

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4403–S4459

Measures Introduced: Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1336–1340, and S. Res. 226–229. **Pages S4450–51**

Measures Reported:

S. 275, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–30).

S. 951, to improve the provision of Federal transition, rehabilitation, vocational, and unemployment benefits to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4450**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing the Heroic Efforts of Firefighters: Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters to contain numerous wildfires that have affected thousands of people throughout the United States. **Pages S4458–59**

Measures Considered:

Sense of the Senate Regarding the Budget Deficit—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit. **Pages S4404–38**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 74 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 106), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4406**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate resume consideration of the

motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Monday, July 11, 2011; with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the adoption of the motion to proceed to the bill. **Page S4406**

Messages from the House: **Page S4449**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—106) **Page S4406**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:51 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4459.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PROPOSED TRADE LEGISLATION

Committee on Finance: Committee approved the proposed "United States-South Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act," the proposed "United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act," and the proposed "United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act," and the associated proposed Statements of Administrative Action.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 2433, 2435–2457; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 71; H. Con. Res. 63; and H. Res. 339, 341–342 were introduced. **Pages H4747–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4750–51**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2434, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–136);

First Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Administration for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–137); and

H. Res. 340, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1309) to extend the authorization of the national flood insurance program, to achieve reforms to improve the financial integrity and stability of the program, and to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risk, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–138). **Page H4747**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4677**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4684**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2012: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2219, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration of the measure began on June 23rd. **Pages H4689–H4732, H4733–46**

Agreed to:

McCollum amendment that was debated on July 6th that reduces by \$124,800,000 the total amount of appropriations made available by this Act (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 511); **Pages H4700–01**

Cole amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of June 22, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Defense to furnish military equipment, military training or advice, or other support for military activities, to any group or individual, not part of a country's armed forces, for the purpose of assisting that group or individual in carrying out military activities in or against Libya (by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 513); **Pages H4689–90, H4702**

Michaud amendment (No. 64 printed in the Congressional Record of July 5, 2011) that prohibits

funds from being used in contravention of the Berry Amendment; **Page H4707**

Kissell amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a grant to or provide a loan or loan guarantee to, any U.S. commercial air carrier if that contract, memorandum of understanding, cooperative agreement, grant, loan, or loan guarantee allows the air carrier to charge baggage fees to any member of the Armed Forces who is traveling on official military orders;

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Bass amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 1590 or 1591 of title 18, United States Code, or in contravention of the requirements of section 106(g) or (h) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000;

Pages H4709–10

Runyan amendment that prohibits funds from being used to procure air transportation from a commercial air carrier for a member of the Armed Forces who is traveling under orders to deploy to or return from an overseas contingency operation under terms that allow the carrier to charge the member fees for checked baggage other than for bags weighing more than 80 pounds or bags in excess of four per individual;

Page H4710

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Defense to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles, for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Page H4714**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 89 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to reduce the number of B–1 aircraft of the Armed Forces; **Pages H4714–17**

Gosar amendment that prohibits funds from being obligated or expended for assistance to the following entities: (1) The Government of Iran. (2) Hamas. (3) Hizbullah. (4) The Muslim Brotherhood;

Pages H4717–18

Flores amendment (No. 30 printed in the Congressional Record of June 22, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007;

Pages H4719–20

Fortenberry amendment that prohibits funds from being used to support any military training or operations that include child soldiers, as defined by the Child Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008;

Pages H4725–26

Foxx amendment (No. 61 printed in the Congressional Record of July 5, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of the Defense of Marriage Act (by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 516); **Pages H4705–07, H4712–13, H4727**

Sherman amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 22, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of the War Powers Resolution (by a recorded vote of 316 ayes to 111 noes, Roll No. 518); **Pages H4710–11, H4728–29**

Cole amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 21, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to implement any rule, regulation, or executive order regarding the disclosure of political contributions that takes effect on or after the date of enactment of this Act (by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 522);

Pages H4721–22, H4731

DeFazio amendment (No. 96 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 376 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006;

