

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2075–2079, and S. Res. 369. **Page S388**

Measures Reported:

S. 1108, to provide local communities with tools to make solar permitting more efficient, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 112–144)

S. 1142, to promote the mapping and development of the United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–145)

S. 1149, to expand geothermal production, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–146)

S. 1160, to improve the administration of the Department of Energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–147)

S. 432, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–148)

S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S388**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the New York Giants: Senate agreed to S. Res. 369, congratulating the New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLVI. **Page S392**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs. **Page S382**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, February 7, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2012. **Page S382**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2012. **Page S392**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S392.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNITED STATES MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for United States monetary and fiscal policy, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “The Highway Investment, Job Creation and Economic Growth Act of 2012”.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Phyllis Marie Powers, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, and Julissa Reynoso, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, who was introduced by Senator Gillibrand, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answer questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to India, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine accessible technology, focusing on challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Eve Hill, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Department of Justice; Mark A. Riccobono, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; John Quick, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, Columbus, Indiana; and Mark Turner, California State University Center for Accessible Media, Long Beach.

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: 63 public bills, H.R. 3911–3973 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H571–72

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 540, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for a legislative line-item veto to expedite consideration of rescissions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–389).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Young (IN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Jeffrey Astrachan, Temple Beth Israel, York, Pennsylvania.

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Civilian Property Realignment Act: The House passed H.R. 1734, to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, selling, disposing, and improving the efficiency of federal buildings and other civilian real property, by a recorded vote of 259 ayes to 164 noes, Roll No. 38. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, February 6th. **Pages H529–30, H531–33**

Rejected the Michaud motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 37.

Pages H531–33

Rejected:

Connolly (VA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–385) that was debated on February 6th that sought to protect the ability of Federal agencies to work with local governments to preserve appropriate excess Federal property as open space, eliminating Federal maintenance expenses while preserving public benefits (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 36).

Pages H529–30

H. Res. 537, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday.

Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Oregon: Representative-elect Suzanne Bonamici presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Steve Trout, Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Oregon, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held January 31, 2012, the Honorable Suzanne Bonamici was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of Oregon. **Page H566**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Oregon, Ms. Bonamici, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H531**

Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 3581, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 42. **Pages H523–29, H533–49**

Rejected the Walz (MN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 238 nays, Roll No. 41. **Pages H547–48**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print 112–13 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 the Budget now printed in the bill. **Page H542**

Rejected:

Tonko amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–388) that sought to establish a Commission of budgeting and accounting experts to provide recommendations to Congress regarding the best measure to accurately account for the costs of Federal credit programs. Would have allowed the Commission to delay and or supersede the provisions of the bill (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 40). **Pages H545–47**

Withdrawn:

Dold amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–388) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the OMB Director to prepare all budgets submitted to the President according to both accrual-basis and cash-basis GAAP accounting standards. **Pages H544–45**

H. Res. 539, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

239 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 39, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Bishop (NY) announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630. **Page H549**

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

New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act: H.R. 2606, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area. **Page H549**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H519 and H530.

Senate Referral: S. 1794 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H529–30, H532–33, H533, H534, H546, H547–48 and H548. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the FY 2013 budget request of the Library of Congress, Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Davita Vance-Cooks, Acting Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

NLRB RECESS APPOINTMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The NLRB Recess Appointments: Implications for America’s Workers and Employers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee continued markup of H.R. 3548, the “North American Energy Access Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a markup of the following: the “Affordable Housing and Self-Sufficiency Improvement Act of 2012”; the “FHA Emergency Fiscal Solvency Act of 2012”; and H.R. 32, the “Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2011”. The discussion draft of the “Affordable Housing and Self-Sufficiency Improvement Act of 2012” was forwarded without amendment. The following were forwarded, as amended: discussion draft of the “FHA Emergency Fiscal Solvency Act of 2012”; and H.R. 32.

EXPORT CONTROLS, ARMS SALES, AND REFORM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Export Controls, Arms Sales, and Reform: Balancing U.S. Interests, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-PHILIPPINES ALLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The U.S.-Philippines Alliance: Deepening the Security and Trade Partnership”. Testimony was heard from Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Peter Lavoy, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

BALANCING MARITIME SECURITY AND TRADE FACILITATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Balancing Maritime Security and Trade Facilitation: Protecting our Ports, Increasing Commerce and Securing the Supply Chain—Part I”. Testimony was heard from Representative Nadler; David Heyman, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Kevin McAleenan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Rear Admiral Paul Zukunft, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen Caldwell, Director, Maritime and Coast Guard Issues, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office.

SCREENING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security began a hearing entitled “Screening Partnership Program: Why is a Job-Creating, Public-Private Partnership Meeting Resistance

at TSA?” Testimony was heard from John S. Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; and public witnesses. This hearing will reconvene at a date and time to be announced.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee continued markup of H.R. 3541, the “Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act of 2011”.

