Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4281, Surface Transportation Extension Act.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2187–S2285

Measures Introduced: Thirty-four bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2250–2283, S. Res. 411–417, and S. Con. Res. 37. **Pages S2242–43**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2297, to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia. (S. Rept. No. 112–154)

S. 2159, to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program through fiscal year 2017, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2242**

Measures Passed:

Surface Transportation Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 4281, 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. **Pages S2209–12**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 38, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S2275**

Southwest Waterfront in the District of Columbia: Senate passed H.R. 2297, to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2275–76**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1998, to deauthorize a portion of the project for navigation of the Corps of Engineers at Potomac River, Washington Channel, District of Columbia. **Pages S2275–76**

Baha'i Minority in Iran: Senate agreed to S. Res. 80, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2276**

Reid (for Paul) Amendment No. 1999, of a perfecting nature. **Page S2276**

People of Tibet: Senate agreed to S. Res. 356, expressing support for the people of Tibet. **Pages S2276–78**

Journalists and Freedom of the Press in Syria: Senate agreed to S. Res. 391, condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria. **Page S2278**

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit: Senate agreed to S. Res. 395, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Chicago, Illinois, from May 20 through 21, 2012. **Pages S2279–80**

Promoting Peace in Sudan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 397, promoting peace and stability in Sudan, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2280–82**

University of North Carolina at Pembroke 125th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 414, commemorating the 125th anniversary of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. **Page S2282**

National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 415, designating April 4, 2012, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day". **Page S2282**

Parkinson's Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 416, supporting the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month. **Page S2282**

Measures Considered:

Paying a Fair Share Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2230, to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers. **Pages S2188–99, S2223–24**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 29, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, April 16, 2012, when the Senate resumes legislative session immediately following the vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Stephanie Dawn Thacker, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Pages S2223–24**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2012. **Page S2283**

Oil Tax Subsidies: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2204, to eliminate unnecessary tax subsidies and promote renewable energy and energy conservation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Page S2199**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1968, to change the enactment date. **Page S2199**

Reid Amendment No. 1969 (to Amendment No. 1968), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2199**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1970, to change the enactment date. **Page S2199**

Reid Amendment No. 1971 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1970), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2199**

Reid Amendment No. 1972 (to Amendment No. 1971), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2199**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 63), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2199**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Thursday, March 29, 2012 through Monday, April 16, 2012, the Majority Leader, Senator Webb and Senator Rockefeller be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S2282**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S2282**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, March 29, 2012, it convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, April 2, 2012 at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 11 a.m., Monday, April 9, 2012 at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 2 p.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Thursday, April 12, 2012 until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2012, unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 38, and if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012, under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 38. **Page S2283**

Thacker Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Stephanie Dawn Thacker, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S2275**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Phyllis Nichamoff Segal, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2013.

Lisa M. Quiroz, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2014.

Marguerite W. Kondracke, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2014.

Richard Christman, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for the remainder of the term expiring October 6, 2012.

Thomas M. Harrigan, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years from September 26, 2010.

Deepa Gupta, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

Anuj Chang Desai, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for the term expiring September 30, 2011.

Anuj Chang Desai, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for the term expiring September 30, 2014.

Dennis J. Erby, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Kathleen Kerrigan, of Massachusetts, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for the term of fifteen years.

Christopher Merrill, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term expiring December 27, 2018.

Gregory K. Davis, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years.

Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Charles DeWitt McConnell, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs).

Stephanie Orlando, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for the remainder of the term expiring September 17, 2011.

Stephanie Orlando, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2014.

Bruce J. Sherrick, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Chester John Culver, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years from September 26, 2011.

David T. Danielson, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Justice.

Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Eduardo Arriola, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2016.

J. Kelly Ryan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 20, 2012.

James R. Hannah, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

Daniel J. Becker, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

Catherine Allgor, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2014.

David J. McMillan, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Wenona Singel, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Michael James Warren, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2014.

Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Alastair M. Fitzpayne, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Gary Blumenthal, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

Earl W. Gast, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Elizabeth M. Cousens, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America on the

Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Elizabeth M. Cousens, of Washington, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Wendy M. Spencer, of Florida, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Gina K. Abercrombie-Winstanley, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Julissa Reynoso, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Robert E. Whitehead, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Thomas Hoenig, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of six years.

Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Anne Claire Richard, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Tara D. Sonenshine, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Margaret Ann Sherry, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization.

Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

Phyllis Marie Powers, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua.

William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Jacob Walles, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Tunisian Republic.

Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to India.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program. (Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Jeremiah O'Hear Norton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring July 15, 2013.

Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick A. Miles, Jr., of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Danny Chappelle Williams, Sr., of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Patrick J. Wilkerson, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Patricia K. Falcone, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Douglas M. Griffiths, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Maria Rosario Jackson, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016. **Page S2283**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—63) Page S2199

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 38, at 6:26 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2012 (Unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that the House has adopted S. Con. Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution. And if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2012.) (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2283.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, who were both introduced by Senator Reed, Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, who was introduced by Representative Hoyer, Jessica Lynn Wright, of Pennsylvania, and Katharina G. McFarland, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Heidi Shyu, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Jeremiah O'Hear Norton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, and Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, both of the Department of the Treasury.

SAFE AND EFFICIENT MOBILE PAYMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing the framework for safe and efficient mobile payments, after receiving testimony from Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Kenneth C. Montgomery, First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

FUEL PRICE TRENDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current and near-term future price expectations and trends for motor gasoline and other refined petroleum fuels, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Daniel Yergin, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, and Frank A. Verrastro, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), both of Washington, D.C.; and Paul Horsnell, Barclays, London, United Kingdom.

NIGERIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Nigeria, focusing on security, governance, and trade, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Sharon Cromer, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Paul Marin, Regional Director, Sub-Saharan Africa, U.S. Trade and Development Agency.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine contractors, focusing on how much they are costing the government, after receiving testimony from Jay D. Aronowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Force Management, Manpower and Resources, Department of Defense; Debra M. Tomchek, Executive Director, Balanced Workforce Program Management Office, Department of Homeland Security; and Charles D. Grimes III, Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) user fee agreements, focusing on strengthening FDA and the medical products industry for the benefit of patients, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, and Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, both of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and David E. Wheadon, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Sara Radcliffe, Biotechnology Industry Organization, David R. Gaugh, Generic Pharmaceutical Association, David Nexon, Advanced Medical Technology Association, and Allan Coukell, Pew Health Group, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2159, to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program through fiscal year 2017, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Gregory K. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Department of Justice.

FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2219, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, after receiving testimony from Fred Wertheimer, Democracy 21, Washington, D.C.; David Keating, Center for Competitive Politics, Alexandria, Virginia; and Richard L. Hasen, University of California Irvine School of Law.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Karen G. Mills, Administrator, Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, and Winslow Sargeant, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Office of Advocacy, all of the Small Business Administration; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Ridgely Evers, SCORE, Healdsburg, California; Christopher G. Hurn, Mercantile Capital Corporation, Orlando, Florida; and Anthony Wilkinson, National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 4295–4343; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 107; H. Con. Res. 115; and H. Res. 602–611, were introduced. **Pages H1803–05**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1807–08**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2309, to restore the financial solvency of the United States Postal Service and to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–363, Pt. 2). **Page H1803**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bass (NH) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1743**

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 4281, 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 147. **Pages H1751–62**

H. Res. 600, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 146. **Pages H1744–51**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on March 27th:

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012: H.R. 4239, amended, 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. **Pages H1775–76**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the ordering of the yeas and nays on the motion that the House suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4239, as amended, be vacated to the end that the Chair put the question de novo. **Pages H1775–76**

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 112, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 151. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, March 28th. **Pages H1762–75, H1776–95**

Rejected:

Honda amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–423) that was debated yesterday that sought to provide for deficit reduction and job creation that protects the social safety net (by a recorded vote of 78 ayes to 346 noes, Roll No. 148); **Pages H1762–63**

Garrett amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–423) that sought to make reforms to several federal programs, freeze spending at $931 billion until the federal budget is balanced, and balance the budget by 2017 (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 285 noes with 3 answering ''present'', Roll No. 149); and **Pages H1763–75**

Van Hollen amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–423) that sought to emphasize job creation, protect Medicare beneficiaries, and end additional tax breaks for special interests and the wealthiest Americans by including a number of job-creation initiatives, preserving the Medicare guarantee, and extending tax relief for the middle-class. Would also have set discretionary spending at the Budget Control Act levels and use alternative savings to replace that law's future sequesters (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 150). **Pages H1776–89**