Pages H4733–35

Conyers amendment that prohibits funds from being used for (1) deploying members of the Armed Forces on to the ground of Libya for the purposes of engaging in military operations, unless the purpose of such deployment is limited solely to rescuing members of the U.S. Armed Forces; (2) awarding a contract to a private security contractor to conduct any activity on the ground of Libya; or (3) otherwise establishing or maintaining any presence of members of the Armed Forces or private security contractors on the ground of Libya, unless the purpose of such deployment is limited solely to rescuing members of the U.S. Armed Forces;

Pages H4737–38

Kinzinger amendment that prohibits funds from being used to research, develop, manufacture, or procure a newly designed flight suit or integrated aircrew ensemble; and

Pages H4739–40

Herrera Beutler amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract that allows the contractor to use amounts paid to the contractor under such contract to pay a tax to the Afghan Ministry of Finance.

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Rejected:

Lee amendment that was debated on July 6th that sought to reduce funding for title IX, Overseas Contingency Operations, by \$33,000,124,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 322 noes, Roll No. 502);

Pages H4694–95

Garamendi amendment that was debated on July 6th that sought to reduce funding for title IX, Overseas Contingency Operations, by \$20,887,651,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction ac-

count (by a recorded vote of 133 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 503);

Pages H4695–96

Nadler amendment that was debated on July 6th that sought to redirect \$15 million with respect to Operation and Maintenance, Army (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 504);

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Poe amendment that was debated on July 6th that sought to reduce funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$1 billion and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 297 noes, Roll No. 505);

Pages H4696–97

Lee amendment that was debated on July 6th that sought to eliminate the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 314 noes, Roll No. 506);

Pages H4697–98

Cohen amendment (No. 41 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2011) that was debated on July 6th that sought to reduce funding for the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund by \$200 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 507);

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Cicilline amendment that was debated on July 6th that sought to eliminate the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 508);

Pages H4698–99

Cohen amendment that was debated on July 6th that sought to reduce funding for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund by \$4 billion and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 306 noes, Roll No. 509)

Pages H4699–H4700

Poe amendment that was debated on July 6th that sought to reduce funding for the Pakistan Counterinsurgency Fund by \$1 billion and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 510);

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McCollum amendment that was debated on July 6th that sought to limit funds to pay motorsport drivers, racing teams, or racing cars or otherwise conduct recruiting outreach through motor sports to \$20 million (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 512);

Page H4701

Amash amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the use of military force against Libya (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 514);

Pages H4690–94, H4702–03

Norton amendment that sought to redirect \$1 million with respect to Operation and Maintenance, Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Defense Sites;

Pages H4704–05

Rigell amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to support Operation Odyssey Dawn or Operation Unified Protector (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 515);

Pages H4703–04, H4726–27

Mulvaney amendment that sought to reduce the total amount of appropriations made available by this Act by \$17,192,000,000, not to be derived from amounts made available by title IX (by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 517);

Pages H4708–09, H4727–28

Rohrabacher amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to provide assistance to Pakistan (by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 338 noes, Roll No. 519);

Pages H4711–12, H4729

Gohmert amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being obligated, expended, or used in any manner to support military operations, including NATO or United Nations operations, in Libya or in Libya's airspace (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 520);

Pages H4713–14, H4729–30

Welch amendment that sought to limit funds available for the Commander's Emergency Response Program to \$200 million (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 521); and

Pages H4718–19, H4730–31

Frank (MA) amendment that sought to reduce the total amount of appropriations made available by this Act by \$8,500,000,000, not to be derived from Military Personnel, the Defense Health Program, or Overseas Contingency Operations (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 523).

