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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S175–S232

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2044–2052, and S. Res. 359–364. **Pages S207–08**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service (S. Rept. No. 112–143) **Page S207**

Measures Passed:

Commending Alan S. Frumin: Senate agreed to S. Res. 359, commending Alan S. Frumin on his service to the United States Senate. **Pages S200–01**

Hereditary Angioedema Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 286, recognizing May 16, 2012, as Hereditary Angioedema Awareness Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that more research and treatments are needed for Hereditary Angioedema, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S222**

Udall (CO) (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1495, to strike provisions relating to increased research. **Page S222**

National Stalking Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 360, raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2012 as ''National Stalking Awareness Month''. **Pages S222–24**

Congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 361, congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team for winning the 2011 Bowl Championship Series National Championship. **Pages S222–24**

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 362, designating the month of February 2012 as ''National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month''. **Pages S222–24**

Congratulating the Pittsburg State University Gorillas Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 363, congratulating the Pittsburg State University Gorillas football team for winning the 2011 NCAA Division II Football Championship. **Pages S222–24**

National Catholic Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 364, recognizing the goals of National Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. **Pages S222–24**

Measures Considered:

Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (Stock) Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S181–87, S187–S200, S201–02**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1470, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S181**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1482 (to Amendment No. 1470), to make a technical amendment to a reporting requirement. **Page S181**

Brown (OH) Amendment No. 1478 (to Amendment No. 1470), to change the reporting requirement to 10 days. **Pages S181, S182**

Brown (OH)/Merkley Amendment No. 1481 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit financial conflicts of interest by Senators and staff. **Pages S181, S182**

Toomey Amendment No. 1472 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit earmarks. **Pages S182, S197**

Thune Amendment No. 1477 (to Amendment No. 1470), to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D. **Page S183**

McCain Amendment No. 1471 (to Amendment No. 1470), to protect the American taxpayer by prohibiting bonuses for Senior Executives at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac while they are in conservatorship. **Pages S183–86**

Leahy/Cornyn Amendment No. 1483 (to Amendment No. 1470), to deter public corruption. **Pages S186–87**

Coburn Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs. **Pages S188–89**

Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 1474 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require that all legislation be placed online for 72 hours before it is voted on by the Senate or the House. **Pages S189–90**

Coburn Amendment No. 1476, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S190–92**

Paul Amendment No. 1484 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require Members of Congress to certify that they are not trading using material, non-public information. **Page S194**

Paul Amendment No. 1485 (to Amendment No. 1470), to apply the reporting requirements to Federal employees and judicial officers. **Page S194**

Paul Amendment No. 1487 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit executive branch appointees or staff holding positions that give them oversight, rule-making, loan or grant-making abilities over industries or companies in which they or their spouse have a significant financial interest. **Page S194**

DeMint Amendment No. 1488 (to Amendment No. 1470), to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should pass a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution that limits the number of terms a Member of Congress may serve. **Page S195**

Paul Amendment No. 1490 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require former Members of Congress to forfeit Federal retirement benefits if they work as a lobbyist or engage in lobbying activities. **Pages S199–S200**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 1, 2012. **Page S224**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

14 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S224–32**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S206**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S224.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine holding the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) accountable, focusing on a review of first semi-annual report, after receiving testimony from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

U.S. AND GLOBAL ENERGY OUTLOOK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States and global energy outlook for 2012, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Richard H. Jones, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; Roger Diwan, PFC Energy, Washington, D.C.; and James Burkhard, IHS CERA, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

EXTENDERS AND TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine extenders and tax reform, focusing on long-term solutions, after receiving testimony from Rosanne Altshuler, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Jason J. Fichtner, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Caroline L. Harris, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

VIDEO PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the ''Video Privacy Protection Act'', focusing on protecting viewer privacy in the 21st century, including H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, after receiving testimony from Representative Watt; David

Hyman, Netflix, Inc., Los Gatos, California; William McGeveran, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; and Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), and Christopher Wolf, Hogan Lovells US LLP, both of Washington, D.C.