H. Res. 597, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to yesterday, March 28th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, March 30th; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3rd; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 6th; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10th; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 13th; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16th. **Page H1795**

Public Interest Declassification Board—Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed Mr. David E. Skaggs of Longmont, Colorado to the Public Interest Declassification Board. **Page H1795**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1795.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1751, H1761–62, H1762, H1775, H1788–89, and H1794–95. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS—SECURITY CHALLENGES IN LATIN AMERICA

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Security Challenges in Latin America. Testimony was heard from Kevin Whitaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Mark Feierstein, USAID Assistant Administrator for Latin American and the Caribbean Bureau.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS—DOT AND HUD MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Management Issues. Testimony was heard from Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; David Montoya, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Phillip Herr, Government Accountability Office; Mathew Scire, Government Accountability Office; and Valerie Melvin, Government Accountability Office.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Intelligence Community. This was a closed hearing.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Issues for Public Witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS—PACIFIC COMMAND/KOREA

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request Pacific Command/Korea. Testimony was heard from Admiral Samuel Locklear, PACOM Commander; and General James Thurman, U.S. Forces Korea.

U.S. NAVAL VESSEL ACQUISITION PROGRAM—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on oversight of U.S. Naval Vessel Acquisition Programs and Force Structure of the Department of the Navy in the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Sean Stackley, USN, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Vice Admiral Terry Blake, USN, Deputy Chief Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N–8); Lieutenant General Richard Mills, Deputy Commander for Combat Development and Integration; and public witnesses.

PRICE OF ENERGY SECURITY: FROM BATTLEFIELDS TO BASES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on What is the Price of Energy Security: from Battlefields to Bases. Testimony was heard from Sharon Burke, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy, Department of Defense; Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army

Installations, Energy, and the Environment; Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment; Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics; and Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment.

BALANCING PRIVACY AND INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''Balancing Privacy and Innovation: Does the President's Proposal Tip the Scale?''. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communication and Information, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau''. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ASSESSING CHINA'S ROLE AND INFLUENCE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled ''Assessing China's Role and Influence in Africa''. Testimony was heard from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Carolyn Bartholomew, Commissioner, United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT HOMELAND SECURITY'S OFFICE OF HEALTH AFFAIRS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled ''The Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Department Homeland Security's Office of Health Affairs''. Testimony was heard

from Alexander Garza, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs,

Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 1946, the "Preserving Our Hometown Independent Pharmacies Act of 2011". Testimony was heard from Rich Feinstein, Director of the Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1917, the "Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2011"; H.R. 1960, the "North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act 2011"; and H.R. 3074, the "Cormorant Management and Natural Resources Protection Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson and Klein (MN); Jerome Ford, Assistant Director for Migratory Birds, Fish and Wildlife Service; Jimmy Anthony, Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Robert Ellis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Wildlife Resources, Virginia Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1241, the "Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area Establishment Act"; H.R. 1818, the "Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2011"; H.R. 2984, the "Maine Coastal Islands Wilderness Act of 2011"; and H.R. 4234, the "Grazing Improvement Act of 2012". Testimony was heard from Representative Luján; Leslie A. C. Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

SECURITY POLICY JEOPARDIZING USAID RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND PERSONNEL IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled "Are Changes in Security Policy Jeopardizing USAID Reconstruction Projects and Personnel in Afghanistan?". Testimony was heard from Steven Trent, Acting Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and J. Alexander Their, Assistant to the Administrator for the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, USAID.

FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH: EXAMINING PUBLIC ACCESS AND SCHOLARLY PUBLICATION INTERESTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Federally Funded Research: Examining Public Access and Scholarly Publication Interests". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4142, the "American Heroes COLA Act"; H.R. 4114, the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012"; H.R. 2051, the "Veterans Missing in America Act of 2011"; H.R. 2498, the "Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act"; H.R. 2377, the "Rating and Processing Individuals' Disability Claims Act"; H.R. 2717, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one city in the United States each year as an 'American World War II City', and for other purposes; and H.R. 4168, the "Caring for the Fallen Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Guinta; Frank (MA); McIntyre; and Donnelly; Colonel Thomas Moe, Director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services; Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; Thomas Murphy, Director of Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and public witnesses.

INDIVIDUAL AND EMPLOYER MANDATES IN THE DEMOCRATS' HEALTH CARE LAW

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on individual and employer mandates in the Democrats' health care law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in pro forma session.

Unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that the House has adopted S. Con. Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution. And if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2012.

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