

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 34, Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate stands adjourned under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 43, until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 95 public bills, H.R. 1570–1664; 1 private bill, H.R. 1665; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 44–45; and H. Res. 229–235 were introduced. **Pages H2909–13**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2916–18**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kingston to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2859**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H2901**

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 34, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and set forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 277. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, April 14th.

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Rejected:

Cleaver amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–62) that was debated on April 14th that sought to make significant investments in education, job training, transportation and infrastructure, and advanced research and development programs that will accelerate our economic recovery. Would also protect the social safety net without cutting Social Security, Medicaid or Medicare. Would raise new revenue by making our tax system more fair. Would also close certain corporate tax loopholes and preferences, which will save trillions of dollars on the deficit over the next decade (by a recorded vote of 103 yeas to 303 noes, Roll No. 273); **Pages H2861–62**

Grijalva amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–62) that sought to eliminate the deficit by 2021, while putting America back to work, restoring America's economic competitiveness, implementing a fair tax system, keeping Americans healthy and bringing our troops back home (by a recorded vote of 77 yeas to 347 noes, Roll No. 274); **Pages H2862–70, H2882–83**

Garrett amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–62) that sought to establish a Fiscal Year 2012 budget and set the appropriate budgetary levels for Fiscal Year 2011 through 2021 (by a recorded vote of 119 yeas to 277 noes, Roll No. 274); **Pages H2862–70, H2882–83**

to 136 yeas with 172 voting “present”, Roll No. 275); and

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Van Hollen amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–62) that sought to reduce deficits gradually to avoid disrupting the recovery and reach primary balance by 2018 while protecting guarantees to seniors and investments that are essential for the well-being of our citizens. Would also make strategic investments in education, innovation, and infrastructure, while restraining the growth in overall discretionary spending. Would extend middle-income tax relief and streamline the tax code to remove special interest tax breaks that distort economic activity (by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 259 yeas, Roll No. 276).

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H. Res. 223, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to yesterday, April 14th.

Report Filing: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Commerce be permitted to file its reports to accompany H.R. 1213, H.R. 1214, H.R. 1215, and H.R. 1216 at any time through Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representative Becerra.

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United States Holocaust Memorial Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Representatives Grimm, Hayworth, Meehan, Waxman, and Giffords.

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Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Representatives Thornberry, Simpson, and Boswell.

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House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Representative Schock, Chairman; Representatives Price (GA), Latta, Davis (CA), Sherman, and Richmond.

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Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representatives Wittman and Dingell.

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Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Dreier, Chairman and Representative McCaul.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representatives King (NY) and McCarthy (NY).

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Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Manzullo, Chairman.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Coble and Courtney.

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Commission on Civil Rights—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2016: Mr. Michael Yaki of San Francisco, CA. Additionally, the Chair announced that the term of appointment of Mr. Todd Gaziano to the Commission on Civil Rights expires on December 15, 2013.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2870.

Senate Referral: S. 216 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2861–62, H2882–83, H2883–84, H2896, H2901. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 3:26 p.m., pursuant to H. Con. Res. 43, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a Public Witness Day. Testimony was heard from various public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Treasury [TIGTA] FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration.

RECENT EPA RULEMAKINGS RELATING TO BOILERS, CEMENT MANUFACTURING PLANTS, AND UTILITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Recent EPA Rulemakings Relating to Boilers, Cement Manufacturing Plants, and Utilities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMUNIST CHINESE CYBER-ATTACKS, CYBER-ESPIONAGE AND THEFT OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Communist Chinese Cyber-Attacks, Cyber-Espionage and Theft of American Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DHS CYBERSECURITY MISSION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “The DHS Cybersecurity Mission: Promoting Innovation and Securing Critical Infrastructure.” Testimony was heard from Sean McGurk, Director, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

DEFENDING MARRIAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on Defending Marriage. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE BORDER: ARE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS IMPEDING SECURITY AND HARMING THE ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations and the Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a joint hearing entitled, “The Border: Are Environmental Laws and Regulations Impeding Security and Harming the Environment?” Testimony was heard from Ronald Vitiello, Deputy Chief, Customs and Border Patrol; Thomas Strickland; Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Department of the Interior; Harris Sherman, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

IMPROPER PAYMENTS: FINDING SOLUTIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled, “Improper Payments: Finding Solutions.” Testimony was heard from Daniel Werfel, Controller, OMB; and Kay Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

FY 2012 BUDGET—MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM AND GENERAL DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget—Military Intelligence Program and General Defense Intelligence Program. This is a closed hearing. Testimony was heard from departmental officials.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, May 2

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 Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and the nomination of Kevin Hunter Sharp, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will confirm the nomination of Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and vote on confirmation of the nomination of Kevin Hunter Sharp, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, May 2

House Chamber

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