Pages H4722–25, H4731–32

Point of Order sustained against:

Eshoo amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enter into a contract with a corporation or other business entity that does not disclose its political expenditures;

Pages H4707–08

Welch amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for tax collection purposes by the Afghan Ministry of Finance;

Pages H4720–21

Lee amendment that sought to add a section to the bill regarding the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces and military contractors from Iraq by December 31, 2011;

Page H4740

Lee amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for any account of the Department of Defense in excess of the amount made available for such account for fiscal year 2011, unless the financial statements of the Department for fiscal year 2011 are validated as ready for audit within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act;

Pages H4740–41

Tonko amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to pay a contractor under a contract with the Department of Defense for costs of any

amount paid by the contractor or subcontractor to an employee performing work under the contract for compensation if the compensation of the employee for a fiscal year exceeds the rate payable for level I of the Executive Schedule;

Pages H4742–43

Murphy (CT) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to purchase non-combat vehicles for use outside of the U.S. if such vehicles are not substantially manufactured in the U.S.; and

Pages H4744–45

Lewis (GA) amendment that sought to require the Secretary of Defense to post on the public website of the Department the cost to each American taxpayer of each of the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya.

Pages H4745–46

Proceedings Postponed:

Flake amendment that seeks to reduce funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$250 million;

Pages H4735–36

Flake amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund by \$3,577,192,676;

Pages H4736–37

Flake amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation accounts under title IV of this Act by \$730 million;

Pages H4738–39

Huelskamp amendment (No. 77 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to implement the curriculum of the Chaplain Corps Tier 1 DADT repeal training dated April 11, 2011; and

Pages H4741–42

Polis amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to maintain an end strength level of members of the Armed Forces assigned to permanent duty in Europe in excess of 30,000 members and to reduce funding for military personnel accordingly.

Pages H4743–44

H. Res. 320, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on June 23rd.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated yesterday, July 6th:

Reaffirming the United States' commitment to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: H. Res. 268, to reaffirm the United States' commitment to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 6 nays with 13 voting "present", Roll No. 524.

Pages H4732–33

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4751–53.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and twenty-two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4694–95, H4695–96, H4696, H4696–97, H4697–98, H4698, H4698–99, H4699, H4700, H4700–01, H4701, H4702, H4702–03, H4726–27, H4727, H4728, H4728–29, H4729, H4730, H4730–31, H4731, H4731–32 and H4732–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINATION OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Conservation Programs. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Rayne Pegg, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; and Rebecca Bech, Deputy Administrator for Plant Protection and Quarantine, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

EXAMINATION OF SPECIALTY CROP PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Specialty Crop Programs. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Services; and Bruce Nelson, Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a markup of the FY 2012 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science held a markup of the FY 2012 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup of the FY 2012 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

BUDGETING FOR AMERICA'S NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Budgeting for America's National Security." Testimony was heard from David E. Mosher, Assistant Director, Congressional Budget Office; and public witnesses. Prior to the hearing the committee met to mark up the Committee Activity Report. The report was agreed to without amendment.

RUSHING UNION ELECTIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Rushing Union Elections: Protecting the Interests of Big Labor at the Expense of Workers' Free Choice." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICAL INNOVATION, JOBS, AND PATIENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "PDUFA V: Medical Innovation, Jobs, and Patients." Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES ON REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Views of the Independent Agencies on Regulatory Reform." Testimony was heard from Robert S. Adler, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Anne Meagher Northup, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Robert McDowell, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Philip D. Moeller, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; and William E. Kovacic, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission.

MORTGAGE SERVICING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled "Mortgage Servicing: An Examination of the Role of Federal Regulators in Settlement Negotiations and the Future of Mortgage Servicing Standards." Testimony was heard from Julie Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Mark Pearce, Director, Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Raj Date, Associate Director of Research, Markets and Regulations, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Department

of the Treasury; Luther Strange, Alabama Attorney General; and public witnesses.

U.S. INTERESTS IN THE FACE OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Time to Pause the Reset? Defending U.S. Interests in the Face of Russian Aggression. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FAILED STATE OF SOMALIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a joint hearing on Assessing the Consequences of the Failed State of Somalia. Testimony was heard from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development; Reuben Brigety, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MASSACRE AT CAMP ASHRAF

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Massacre at Camp Ashraf: Implications for U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Michael Mukasey, former Attorney General of the United States; Gary Morsch, M.D., former Commander of Forward Operation Base Ashraf; Colonel Wes Martin, USA, (retired), former Base Commander of Camp Ashraf; and public witnesses.

