employee to collectively bargain or arbitrate (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 212).

Pages H2192–94, H2197–98

Withdrawn:

Waters amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required airport operators, as a condition for receiving grants under the Airport Improvement Program, to consult with representatives of the community surrounding the airport regarding airport operations and their impact on the community;

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Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required a minimum of three on-duty air traffic controllers;

Pages H2185–87

Pierluisi amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have authorized the Secretary of Transportation to continue the essential air service program in Puerto Rico following the sunset date of October 1, 2013. The bill authorizes continuation for Alaska and Hawaii;

Page H2188

Schweikert amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have allowed airlines currently operating out of DCA to convert flights to and from large hub airports located within the DCA perimeter to any airport outside of the DCA perimeter;

Pages H2188–89

Graves (MO) amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have clarified Congressional intent of 49 U.S.C. 40116(d)(2)(A)(iv) to prohibit taxes on businesses located at an airport when such revenue is not used for airport purposes; and

Pages H2198–99

Moore amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have given the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) the authority to conduct demonstration projects at five airports in support of “aerotropolis” zones that assist in better coordinating transportation around airports and funding of projects to reduce congestion, improve, and increase the flow of freight and passengers to and through the airport through multiple transportation modes.

Pages H2210–12

Proceedings Postponed:

Sessions amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that seeks to prevent any funds from this act to be used to administer or enforce Davis Bacon;

Pages H2199–H2200

LaTourette amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that seeks to strike section 903, which repeals a National Mediation Board (NMB) rule, finalized last year, which provides for union representation elections among airline and railroad workers covered by the Railway Labor Act;

Pages H2200–03

Shuster amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that seeks to improve Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rulemaking activities by requiring the Agency to recognize that the United States aviation industry is composed of a variety of different segments with different operating characteristics and requiring the FAA to tailor regulations to address the unique characteristics of each industry segment. The amendment also requires the FAA to conduct appropriate cost/benefit studies on all proposed regulations and only enact regulations upon a finding that the costs are justified by the benefits;

Pages H2204–05

Pearce amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that seeks to authorize an equitable transfer of land and property, in the form of a road, between Dona Ana County in New Mexico and Verde Corporate Realty Services. Dona Ana County would continue to use the land for airport purposes; and

Pages H2207–08

Schiff amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that seeks to allow airports that meet specific requirements—already had at least a partial curfew in effect before the 1990 Airport Noise and Control Act (ANCA)—to implement mandatory nighttime curfews. Would define a nighttime curfew

(10 p.m. to 7 a.m.), establish the process for implementing and administering the curfew and is not intended to open the door to any further exemptions from ANCA. **Pages H2208–09**

H. Res. 189, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 205, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H2122–29**

Official Objectors for the 112th Congress: On behalf of the Majority and Minority leadership, the Chair announced the following official objectors for the Private Calendar for the 112th Congress: Representatives Smith (TX), Sensenbrenner, and Poe for the Majority and Representatives Serrano, Nadler, and Edwards for the Minority. **Page H2212**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2129, H2129–30, H2194, H2195, H2195–96, H2196, H2197 and H2197–98. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DODD-FRANK—ENTITY AND PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing on Defining the Market: Entity and Product Classifications Under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Indian Health Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight Hearing. Testimony was heard from Yvette Robideaux, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Indian Health Service; and Randy Grinnell, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service.

DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Air Force Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Review. Testimony was heard from Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force; and Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, Air Force.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy—Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission FY 2012

Budget. Testimony was heard from Peter Lyons, Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy; and Gregory Jaczko, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Inez Moore Tenenbaum, Chairman; and Anne Northrup, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on European Command. Testimony was heard from ADM James G. Stavridis; and Rear Admiral William “Andy” Brown, Director of Logistics, U.S. European Command.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Dallas Tonsanger, USDA Undersecretary for Rural Development.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2012 Request for Global Health and HIV/AIDS Programs. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Eric Goosby, U.S. AIDS Coordinator; and Amie Batson, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Global Health at USAID.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy—Loan Guarantee Program and ARPA–E, FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Arun Majumdar, Director, ARPA–E; and Jonathan Silver, Director, Loan Guarantee Program.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security, NPPD Budget—Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Programs and Funding.

Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary of the National Protection and Programs Directorate; and Phil Reiting, Deputy Under Secretary of National Protection and Programs Directorate. This was a CLASSIFIED and CLOSED hearing.

MILITARY OPERATIONS IN LIBYA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Operation Odyssey Dawn and U.S. Military Operations in Libya. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense; and ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

FY 2012—MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on FY 2012 national defense authorization budget request for missile defense. Testimony was heard from Bradley H. Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Lieutenant General Patrick O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency; David G. Ahern, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; and J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

IMPROVING THE READINESS OF U.S. FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on improving the readiness of U.S. forces through military jointness. Testimony was heard from General Ray Odierno, USA, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Vice Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, Director, Joint Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and public witnesses.

