

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2115–2122, S.J. Res. 36–37, and S. Res. 379–380. **Page S850**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 379, condemning violence by the Government of Syria against the Syrian people, with a preamble. **Page S850**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1633, of a perfecting nature. **Page S814**

Reid Amendment No. 1634 (to Amendment No. 1633), to change the enactment date. **Page S814**

Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1635, to change the enactment date. **Page S814**

Reid Amendment No. 1636 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1635), of a perfecting nature. **Page S814**

Reid Amendment No. 1637 (to Amendment No. 1636), of a perfecting nature. **Page S814**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Friday, February 17, 2012, and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate proceed to the cloture vote with respect to Reid Amendment No. 1633 (listed above); that if cloture is invoked on Reid Amendment No. 1633, the second-degree amendment be withdrawn, Reid Amendment No. 1633 be agreed to, and the bill, as amended, be considered original text for the purposes of further amendment; if cloture is not invoked, the motion to recommit and Reid Amend-

ment No. 1633 be withdrawn; that immediately following the cloture vote and the actions listed above depending on the result of the cloture vote, Senate then proceed to Executive Session and the cloture motion on the nomination of Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, be withdrawn; that there be two minutes equally divided, between the Chair and Ranking Members of the Judiciary Committee prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order; that following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Senate then resume legislative session and the Majority Leader be recognized, provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid Amendment No. 1633 to the bill be at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, February 17, 2012. **Page S838**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Paul William Grimm, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Elissa F. Cadish, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Mark E. Walker, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

35 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S875.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

EUROPEAN DEBT CRISIS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the European debt crisis and its implications, after receiving testimony from Lael Brainard, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs; and Steven B. Kamin, Director, Division of International Finance, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 and revenue proposals, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution condemning

violence by the Government of Syria against the Syrian people.

IRAN'S INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITY IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Iran's influence and activity in Latin America, after receiving testimony from Cynthia J. Arnson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Douglas Farah, International Assessment and Strategy Center, Roger F. Noriega, former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Ilan Berman, American Foreign Policy Council, all of Washington, D.C.

IRAN'S INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITY IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Iran's influence and activity in Latin America from Elizabeth Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Kevin Whitaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and James McElveen, Division Chief, South America, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, all of the Department of State; and Chris Markwood, Deputy National Intelligence Manager, Iran, and Richard May, Senior Analyst, Threat Finance, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

CYBERSECURITY ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing America's future, including S. 2105, to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Rockefeller and Feinstein; Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Tom Ridge, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Stewart A. Baker, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, and James A. Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Scott Charney, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington.

REGIONAL LEVEL WORKFORCE NEEDS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine addressing workforce needs at the regional level, focusing on innovative public and private partnerships, after receiving testimony from Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Marlena Sessions, Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County,

and Barbara Trehearne, Group Health Cooperative, both of Seattle, Washington; Sandy Harmsen, San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board, San Bernardino, California; James Watson, CMTC, Torrance, California; David Hunn, Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, Vienna; Gerry Hofler, Northern Virginia Community College, Springfield; and Pat Schramm, Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin, and Bettsey Barhorst, Madison College, both of Madison, Wisconsin.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine energy development in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Tracey A. LeBeau, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy; Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Mike S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian

Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; Michelle Kauhane, Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Deputy Director, Kapolei; Rodney M. Bordeaux, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, South Dakota; Levi Pesata, Jicarilla Apache Nation, Dulce, New Mexico; Thomas Anketell, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; and Rex Lee Jim, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4048–4070; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 103; H. Con. Res. 102–102; and H. Res. 552–553, 555 were introduced. **Pages H900–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H903**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 3630, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–399) and

H. Res. 554, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3630) to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–400).

Pages H834–80, H894

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H805**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H815**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H815, H886**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 3:16 p.m. **Pages H819–20**

Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Re-

source Security Act: The House passed H.R. 3408, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources and to promote shale technology research and development, by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 71. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, February 15th.

Pages H820–34, H880–86

Rejected the Castor (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 70. **Pages H884–85**

Agreed to:

Scalise amendment (No. 20 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that dedicates Clean Water Act penalties associated with the Deepwater Horizon disaster to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund;

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Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 16 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that streamlines the NEPA process to allow for expedited development of renewable energy projects on Federal lands and waters (by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 66); and **Pages H823–25, H881–82**

Labrador amendment (No. 19 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that minimizes NEPA requirements for a geothermal exploration test project so a project can quickly move forward if resources are found (by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 69). **Pages H828–30, H883–84**

Rejected:

Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 13 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that sought to clarify that the legislation does not allow for oil and gas drilling on the northern coast of California (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 64);

Pages H820–21, H880–81

Hanabusa amendment (No. 15 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that sought to require that offshore oil and gas leases contain specific safety requirements (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 65);

Pages H822–23, H881

Markey amendment (No. 17 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that sought to expand on the oil export ban already included in the Arctic drilling subtitle (Sec. 17706) to prohibit export of any natural gas produced pursuant to a lease issued under Title XVII of this Act (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 67); and

Pages H825–26, H882–83

Markey amendment (No. 18 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that sought to require companies holding defective leases which allow them to drill on public lands off-shore without paying a royalty to renegotiate those leases prior to bidding on new leases issued pursuant to Title XVII of this Act (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 68).