DHS'S EFFORTS TO PROTECT AMERICAN JOBS AND SECURE THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled "Homeland Security Investigations: Examining DHS's Efforts to Protect American Jobs and Secure the Homeland." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEZBOLLAH IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled "Hezbollah in Latin America—Implications for U.S. Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 966, the "Lawsuit

Abuse Reduction Act of 2011"; H.R. 1439, the "Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2011"; and H.R. 527, the "Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011." H.R. 1439 was order reported without amendment. H.R. 966 and H.R. 527 were ordered reported, as amended.

NATION'S ABILITY TO ADDRESS THE GROWING CYBER THREAT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Assessing the Nation's Ability to Address the Growing Cyber Threat." Testimony was heard from Greg Schaffer, Acting Deputy Undersecretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; James A. Baker, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Robert J. Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, Department of Defense; and Ari Schwartz, Senior Internet Policy Advisor, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1309, the "Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011." The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.

The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Financial Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and

controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their designee, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Rep. Biggert; Rep. Waters; Rep. Burton of Indiana; Rep. Sherman; Rep. Miller of Michigan; Rep. Cardoza; Rep. Walberg; Rep. Wilson of Florida; and Rep. Rivera.

HITTING THE ETHANOL BLEND WALL: EXAMINING THE SCIENCE ON E15

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled "Hitting the Ethanol Blend Wall: Examining the Science on E15." Testimony was heard from Margo Oge, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, EPA; and public witnesses.

HOW USDA'S PROPOSED GIPSA RULE HURTS AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Injury: How USDA's Proposed GIPSA Rule Hurts America's Small Businesses." Testimony was heard from Edward Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture; Alan Christian, Deputy Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Recovery held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1911, the "Protecting Veterans' Homes Act; H.R. 240, to amend title 38, United States Code, to promote jobs for veterans through the use of sole source contracts by Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of meeting the contracting goals and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; H.R. 1263, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures; H.R. 120, the "Disabled Veterans' Surviving Spouses Home Loans Act;" H.R. 2274, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2301, the "Streamlining Edu-

cation Claims Processing Act of 2011;" H.R. 2302, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2345, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc.; and H.R. 2329, the "Ensuring a Response for Servicemembers Act." Testimony was heard from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 923, the "Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2011;" H.R. 1025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law; H.R. 1826, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees; H.R. 1898, the "Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act;" and H.R. 2349, the "Veterans' Benefits Training Improvement Act of 2011." Testimony was heard from Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a non-markup on legislation regarding the following: the "United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act", the "United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act", and the "United States-South Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act." Testimony was heard from Angela Ellard, Chief Trade Counsel, Committee on Ways and Means and Staff Director, Subcommittee on Trade; Timothy Reif, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Wendy Cutler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan, Korea, and APEC Affairs; and Bennett Harman, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 8, 2011**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup of H.R. 2401, the “Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals Regarding Bank Examination Practices.” 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on Emerging Threats and Security in the Western Hemisphere: Next Steps for U.S. Policy, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Communicating With the Public During Emergencies: An Update on Federal Alert and Warning Efforts.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the

following: H.R. 1505, the “National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act”; and H.R. 587, the “Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, and Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy and Forestry, joint hearing entitled “Challenges Facing Domestic Oil and Gas Development: Review of Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service Ban on Horizontal Drilling on Federal Lands.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, joint hearing entitled “The Gainful Employment Regulation: Limiting Job Growth and Student Choice.” 10 a.m., 2154 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing and markup of H.R. 104, the “Realize America’s Maritime Promise (RAMP) Act.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security’s current benefit expenditures, proposed changes to future benefits and the impact those changes would have on the program, future beneficiaries, workers, and the economy, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 11

Senate Chamber

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