

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1925, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, as amended.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2745–S2890*

**Measures Introduced:** One hundred thirty-eight bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2370–2507, S. Res. 440–446, and S. Con. Res. 42–43. **Pages S2821–24**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2375, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–163)

S. 2465, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–164)

H.R. 1016, to measure the progress of relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010.

S. Res. 401, expressing appreciation for Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals who represent the United States around the globe.

S. 2224, to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria. **Page S2819**

#### Measures Passed:

**Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act:** By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 87), Senate passed S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, after withdrawing the committee-reported substitute amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2745–57, S2761–99**

#### Adopted:

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2093, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2772–89, S2798**

#### Rejected:

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 84), Klobuchar Amendment No. 2094 (to Amendment No. 2093),

to provide Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S2795–96**

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 85), Cornyn Amendment No. 2086 (to Amendment No. 2093), to amend title 18 of the United States Code and other provisions of law to strengthen provisions of the Violence Against Women Act and improve justice for crime victims. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S2789–92, S2796–97**

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 86), Hutchison Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2093), in the nature of a substitute. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S2792–95, S2797–98**

**Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the “Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building”. **Page S2885**

**Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 1423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the “Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office”. **Page S2885**

**John J. Cook Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2079, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the “John J. Cook Post Office”. **Page S2885**

**Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2213, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the “Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office”. **Page S2885**

**Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2244, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the “Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office”. **Page S2885**

**Tomball Veterans Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2660, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the “Tomball Veterans Post Office”. **Page S2886**

**William T. Trant Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 2767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the “William T. Trant Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the “Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the “Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3248, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Public Service Recognition Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 419, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition week. **Page S2886**

**National Youth Traffic Safety Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 441, expressing support for the

designation of May 2012 as National Youth Traffic Safety Month. **Page S2887**

**Arbor Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 442, celebrating the 140th anniversary of Arbor Day. **Page S2887**

**Honoring the Life of Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, honoring the life and legacy of Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman. **Page S2887**

**National Physical Education and Sport Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2012, as “National Physical Education and Sport Week”. **Pages S2887–88**

**Silver Star Service Banner Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2012, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”. **Page S2888**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S2888**

#### Measures Considered:

**Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2343, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans. **Pages S2799–S2807**

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, April 26, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at 12 p.m., on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. **Page S2799**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2799**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Thursday, April 26, 2012 through Monday, May 7, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S2888**

**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.

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**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn and convene for pro forma session 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 30, 2012, at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday May 3, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., and that the Senate adjourn on Thursday, May 3, 2012, until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012, unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 43, which will be the adjournment resolution, and if the Senate has received such message, the Senate adjourn until Monday, May 7, 2012, at 2 p.m., under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 43.

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**Nguyen, Baker, and Lee Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012, Senate will begin consideration of the following nominations: Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Kristine Gerhard Baker, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and John Z. Lee, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; 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 nominations in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 83), Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

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David Campos Guaderrama, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2014.

Adam E. Namm, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

Mary B. Verner, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2012.

Mary B. Verner, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2015.

Susan A. Maxman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2012.

Susan A. Maxman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2015.

Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

James T. Ryan, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2013.

James Timberlake, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2014.

Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Judith D. Singer, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2014.

Bonnie L. Bassler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Hirokazu Yoshikawa, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

David James Chard, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2012.

Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2018.

Deborah S. Delisle, of South Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
 12 Army nominations in the rank of general.  
 19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2807–09**

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

Sean Sullivan, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2015.

Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, and Public Health Service. **Pages S2888–90**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2013, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2011.

Matthew J. Bryza, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan (Recess Appointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011.

