

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** One hundred ninety-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2839–3031, S. Res. 447, and S. Con. Res. 44.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act:** Senate passed S. 743, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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**Brian A. Terry Memorial Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2668, to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 2136 South Naco Highway in Bisbee, Arizona, as the “Brian A. Terry Border Patrol Station”.

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**National Charter Schools Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 447, congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 13th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 6 through May 12, 2012.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2343, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 89), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Sen-

ate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Maria Lopez De Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

Emil J. Kang, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2017.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

25 Army nominations in the rank of general.

24 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—89)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2986.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on the Defense Clandestine Service in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program from Michael G. Vickers, Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral David J. Venlet, USN, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Lightning II Program, Lieutenant General Janet C. Wolfenbarger, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, and Vice Admiral W. Mark Skinner, Principal Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense.

### IMPROVING THE HOUSING MARKET

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding refinancing opportunities to improve the housing market, including S. 2162, to provide for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed-upon properties and for the stabilization of affected neighborhoods, an original bill entitled, “The Responsible Homeowner Refinancing Act of 2012”, an original bill entitled, “Expanding Refinancing Opportunities Act of 2012”, and S. 2909, to require closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark J. Mazur, of New Jersey, and Matthew S. Rutherford, of Illinois, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Meredith M. Broadbent, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, who was introduced by Senator Portman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 108 public bills, H.R. 5542–5649, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H2447–48**

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

Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2013 (H. Rept. 112–465);

H.R. 2764, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish weapons of mass destruction intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland se-

curity, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–466);

H.R. 3140, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the assignment of officers and analysts to certain State and urban area fusion centers to enhance the security of mass transit systems (H. Rept. 112–467); and

H.R. 2179, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to United Service Organizations, Incorporated, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–468).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2331**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2334**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 296 yeas to 108 nays with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 201. **Pages H2335, H2346**

*Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013:* The House began consideration of H.R. 5326, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 9th. **Pages H2346–H2440**

Agreed to:

Turner (OH) amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2012) that increases funding for China antidumping and countervailing duty enforcement and compliance activities by \$5,000,000; **Pages H2363–64**

Cicilline amendment that expands the definition of "grants" under Economic Development Assistance Programs to include "grants, including grants authorized under section 27 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980"; **Pages H2368–69**

Lynch amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2012) that increases funding, by offset, for the Office of Justice Programs for drug courts by \$4,000,000; **Pages H2370–71**

Hanabusa amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for marine debris programs by \$1,600,000; **Pages H2373–74**

Gowdy amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2012) that reduces funding for the Department of Justice, General Administration by \$1,000,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H2376–77**

Runyan amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Office on Violence Against Women by \$5,000,000; **Page H2379**

Harris amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2012) that reduces funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Operations, Research, and Facilities by \$542,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 209); **Pages H2373, H2386**

Grimm amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Office of Justice Programs for regional information sharing activities by \$18,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 209 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 210); **Pages H2374, H2386–87**

Runyan amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program by \$22,418,000 (by a recorded vote of 325 yeas to 81 noes, Roll No. 212); **Pages H2377, H2388**

Wasserman Schultz amendment that redirects \$30,000,000 in funding with respect to missing and exploited children programs; **Page H2392**

Broun (GA) amendment that reduces funding for the Marine Mammal Commission by \$181,500; **Pages H2414–15**

Grimm amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Community Oriented Policing Services for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers (by a recorded vote of 206 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 214); **Pages H2393–95, H2433–34**

Black amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Attorney General to originate or join in any lawsuit that seeks to overturn, enjoin, or invalidate immigration enforcement laws in Oklahoma, Missouri, Arizona, Utah, Indiana, Alabama, South Carolina, and Georgia (by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 173 noes, Roll No. 220) (agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the earlier proceedings by which the amendment was agreed to by voice vote); and **Pages H2419–22, H2437–38**

Southerland amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to develop, approve, or implement a new limited access privilege program that is not already developed, approved, or implemented for any fishery under the jurisdiction of the South Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, New England, or Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 223). **Pages H2426–31, H2439–40**

