

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2055, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4681–S4739

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1389–1394. **Page S4721**

Measures Passed:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate passed H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, after agreeing to the substitute amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4687–91, S4700–12**

Adopted:

Johnson (SD) Further Modified Amendment No. 556, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4687, S4701–02**

Wyden/Merkley Amendment No. 570, to provide for the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon. **Page S4687**

Reid (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 562, to restrict the use of funds for a permanent United States Africa Command headquarters outside of the United States. **Page S4702**

Reid (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 563, to limit the availability of funds for military construction projects at Grafenwohr and Baumholder, Germany, pending a report on the brigade combat team scheduled to be withdrawn from Germany in 2015. **Page S4702**

Ayotte Amendment No. 575, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, to submit a report to Congress detailing the Secretary's plans, and identifying challenges, both technical and administrative, to ensure that advanced, next-generation prosthetics are made available to injured mem-

bers of the Armed Forces and veterans in a timely manner. **Pages S4700–01**

Boxer Modified Amendment No. 577, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4701, S4703**

Rejected:

Vitter Amendment No. 568, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expended at a rate higher than the level of the Senate and House of Representatives concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012. (By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 113), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4687, S4690–91**

Coburn Amendment No. 564, to require evidence of causal relationships for presumptions by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents. (By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4687, S4702–04**

Withdrawn:

Coburn (for McCain) Amendment No. 553, to eliminate the additional amount of \$10,000,000, not included in the President's budget request for fiscal year 2012, appropriated for the Department of Defense for planning and design for the Energy Conservation Investment Program. **Page S4687**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Johnson (SD), Inouye, Landrieu, Murray, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Tester, Leahy, Kirk, Hutchison, McConnell, Murkowski, Blunt, Hoeven, Coats, and Cochran. **Page S4712**

Cut, Cap, and Balance Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives H.R. 2560, to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget, it be ordered to be read twice and placed on the Calendar;

provided further, that when the Senate considers the motion to proceed to the bill, the time until 2:00 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the Majority controlling the next 30 minutes.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor and on the continuation of the national emergency blocking property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-14)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Walter Fitzgerald, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Messages from the House: **Page S4718**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:
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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—115) **Pages S4691, S4703-05**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4729.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERALS' CORPS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine providing legal services by members of the Judge Advocate Generals' Corps, after receiving testimony from Colonel Daniel J. Dell'Orto, JAGC, USA (Ret.), Chairman, and Lieutenant General Pete Osman, USMC (Ret.), Panel Member, both of the Independent Panel Review of Judge Advocate Requirements of the Department of the Navy, Lieutenant General Dana K. Chipman, JAGC, USA, Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, Vice Admiral James W. Houck, JAGC, USN, Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy, Lieutenant General Richard C. Harding, JAGC, USAF, Judge Advocate General of the United States Air Force, and Major General Vaughn A. Ary, USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine access to capital, focusing on fostering job creation and innovation through high-growth startups, after receiving testimony from Ted D. Zoller, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Elizabeth Conner Marchi, Frontier Angel Fund, LLC, Polson, Montana; and Robert F. Bargatze, Ligocyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Bozeman, Montana.

AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building American transportation infrastructure through innovative funding, after receiving testimony from Polly Trottenberg, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy; Stephen J. Bruno, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, Robert Dove, Carlyle Group, and T. Peter Ruane, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and J. Perry Offutt, Morgan Stanley and Co., LLC, New York, New York.

GULF OIL SPILL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine looking to the future, focusing on lessons in prevention, response, and restoration from the Gulf oil spill, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Paul F.

Zukunft, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; David M. Kennedy, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Grover Robinson, Escambia County Commissioner, Pensacola, Florida; R. Eugene Turner, Louisiana State University Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, Baton Rouge; Erik Milito, American Petroleum Institute (API), Washington, D.C.; and Jim Ayers, Ocean Conservancy, Juneau, Alaska.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER OIL SPILL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Yellowstone River oil spill, after receiving testimony from Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Cynthia L. Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; William Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner, Billings, Montana; Gary W. Pruessing, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, Washington, D.C.; and Scott McBurney, Laurel, Montana.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Mexico, and Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL REGULATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on S. 1030, to reform the regulatory process to ensure that small businesses are free to compete and to create jobs, S. 1189, to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules, consideration of the least burdensome regulatory alternative, S. 128, to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns, S. 299, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, S. 358, to codify and modify regulatory requirements of Federal agencies, S. 602, to require regulatory reform, S. 1338, to amend chapter 5 of title 31, United States Code, to establish the Office

of Regulatory Integrity within the Office of Management and Budget, and S. 1339, to provide for the compilation and reporting of participation data relating to Federal rulemaking, after receiving testimony from Senator Whitehouse; and Sally Katzen, former Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Susan E. Dudley, George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center, David Goldston, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Karen Harned, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Phyllis Nichamoff Segal, of Massachusetts, Lisa M. Quiroz, of New York, John D. Podesta, of the District of Columbia, Matthew Francis McCabe, of Pennsylvania, Marguerite W. Kondracke, of Tennessee, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, and Richard Christman, of Kentucky, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Dan Arvizu, of Colorado, Alan I. Leshner, of Maryland, and William Carl Lineberger, of Colorado, all to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Aaron Paul Dworkin, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 598, to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, focusing on assessing the impact of the Defense of Marriage Act on American families, after receiving testimony from Representatives John Lewis and Nadler; Tom Minnery, Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Joe Solmonese, Human Rights Campaign, Austin R. Nimocks, Alliance Defense Fund, and Edward Whelan, Ethics and Public Policy Center, all of Washington, D.C.; Evan Wolfson, Freedom to Marry, New York, New York; Ron Wallen, Indio, California; Andrew Sorbo, Cheshire, Connecticut; and Susan M. Murray, Ferrisburgh, Vermont.

COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine counternarcotics efforts in Afghanistan, focusing on future counternarcotics efforts in the country as United States troop levels are reduced in the coming

years, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Harrigan, Assistant Administrator and Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; William F. Wechsler, Deputy As-

sistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats; and Brian A. Nichols, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2494–2495, 2597–2604 and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 360–361 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 290, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–156);

H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes (H. Rept. 112–157);

H.R. 441, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–158);

H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–159, Pt. 1);

H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–160);

H.R. 643, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–161);

H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands (H. Rept. 112–162);

H.R. 686, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–163);

H.R. 765, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–164, Pt. 1);

H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–165);

H.R. 1022, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–166);

H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 112–167);

H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–168);

H.R. 2596, making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–169);

H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California (H. Rept. 112–170);

S. 266, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge (H. Rept. 112–171);

H. Res. 358, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1315) to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–172); and

H. Res. 359, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2551) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–173). **Page H5284**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5241**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5248**

Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV: The House passed H.R. 2553, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 611. **Pages H5251–66**

Rejected the Rahall 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 ye-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 610. **Pages H5264–65**

H. Res. 357, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 609, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 183 yeas, Roll No. 608. **Pages H5251, H5255–57**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003: H.J. Res. 66, amended, to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. **Pages H5266–69**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened at 6:35 p.m. **Page H5283**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former regime of Charles Taylor are to continue

in effect beyond July 22, 2011—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 112–45). **Page H5282**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5286.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5255–56, H5256–57, H5264–65 and H5265–66. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA ENERGY AND FORESTRY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Energy and Forestry Programs. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Tom Tidwell, Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Judy Canales, Administrator, Rural Business Cooperative Service; and Juan Garcia, Deputy Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a markup of legislation regarding the “SAFE DATA Act.” The bill was forwarded, as amended.

REGULATORY REFORM SERIES #5—FDA MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform Series #5—FDA Medical Device Regulation: Impact on American Patients, Innovation and Jobs.” Testimony was heard from Jeffrey E. Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2527, the “Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act”; H.R. 1751, the “CJ’s Home Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 2056, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution on failures, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1539, the “Asset-Backed Market Stabilization Act of 2011”. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2056 and H.R. 2527. The following were ordered

reported without amendment: H.R. 1751 and H.R. 1539.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 704, the “Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2011”; H.R. 1550, the “Federal Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Act of 2011”; H.R. 2076, the “Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011”; H.R. 963, the “See Something, Say Something Act of 2011”; H.R. 1059, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2552, the “Identity Theft Improvement Act of 2011”. H.R. 1550 was ordered reported, as amended. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 704, H.R. 2076, H.R. 963, H.R. 1059, and H.R. 2552.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 258, the “Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2011”; H.R. 461, the “South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act”; H.R. 473, the “HALE Scouts Act” or the “Help to Access Land for the Education of Scouts”; H.R. 795, the “Small-Scale Hydropower Enhancement Act of 2011”; H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District; H.R. 1158, the “Montana Mineral Conveyance Act”; H.R. 1258, the “Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma; H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe; and H.R. 2011, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2011”. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 241, H.R. 258, H.R. 461, H.R. 473, H.R. 795, H.R. 1158, and

H.R. 2011. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 818, H.R. 1258, H.R. 1421, and H.R. 1560.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1315, the “Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011.” The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the Rules Committee Print of H.R. 1316 dated July 14, 2011 and provides that the print shall be considered as read. 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 directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 1315, add the text of H.R. 830 as passed by the House as a new matter at the end of H.R. 1315. Testimony on H.R. 1315 was heard from the following: Rep. Capito, Rep. Frank of Massachusetts, Rep. Miller of North Carolina, Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas, and Rep. Chu.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1315, the “Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2551, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, FY 2012.” The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member or their designees may offer pro

forma amendments for the purpose of debate at any time. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony on H.R. 2551 was heard from the following: Rep. Crenshaw, Rep. Honda, Rep. Moran, Rep. Thompson of Pennsylvania, Rep. Watt, Rep. Gosar, Rep. Holt, Rep. Schweikert, Rep. Wasserman Schultz, and Rep. Altmire.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2383, the "Modernizing Notice to Claimants Act"; H.R. 2243, the "Veterans Employment Promotion Act"; H.R. 2388, the "Access to Timely Information Act"; and draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; John H. "Jack" Thompson, Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; Debra Filippi, Former Director, U.S. Department of Defense/U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Interagency Program Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Raymond T. Odierno, USA for reappointment to the grade of gen-

eral and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, and General William M. Fraser III, USAF for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine enhanced oversight after the financial crisis, focusing on the "Wall Street Reform Act" at one year, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine making our roads safer, focusing on reauthorization of the Motor Carrier Safety Programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and S. 917, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine legislative issues for transportation reauthorization, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine improving for-profit higher education, focusing on a roundtable discussion of policy solutions, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine floods and fires, focusing on emergency preparedness for natural disasters in the native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1231, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 27, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, S. 401, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 657, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, S. 409, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, S. 605, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I, S. 839, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, and the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Robert David Mariani, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Cathy Bissoon, and Mark Raymond Hornak, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Robert N. Scola, Jr., to

be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Clayton D. Johnson, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine reducing drug costs to Medicare, 2 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Title IV Nutrition Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing on Derivatives Reform: The View from Main Street, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup of legislation regarding the "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing to Address Bioterrorism, Controlled Substances and Public Health Issues." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, continue hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative." The hearing will continue to focus on legislation regarding the "Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011." 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on legislation regarding the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2012. 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 2096, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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