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—87) **Pages S2761, S2796–97, S2799**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 43, at 7:13 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012 (Unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that the House has adopted S. Con. Res. 43, Adjournment Resolution. And if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012.) (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2888.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2012”.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 2375) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013; and

An original bill (S. 2465) making appropriations for Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathleen H. Hicks, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps acquisition programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 2,894 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals in the Department of Housing and

Urban Development's fiscal year 2013 budget, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

#### **WEATHER RELATED ELECTRICAL OUTAGES**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine weather related electrical outages, after receiving testimony from Senator Blumenthal; Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Norman C. Bay, Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Thomas B. Getz, former New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Chairman, Concord; and John Bilda, General Manager of Norwich Public Utilities, Norwich, Connecticut.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Adam E. Sieminski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, Marcilynn A. Burke, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Anthony T. Clark, of North Dakota, and John Robert Norris, of Iowa, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

#### **IMPROVING TAXPAYER EXPERIENCE**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax filing season, focusing on improving the taxpayer experience, after receiving testimony from James R. White, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Beth Tucker, Deputy Commissioner, Operations Support, and Teresa Thompson, Local Taxpayer Advocate for the State of Montana, Taxpayer Advocate Service, both of the Internal Revenue Service; and Troy K. Lewis, Lewis and Associates, CPAs, LLC, Draper, Utah.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 435, calling for democratic change in Syria, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2224, to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria;

H.R. 1016, to measure the progress of relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010;

S. Res. 401, expressing appreciation for Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals who represent the United States around the globe, an original resolution calling for democratic change in Syria; and

The nominations of Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Mi-

chael A. Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, and Makila James, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, all of the Department of State, and lists in the Foreign Service.

#### **BURMA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States policy on Burma, after receiving testimony from Joseph Y. Yun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Nisha Biswal, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, United States Agency for International Development; Adam J. Szubin, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and David I. Steinberg, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Karl D. Jackson, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and Peter M. Manikas, National Democratic Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

#### **BIOLOGICAL SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine biological security, focusing on the risk of dual-use research, after receiving testimony from Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Paul S. Keim, Acting Chair, National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity, both of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel M. Gerstein, Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; and Tom Inglesby, Center for Biosecurity of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland.

#### **FINANCIAL LITERACY**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine financial literacy, focusing on empowering Americans to prevent the next financial crisis, after receiving testimony from Melissa Koide, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Office of Financial Access, Education, and Consumer Protection; Camille Busette, Assistant Director, Office of Financial Education, Division of Consumer Education and Engagement, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Sheila Bair, former Chairman, United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Pew Charitable Trusts, and Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Brigitte Madrian,

Harvard Kennedy School, Boston, Massachusetts; Sharra R. Jones, Laurel, Mississippi; and Michael Martin, and Evan K. Richards, both of Baltimore, Maryland.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael P. Shea, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Gonzalo P. Curiel, to be United States

District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Robert J. Shelby, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Coral Wong Pietsch, of Hawaii, and Margaret Bartley, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 148 public bills, H.R. 4817–4964; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 634 were introduced. **Pages H2203–06**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2211–12**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:  
H.R. 4257, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–455).  
**Page H2203**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Flores to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2137**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2144**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on April 24th:

**Lowell National Historical Park Land Exchange Act of 2012:** H.R. 2240, amended, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and **Page H2156**

**Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act:** H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho. **Page H2186**

**Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act:** The House passed H.R. 3523, to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence commu-

nity and cybersecurity entities, by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 192.

**Pages H2147–56, H2156–86**

Rejected the Perlmutter motion to recommit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeand-nay vote of 183 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 191.

**Pages H2184–86**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–20 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill. **Page H2166**

Agreed by unanimous consent that, during further consideration of H.R. 3523 pursuant to H. Res. 631, amendments No. 10 and No. 5 in H. Rept. 112–454 may be considered out of sequence.

**Page H2175**

Agreed to:

Pompeo amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that makes clear in the bill's liability provision that the reference to the use of cybersecurity systems is the use of such systems to identify and obtain cyber threat information; **Page H2169**

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that adds a requirement to include a list of all Federal agencies receiving information shared with the Government in the report by the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community required under the legislation; **Page H2173**

Pompeo amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that clarifies that nothing in the bill would alter existing authorities or provide new authority to any Federal agency, including DOD, NSA,

DHS or the Intelligence Community to install, employ, or otherwise use cybersecurity systems on private sector networks;  
**Page H2173**

Woodall amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that ensures that those who choose not to participate in the voluntary program authorized by this bill are not subject to new liabilities;  
**Pages H2173–74**

Turner amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that makes a technical correction to definitions in section 2(g) to provide consistency with other cyber security policies within the Executive branch and the Department of Defense;  
**Pages H2175–76**