WORLD THREAT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the world threat, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 7, 3839–3858; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 98 and H. Res. 531, were introduced. **Pages H218–19**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H220–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on January 30, 2012 as follows:

H.R. 3582, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–377, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 3578, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–378).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3575, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish joint resolutions on the budget, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–379) and

H.R. 3581, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–380 Pt. 1). **Pages H217–18**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H189**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H190**

FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system. **Page H192**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Mica, Petri, Duncan (TN), Graves (MO), Shuster, Schmidt, Cravaack, Rahall, DeFazio, Costello, Boswell, and Carnahan. **Page H192**

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of secs. 102, 105, 201, 202, 204, 208, 209, 212, 220, 321, 324, 326, 812, title X and title XIII of the House bill and secs. 102, 103, 106, 216, 301, 302, 309, 320, 327, title VI, and sec. 732 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hall, Palazzo, and Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX). **Page H192**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of title XI of the House bill and titles VIII and XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Camp, Tiberi and Levin. **Page H192**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m. **Page H192**

Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 522, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1173) to repeal the CLASS program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 12, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H192–99, H199–H200**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Pages H199–H200**

Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Michaud announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630. **Page H200**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H191–92.

Senate Referrals: S. 1236 was held at the desk and S. Con. Res. 34 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H216**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H200. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3521, the ''Expedited Legislative Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011.'' The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

MOLDOVA DEMOCRACY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a briefing on Moldova, focusing on democracy, after receiving testimony from H. E. Igor Munteanu, Ambassador of Moldova to the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Brazil, Chisinau, Moldova; and William H. Hill, National War College, and Matthew Rojansky, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Russia and Eurasia Program, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: To hold hearings to examine the outlook for the eurozone, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Ukraine, focusing on what's at stake for the United States and Europe, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine Federal retirement processing, focusing on ensuring proper and timely payments, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: To hold hearings to examine developing and strengthening high-growth entrepreneurship, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: To hold hearings to examine the United States-Caribbean Security Cooperation, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on the use of Afghan nationals to provide security to U.S. forces in light of attack on U.S. personnel at FOB Frontenac, Afghanistan in March 2011, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook'', 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Expanding Opportunities for Job Creation'', 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled ''Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future'', 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Reauthorization of PDUFA: What It Means for Jobs, Innovation, and Patients'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled ''Implementation of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 3461, the ''Financial Institutions Examination Fairness and Reform Act'', 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, markup of H.R. 3674, the ''Promoting and Enhancing Cybersecurity and Information Sharing Effectiveness Act of 2011'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing entitled ''Prior User Rights: Strengthening U.S. Manufacturing and Innovation'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 2469, the ''End Discriminatory State Taxes for Automobile Renters Act of 2011'', 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 3407, the ''Alaskan Energy for American Jobs Act''; H.R. 3408, the ''Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act''; and H.R. 3410, the ''Energy Security and Transportation Jobs Act'', 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Uncharted Territory: What are the Consequences of President Obama's Unprecedented 'Recess' Appointments?'', 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3578, the ''Baseline Reform Act of 2011'' and H.R. 3582, the ''Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2011'', 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled ''Fractured Science—Examining EPA's Approach to Ground Water Research: The Pavillion Analysis'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Path to Job Creation: The State of American Small Businesses'', 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Examining VA's Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor Contract'', 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures hearing on Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and Harbor Maintenance Tax, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conference: Meeting of conferees on H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, 10 a.m., HVC–201.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2038, Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 1

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 3835—To extend the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal Employees; (2) H. Res. 496—Adjusting the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress; and (3) H.R. 3567—Welfare Integrity Now for Children and Families Act of 2011, as amended. Consideration of H.R. 1173—Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act (Subject to a Rule).

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