WATER FOR OUR FUTURE AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled “Water for Our Future and Job Creation: Examining Regulatory and Bureaucratic Barriers to New Surface Storage Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Michael Gabaldon, Director, Technical Resources, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3532, the “American Indian Empowerment Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Donald “Del” Laverdure, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

JOBS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “Jobs for Wounded Warriors: Increasing Access to Contracts for Service Disabled Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Ohio; Senator Cleland; Belinda Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Veterans Administration, Office of the Inspectors General; James J. O’Neill, Assistant IG for Investigations, VA Office of Inspectors General; Richard Hillman, Managing Director of Forensic Audits and Investigative Services, Government Accountability Office; Andrew Gudger, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense; Thomas Leney, Executive Director, Small and Veteran Owned Business Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IMPROPER PAYMENTS TOTAL \$115 BILLION IN FEDERAL MISSPENDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “Solutions Needed: Improper Payments Total \$115

Billion in Federal Misspending”. Testimony was heard from Senator Carper; Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; Beryl Davis, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; and public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup of the District of Columbia Special Elections Reform Act; H.R. 3813, the “Securing Annuities for Federal Employees Act of 2012”; H.R. 3276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the “Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building”; H.R. 3378, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building”; H.R. 3412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1421 Veterans Memorial Drive in Abbeville, Louisiana, as the “Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building”; H.R. 3413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the “Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office”; H.R. 3477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, as the “Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building”; H.R. 3501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the “SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office”; H.R. 3593, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the “National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 3637, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Old Dixie Highway in Jupiter, Florida, as the “Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building”; H.R. 3772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the “First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building”; H.R. 3869, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the “Sidney ‘Sid’ Sanders McMath Post Office Building”; H.R. 3870, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6083 Highway 36 West in Rose Bud, Arkansas, as the “Nicky ‘Nick’ Daniel Bacon Post Office”; and H.R. 3892, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California,

as the “Private First Class Victor A. Dew Post Office”.

The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 3276, H.R. 3378, H.R. 3412, H.R. 3413, H.R. 3477, H.R. 3501, H.R. 3593, H.R. 3637, H.R. 3772, H.R. 3869, H.R. 3870, and H.R. 3892, and H.R. 3902.

The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3813.

EXPEDITED LINE-ITEM VETO AND RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee continued a hearing on H.R. 3521, the “Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7 to 4, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and Representative Simpson of Idaho or his designee. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–12, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. 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 Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of February 9, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, as though under clause 1(c) of rule XV, relating to a measure addressing securities trading based on nonpublic information.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3834, the “Advancing America’s Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2012”; and H.R. 3199, to provide a comprehensive assessment of the scientific and technical research on the implications of the use of mid-level ethanol

blends, and for other purposes. Both bills were ordered reported, as amended.

PROGRAMS THAT REWARD PHYSICIANS WHO DELIVER HIGH QUALITY AND EFFICIENT CARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on “Programs that Reward Physicians Who Deliver High Quality and Efficient Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

PAYROLL TAX CUT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine bolstering the economy, focusing on helping American families by reauthorizing the payroll tax cut and unemployment insurance benefits, after receiving testimony from Mark W. Everson, Indiana Department of Workforce Development Commissioner, Indianapolis; Mark Zandi, Moody’s Analytics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and James Sherk, Heritage Foundation, and Judith M. Conti, National Employment Law Project, both of Washington, D.C.

TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX CUT CONTINUATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Military Health Systems Governance—Army, Navy and Air Force Surgeons General, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police FY 2013 budget request, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: Threats to Communications Networks and Private-Sector Responses”, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative: What EPA’s Utility MACT Rule Will Cost U.S. Consumers”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Promote Accountability and Transparency at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Limiting the Extraterritorial Impact of Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, markup of the following: H.R. 1410, the “Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2011” and H. Res. 361, concerning efforts to provide humanitarian relief to mitigate the effects of drought and avert famine in the Horn of Africa, particularly Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Kenya, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Baluchistan, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Combating Transnational Organized Crime: International Money Laundering as a Threat to our Financial Systems”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, continue markup of H.R. 3541, the “Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Prenatal Non-discrimination Act of 2011”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Right to Choose: Protecting Union Workers from Forced Political Contributions”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing America’s Nuclear Future—A Review of the Blue Ribbon Commission’s Report to the Secretary of Energy”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Placing Federal Tax Dollars at Risk: How the Small Business Administration Mismanages the Modernization of its Information Technology”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “A Review of Issues Associated with Protecting and Improving our Nation’s Aviation Satellite-based Global Positioning System Infrastructure”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on the interaction of tax policy and financial accounting rules (such as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or “GAAP”), and how this interaction affects how publicly traded companies respond to tax policy, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Ireland’s leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on its future year-long leadership of the 56-nation

OSCE, based in Vienna, Austria, and its work in promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law, 11:30 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 2 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 8

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3521—Expedited Legislative Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act (Subject to a Rule).

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