

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 3974–3988; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 541–544 were introduced. **Pages H639–41**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H641**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3336, to ensure the exclusion of small lenders from certain regulations of the Dodd-Frank Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–390);

H.R. 3527, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to clarify the definition of swap dealer, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–391);

H.R. 2779, to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–344 Pt. 2);

H.R. 2682, to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–343 Pt. 2); and

H.R. 2586, to refine the definition of swap execution facility in the provisions regulating swap markets added by title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–345 Pt. 2). **Page H639**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H575**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H588**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. David Anderson, Faith Baptist Church, Sarasota, Florida. **Page H588**

**Expedited Legislative Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act:** The House passed 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, by recorded vote of 254 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 46. **Pages H593–H615**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print 112–12 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on the Budget and Rules now printed in the bill. **Page H611**

Agreed to:

Ryan (WI) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–389) that restores certain language from the Budget Committee reported bill by reducing certain time periods from five legislative days to three legislative days and indicating that the approval bill should be an appropriation bill. **Page H613**

Rejected:

Alexander amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–389) that sought to prevent the President from proposing any rescission to funds appropriated by Congress to the Corps of Engineers (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 45). **Pages H613–15**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H615**

H. Res. 540, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 44, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 43. **Pages H601–02**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H615**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Bishop (NY) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H615–23**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H601, H601–02, H614 and H615. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Military Health Systems Governance—Army, Navy and Air Force Surgeons General. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force; Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General of the Army; and Vice Admiral Mathew L. Nathan, Surgeon General of the Navy.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police FY 2013 budget request. Testimony was heard from Philip D. Morse, Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police.

### CYBERSECURITY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: Threats to Communications Networks and Private-Sector Responses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on “The American Energy Initiative: What EPA’s Utility MACT Rule Will Cost U.S. Consumers”. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

### CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Promote Accountability and Transparency at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TITLE VII OF THE DODD–FRANK ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Limiting the Extraterritorial Impact of Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a 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. The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 1410 and H. Res. 361.

### BALUCHISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Baluchistan. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Combating Transnational Organized Crime: International Money Laundering as a Threat to our Financial Systems”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Shasky, Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Luke A. Bronin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategic Policy Office of Terrorist, Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury; and public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

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

### PROTECTING UNION WORKERS FROM FORCED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Right to

Choose: Protecting Union Workers from Forced Political Contributions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### AMERICA’S NUCLEAR FUTURE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assessing America’s Nuclear Future—A Review of the Blue Ribbon Commission’s Report to the Secretary of Energy”. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, USAF (Ret.), Co-Chairman, Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future; Richard Meserve, Commissioner, Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future; and Pete Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

#### HOW THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MISMANAGES THE MODERNIZATION OF ITS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Placing Federal Tax Dollars at Risk: How the Small Business Administration Mismanages the Modernization of its Information Technology”. Testimony was heard from Marie Johns, Deputy Administrator, United States Small Business Administration; and David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

#### NATION’S AVIATION SATELLITE-BASED GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “A Review of Issues Associated with Protecting and Improving our Nation’s Aviation Satellite-based Global Positioning System Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; Vincent Galotti, Deputy Director, Air Navigation Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) of the United Nations; and public witnesses.

#### INTERACTION OF TAX POLICY AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING RULES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a 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. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### IRELAND AND OSCE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Eamon Gilmore, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland, and Chair-in-Office, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, USA, for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general and to be Chief of Engineers, and Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the state of the housing market, focusing on removing barriers to economic recovery, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine assessing inequality, mobility, and opportunity, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine H.R.1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice’s opinion on internet gaming, focusing on what’s at stake for tribes, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1945, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, and the nominations of John Z. Lee, and John J. Tharp, Jr., both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, George Levi Russell III, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Kristine Gerhard Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

**House**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the Architect of the Capitol FY 2013 budget request, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Review of the Proposed Generic Drug and Biosimilars, User Fees and Further Examination of Drug Shortages”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Regional

Perspectives on Agricultural Guestworker Programs”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Construction Contracting: Barriers to Small Business Participation”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Reforming VA’s Flawed Fiduciary System, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

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

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 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.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the House amendment to S. 2038—The Stock Act.

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