Rejected:

Clarke (NY) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Minority Business Development Agency by \$5,311,000; **Page H2370**

Waters amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Legal Activities, Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities by \$13,500,000; increase funding, by offset, for Salaries and Expenses, United States Attorneys by \$21,500,000; and increase funding, by offset, for Federal Bureau of Investigation, Salaries and Expenses by \$9,000,000; **Pages H2377–79**

Peters amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the International Trade Administration by \$9,000,000 and the Office of the United States Trade Representative by \$1,790,000 (by a recorded vote of 141 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 202); **Pages H2360–61, H2381–82**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding across various accounts by a total of \$874,593,990 and apply the savings to the spending

reduction account (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 270 noes, Roll No. 203); **Pages H2361–36, H2382**

McClintock amendment that sought to reduce funding for the International Trade Administration by \$277,824,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 121 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 204);

**Pages H2363, H2382–83**

Michaud amendment that sought to increase finding, by offset, for the Economic Development Administration by \$38,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 205);

**Pages H2364–66, H2383–84**

Scalise amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Economic Development Administration by \$7,500,000 and reduce funding for the Department of Commerce, Departmental Management by \$10,706,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 206); **Pages H2369–70, H2384**

Pompeo amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2012) that sought to zero out the funding for Economic Development Assistance Programs and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 207);

**Pages H2366–68, H2384–85**

Quayle amendment that sought to zero out the funding for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortia and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 208); **Pages H2372–73, H2385–86**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery by \$15,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 211); **Pages H2374–75, H2387–88**

Davis (IL) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2012) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Second Chance Act grants by \$10,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 99 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 213);

**Pages H2390–91, H2432–33**

Huizenga amendment that sought to strike section 212 (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 215); **Pages H2406–07, H2334**

Johnson (GA) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission by \$7,143,000 (by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 314 noes, Roll No. 216);

**Pages H2408–09, H2435**

Flake amendment that sought to reduce funding for the National Science Foundation by \$1,248,473,000 and apply the savings to the spend-

ing reduction account (by a recorded vote of 121 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 217);

**Pages H2409–10, H2435–36**

Westmoreland amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Legal Services Corporation by \$128,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 218); **Pages H2411–14, H2436**

Austin Scott (GA) amendment that sought to zero out the funding for the Legal Services Corporation and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 122 ayes to 289 noes, Roll No. 219); **Pages H2414, H2436–37**

Blackburn amendment that sought to reduce total funding in the bill by 1% (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 221); and

**Pages H2424–25, H2438**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce each amount in the bill (other than amounts required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by law; amounts for the United States Marshals Service; the FBI; or NASA), by 12.2% (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 222).

**Pages H2425–26, H2438–39**

Withdrawn:

Sessions amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2012) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck language in section 505 relating to the contracting out or privatizing any functions presently performed by Federal employees and

**Pages H2416–17**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funds, by offset, for Office of Justice Programs, specifically DNA Analysis Backlog, by \$34,000,000.

**Pages H2422–24**

H. Res. 643, the rule providing for consideration of the measure, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 200, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 199. **Pages H2337–46**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2448–49.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and 23 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2344–45, H2345, H2346, H2381–82, H2382, H2382–83, H2383–84, H2384, H2384–85, H2385–86, H2386, H2386–87, H2387–88, H2388, H2432–33, H2433–34, H2434, H2435, H2435–36, H2436, H2437, H2437–38, H2438, H2439, and H2439–40. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:27 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9th.

## Committee Meetings

### FORMULATION OF 2012 FARM BILL: SPECIALTY CROP AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture held a hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Specialty Crop and Nutrition Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a markup of Defense Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs held a markup of Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

### SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT ACT OF 2012; AND SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2012

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 4966, the “Sequester Replacement Act of 2012” and legislation regarding Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012. H.R. 4966 was ordered reported, as amended; and the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012 was ordered reported without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup of legislation to reauthorize under fee programs for prescription drugs and medical devices, established under fee programs for generic drugs and biosimilars, and reform FDA programs. The legislation was ordered reported, as amended.

