

HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND AND HARBOR MAINTENANCE TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a joint hearing on the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and the Harbor Maintenance Tax. Testimony was heard from Mike Strain, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FAA AIR TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system.

TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX CUT CONTINUATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve 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, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, February 2nd.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D27)

H.R. 3800, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. Signed on January 31, 2012. (Public Law 112-91)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Human Rights Act of 2012”, and an original bill entitled, “Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: To hold hearings to examine the budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2012–2022, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine innovations in college affordability, 10:20 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: To hold hearings to examine S. 1739, to provide for the use and distribution of judgment funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, S. 356, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and S. 908, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, S. 1945, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, and the nominations of Paul J. Watford, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Dennis J. Erby, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Anuj Chang Desai, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, both of the 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.

House

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of the U.S. Economy”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Labor and Pensions, hearing entitled “Examining the Challenges Facing PBGC and Defined Benefit Pension Plans”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Collapse of MF Global: Part 2”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ahmadinejad’s Tour of Tyrants and Iran’s Agenda in the Western Hemisphere”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Post-Election Democratic Republic of Congo”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled “Contingent Fees and Conflicts of Interest in State AG Enforcement of Federal Law”, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fast and Furious: Management Failures at the Department of Justice”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “The Future

of the Family Farm: The Effect of Proposed DOL Regulations on Small Business Producers”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing on legislation regarding the “American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act”, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Lowering the Rate of Unemployment for the National Guard”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the accuracy and uses of the Social

Security Administration’s Death Master File, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “World Threats”, 10 a.m., HVC-210. This hearing will begin as an open hearing and move to a closed hearing in HVC-304.

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.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through January 31, 2012

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	11	12	..
Time in session	31 hrs., 15'	26 hrs., 15'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	232	222	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	102	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	..	1	1
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	2	2	..
Measures passed, total	19	16	35
Senate bills	3	..	..
House bills	3	7	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	1	1	..
Simple resolutions	11	7	..
Measures reported, total	39	20	59
Senate bills	37	1	..
House bills	2	16	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	..	3	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	224	14	..
Measures introduced, total	37	120	157
Bills	21	91	..
Joint resolutions	2	3	..
Concurrent resolutions	1	3	..
Simple resolutions	13	23	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	3	10	..
Recorded votes .....	..	1	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through January 31, 2012

Civilian nominations, totaling 208 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	1	
Unconfirmed	203	
Withdrawn	4	
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 167 (including 167 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed	167	
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,116 (including 295 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed	1,116	
Army nominations, totaling 622 (including 16 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed	622	
Navy nominations, totaling 13 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed	13	
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 864, disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed	864	
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	667	
Total nominations received this Session	2,323	
Total confirmed	1	
Total unconfirmed	2,985	
Total withdrawn	4	
Total returned to the White House	0	

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 41 reports have been filed in the Senate, 20 reports have been filed in the House.