Pages H826–28, H883

Withdrawn:

Holt amendment (No. 14 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have affirmed that nothing in the underlying bill will affect funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Pages H821–22

H. Res. 547, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, February 15th.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Speier, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Tonko, wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 553, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H819.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H880–81, H881, H882, H882–83, H883, H884, H885–86, H886. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Leon Panetta, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Martin Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Hale, Undersecretary of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Quality of Life in the Military. Testimony was heard from James A. Roy, Chief Master Sergeant, Air Force; Raymond F. Chandler III, Sergeant Major, Army; Michael P. Barrett, Sergeant Major, Marine Corp; and Rick West, Master Chief Petty Officer, Navy.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Interior officials: Ken Salazar, Secretary; David Hayes, Deputy Secretary; and Pamela Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition.

GOVERNANCE, OVERSIGHT, AND MANAGEMENT OF NUCLEAR SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on governance, oversight, and management of the nuclear security enterprise to ensure high quality science, engineering, and mission effectiveness in an age of austerity. Testimony was heard from Charles Shank, Co-Chair, National Academies Panel on Managing for High Quality Science and Engineering, NNSA National Security Laboratories; Charles B. Curtis, National Academies Panel on Managing for High Quality Science and Engineering at NNSA National Security Laboratories; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on FY 2013 National Defense Authorization

Budget Request from the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations; and General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2013 REVENUE AND ECONOMIC POLICY PROPOSALS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue and Economic Policy Proposals". Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 3989, the "Student Success Act" and H.R. 3990, the "Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act". Testimony was heard from Tom Luna, Superintendent, Public Instruction, Idaho Department of Education; Bob Schaffer, Chairman, Colorado State Board of Education; Felicia Kazmier, Art Teacher, Otero Elementary School; and public witnesses.

SPENDING OF FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "The Budget and Spending of Federal Communications Commission". Testimony was heard from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; David H. Hunt, Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY REFORM SERIES #8—PRIVATE SECTOR VIEWS AFTER ONE YEAR OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 13563

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Reform Series #8, Private Sector Views of the Regulatory Climate One Year After Executive Order 13563". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3606, the "Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act of 2011"; H.R. 2308, the "SEC Regulatory Accountability Act"; H.R. 1838, to repeal a provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act prohibiting any Federal bailout of swap dealers or participants; and H.R. 4014, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bu-

reau of Consumer Financial Protection. H.R. 4014 was ordered reported without amendment. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1838, H.R. 2308, and H.R. 3606.

EGYPT AT A CROSSROAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Egypt at a Crossroads". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CUBA

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a joint hearing entitled "Further Human Rights Violations in Castro's Cuba: The Continued Abuse of Political Prisoners". Testimony was heard from Representative Burton of Indiana; and public witnesses.

DHS MONITORING OF SOCIAL NETWORKING AND MEDIA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled "DHS Monitoring of Social Networking and Media: Enhancing Intelligence Gathering and Ensuring Privacy". Testimony was heard from Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Richard Chávez, Director, Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, Department of Homeland Security.

SCREENING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held 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.

FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE 10 YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "Last Line of Defense: the Federal Air Marshal Service 10 Years After 9/11". Testimony was heard from Robert S. Bray, Assistant Administrator for Law Enforcement, Director, Federal Air Marshal Service, Transportation Security Administration; Michael Novak, Assistant Administrator, Training and Workforce Engagement, Transportation Security Administration; Roderick J. Allison, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Law Enforcement, Deputy Director, Federal Air Marshal Service, Transportation Security Administration; and Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Justice and Office on Violence Against Women”. Testimony was heard from Susan Carbon, Director, Office of Violence Against Women, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3541, the “Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act of 2011”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1837, the “San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act”; and H.R. 4019, the “Federal Forest County Revenue, Schools, and Jobs Act of 2012”. Both bills were ordered reported, as amended.

LINES CROSSED: SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Lines Crossed: Separation of Church and State. Has the Obama Administration Trampled on Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3630, the “Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. Testimony was heard from Representative Brady of Texas; and Representative Levin.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Examining the Role of Government Assistance for Disaster Victims: A Review of H.R. 3042”. Testimony was heard from Doug Hoell, North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and public witnesses.

BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Diana Rubens, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Steven Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; and Bruce E. Kasold Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities.

Joint Meetings**MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on 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.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., B308-Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on FY 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing entitled “Litigation as a Predatory Practice”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 785, to amend

the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payment for certain noncoal reclamation projects, 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Fish and Wildlife Service’s Proposed Comprehensive Conservation Plan and its Potential Devastating Impact on the Economy of the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia”, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “How Much is Too Much? Examining Duplicative IT Investments at DOD and DOE”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Administration’s Federal Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, February 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 1633, and Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. Also, Senate expects to begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3630, Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, February 17

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 3630—Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act.

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