### IMPROVING THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Improving the Federal Reserve System: Examining Legislation to Reform the Fed and Other Alternatives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MEASURING BORDER SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Measuring Border Security: U.S. Border Patrol’s

New Strategic Plan and the Path Forward”. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Fisher, Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; Rebecca Gambler, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Marc Rosenblum, Specialist in Immigration Policy, Congressional Research Service.

### BUILDING SECURE PARTNERSHIPS IN TRAVEL, COMMERCE, AND TRADE WITH THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Building Secure Partnerships in Travel, Commerce, and Trade with the Asia-Pacific Region”. Testimony was heard from John Halinski, Assistant Administrator, Office of Global Strategies, Transportation Security Administration; Mark Koumans, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Hans G. Klemm, U.S. Senior Official for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee began a markup of H.R. 4970, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2012; H.R. 4377, the “Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2012”; and the “Divisional Realignment Act of 2012”. H.R. 4970 was ordered reported, as amended.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3210, the “Retailers and Entertainers Lacey Implementation and Enforcement Fairness Act”; and H.R. 4171, the “Freedom from Over-Criminalization and Unjust Seizures Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from Senator Paul (KY) and the following Representatives: Cooper; Blumenauer; and Broun (GA); Eileen Sobeck, Deputy Assistant Director for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of Interior; Kevin Shea, Associate Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

### SCIENCE BEHIND GREEN BUILDING RATING SYSTEMS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Science Behind Green Building Rating Systems”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Kevin

Kampschroer, Director of the Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

#### VA MENTAL HEALTH CARE STAFFING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "VA Mental Health Care Staffing: Ensuring Quality and Quantity". Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; John D. Daigh, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; RADM Thomas Carrato, USPHS (Ret.), President, Health Net Federal Services; and public witnesses.

#### IDENTITY THEFT AND TAX FRAUD

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled "Identity Theft and Tax Fraud". Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Steven T. Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service; and David E. Black, General Counsel, Social Security Administration.

### Joint Meetings

#### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2012, PART II

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4348, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Central Command and Africa Command Programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine expanding

broadband access, promoting innovation, and protecting consumers in a communications revolution, focusing on fiscal year 2013 resource needs for the Federal Communications Commission, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on the need for long-term reauthorization and reform, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine limiting Federal support for financial institutions, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the need for privacy protections, focusing on perspectives from the Administration and the Federal Trade Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph G. Jordan, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine building and maintaining an effective human resource workforce in the Federal government, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Paul William Grimm, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, John E. Dowdell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Mark E. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

##### House

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, markup of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 10:15 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, markup of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee, markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 4273, the "Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012"; and discussion draft of the "Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled “Budget and Spending Concerns at HHS”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Rising Regulatory Compliance Costs and Their Impact on the Health of Small Financial Institutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration’s Reverse Mortgage Program for Seniors”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in the Middle East”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee, markup of H.R. 3857, the “Public Transit Security and Local Law Enforcement Support Act”; H.R. 4005, the “Gauging American Port Security Act”; H.R. 3173, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for the enrollment, activation, issuance, and renewal of a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) to require, in total, not more than one in-person visit to a designated enrollment center; and H.R. 2356, the “WMD Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2011”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology,

joint hearing entitled “First Responder Technologies: Ensuring a Prioritized Approach for Homeland Security Research and Development”, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee, hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Evaluating President Obama’s Offshore Drilling Plan and Impacts on Our Future”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing entitled “TSA Oversight Part IV: Is TSA Effectively Procuring, Deploying, and Storing Aviation Security Equipment and Technology?”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled “Ensuring the Best Stewardship of American Taxpayer Dollars at the National Science Foundation”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Running on Empty: The Effects of High Gasoline Prices on Small Businesses”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Competitive Bidding Program”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “The State of Social Security’s Information Technology”, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 9

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 9

Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** The Majority Leader will be recognized.

House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the Rules: 1) H.R. 2072—Securing American Jobs Through Exports Act and 2) H.R. 4133—United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012. Continue consideration of H.R. 5326—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013.

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