UNION TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled "The Future of Union Transparency and Accountability." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on the following: H.R. 1217, to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund; H.R. 1216, to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; H.R. 1215, to amend title V of the Social Security Act to

convert funding for personal responsibility education programs from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; H.R. 1214, to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction; and H.R. 1213, to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges. Each of the bills was forwarded to the full Committee without amendment.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing on H.R. 908, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to maintain the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program. Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, Personal Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

STEPS TO PROTECT TAXPAYERS FROM THE ONGOING BAILOUT OF FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing on Immediate Steps to Protect Taxpayers from the Ongoing Bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac." Testimony was heard from Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; and public witnesses.

LIBYA: DEFINING U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Libya: Defining U.S. National Security Interests. Testimony was heard from James B. Steinberg, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; ASIA OVERVIEW

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H. Res. 139, expressing condolences to the people of New Zealand for the terrible loss of life and property suffered as a result of the deadly earthquake that struck on February 22, 2011; and H. Res. 172, expressing heartfelt condolences and support for assistance to the people of Japan and all those affected in the aftermath of the deadly earthquake and tsunamis of March 11, 2011. Both resolutions were forwarded to the full Committee without amendment. The markup was followed by a hearing on Asia Overview: Protecting American Interests in China and Asia. Testimony was heard from Kurt Campbell, Assistant

Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; RISING OIL PRICES AND DEPENDENCE ON HOSTILE REGIMES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a markup on H.R. 1016, to measure the progress of relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded to the full Committee with an amendment. Following the markup a hearing on Rising Oil Prices and Dependence on Hostile Regimes: The Urgent Case of Canadian Oil took place. Testimony was heard from David L. Goldwyn, former Department of State Coordinator and Special Envoy for International Energy Affairs; Lucian Pugliaresi; former Department of State Coordinator and Special Envoy for International Energy Affairs; and public witnesses.

MEXICAN WAR AGAINST DRUG CARTELS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Homeland Security Role in the Mexican War Against Drug Cartels.” Testimony was heard from Luis Alvarez, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Homeland Security Investigations, Office of International Affairs, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Brian Nichols, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Frank Mora, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of Defense; and Kristin Finklea, Analyst Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service.

2010 ELECTION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing entitled “The 2010 Election: A Look Back At What Went Right and Wrong.” Testimony was heard from Scott Gessler, Secretary of State, Colorado; Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State, Minnesota; Susan Gill, Supervisor of Elections, Citrus County, Florida; and public witnesses.

H-1B VISAS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “H-1B Visas: Designing a Program to meet the Needs of the U.S. Economy and U.S. Workers”. Testimony was heard from Donald Neufeld, Associate Director of Service Center Operations, Citizenship and Immigration Services; and public witnesses.

CREATE JOBS AND ADDRESS RISING GASOLINE PRICES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NOAA AND NMFS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing on “Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for these agencies.” Testimony was heard from Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA; and Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND FOIA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Why isn’t the Department of Homeland Security meeting the President’s standard on FOIA?” Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer; Ivan Fong, General Counsel; Charles Edwards, Acting Inspector General; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN PREVENTION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a record vote of 6 to 3, a closed rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1255) to prevent a shutdown of the government of the United States, and for other purposes. The rule provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The bill waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Rep. Moran; Rep. Welch; and Rep. Andrews.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing on Climate Change: Examining the Processes Used to Create Science and Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the Role of Small Business in Innovation and Job Creation: The SBIR and STTR Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, COUNSELING, AND EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program budget and VRE National Counseling Contract. Testimony was heard from John M. McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Ruth A. Fanning, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ELIMINATE CERTAIN TAX BENEFITS RELATING TO ABORTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 1232, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate certain tax benefits relating to abortion. The bill was ordered reported without amendment.

2011 TAX FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Internal Revenue Service and the 2011 Tax Return Filing Season. Testimony was heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, IRS.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, OPM FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Terrorist Travel—Programs and Funding, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol. This is a CLASSIFIED and CLOSED hearing.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on a review of the implementation plans for the repeal of law and policies governing service by openly gay and lesbian service members, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army and Air Force National Guard and Reserve component equipment posture, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on communications and Technology, hearing on legislation to Clarify NTIA and RUS Authority to Return Reclaimed Stimulus Funds to the U.S. Treasury, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn. Following the hearing the Subcommittee will hold a markup on the legislation.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The PPACA’s High Risk Pool Regime: High Cost, Low Participation,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing, and Community Opportunity, hearing on Legislative Proposals to Reform the National Flood Insurance Program, Part II, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, joint hearing on the Government of Belarus: Crushing Human Rights at Home? 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on Competition and Consolidation in Financial Markets, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Tribal development of energy resources and the creation of energy jobs on Indian lands,” 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health and Oversight, hearing on AARP’s organizational structure, management, and financial growth over the last decade, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, FY 2012 Budget Overview, 9 a.m., 304 HVC. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for March 2011, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, April 1

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 658—FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011. Consideration of H.R. 1255—Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011 (Subject to a Rule).

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