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that makes clear that regulatory information already required to be provided remains FOIAable under current law (by a recorded vote of 412 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 185);  
**Pages H2169–70, H2180**

Quayle amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that limits government use of shared cyber threat information to only 5 purposes: 1) cybersecurity; 2) investigation and prosecution of cybersecurity crimes; 3) protection of individuals from the danger of death or physical injury; 4) protection of minors from physical or psychological harm; and 5) protection of the national security of the United States (by a recorded vote of 410 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 186);  
**Pages H2170–71, H2180–81**

Amash amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that prohibits the Federal Government from using, inter alia, library records, firearms sales records, and tax returns that it receives from private entities under CISPA (by a recorded vote of 415 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 187);  
**Pages H2171–72, H2181**

Mulvaney amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that provides clear authority to the Government to create reasonable procedures to protect privacy and civil liberties, consistent with the need of the Government to protect Federal systems and cybersecurity. Also prohibits the Federal Government from retaining or using information shared pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) for anything other than a use permitted under paragraph (c)(1) (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 188);  
**Pages H2172–73, H2181–82**

Goodlatte amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that narrows definitions in the bill regarding what information may be identified, obtained, and shared (by a recorded vote of 414 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 189); and  
**Pages H2174–75, H2182–83**

Mulvaney amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that sunsets the provisions of the

bill five years after the date of enactment (by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 190).  
**Pages H2176, H2183**

Rejected:

Richardson amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that sought to make explicit that nothing in the legislation would prohibit a department or agency of the Federal Government from providing cyber threat information to owners and operators of critical infrastructure and  
**Pages H2177–79**

Langevin amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that sought to expand eligibility to participate in the voluntary information sharing program created in the bill to include critical infrastructure owners and operators, which allows entities that are not entirely privately owned, such as airports, utilities, and public transit systems, to receive vital cybersecurity information and better secure their networks against cyber threats (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 184).  
**Pages H2167–69, H2179**

Withdrawn:

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have authorized the Secretary to intercept and deploy countermeasure with regard to system traffic for cybersecurity purposes in effect identification of cybersecurity risks to Federal systems.  
**Pages H2176–77**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.  
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Agreed that in the engrossment of H.R. 3523, the Clerk be authorized to make the change that was placed at the desk.  
**Page H2186**

H. Res. 631, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3523) and (H.R. 4628), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 183, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 182.  
**Pages H2147–56**

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

*Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012:* H.R. 4257, amended, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security.  
**Pages H2187–92**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2144.

**Senate Referral:** S. 1789 was held at the desk.  
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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2155–56, H2156, H2179, H2180, H2180–81, H2181, H2182, H2182–83, H2183, H2185, H2186. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **FORMULATION OF THE 2012 FARM BILL: CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Conservation Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FORMULATION OF THE 2012 FARM BILL: DAIRY PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Dairy Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup of Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and

for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

### **PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

### **THE NORTH-SOUTH SUDAN CONFLICT 2012**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “The North-South Sudan Conflict 2012”. Testimony was heard from Princeton Lyman, Special Envoy for Sudan, Department of State; Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary of State, Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and Nancy Lindborg, USAID Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a markup of H. Res. 526, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect toward the establishment of a democratic and prosperous Republic of Georgia and the establishment of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict with Georgia’s internationally recognized borders. H. Res. 526 was forwarded without amendment.

### **NATO: THE CHICAGO SUMMIT AND U.S. POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing entitled “NATO: The Chicago Summit and U.S. Policy”. Testimony was heard from Tina S. Kaidanow, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; James Townsend, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

## IRANIAN CYBER THREAT TO THE U.S. HOMELAND

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure, Protection, and Security Technologies held a joint hearing entitled “Iranian Cyber Threat to the U.S. Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ENSURING THE EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND TRANSPARENCY OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Transparency of Homeland Security Grants (Part II): Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from Jim Davis, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety; Bryan Koon, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management; Hui-Shan L. Walker, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Hampton, Virginia; Judson Freed, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Ramsey County, Minnesota; Richard Daddario, Deputy Commissioner, Counterterrorism Bureau, New York City Police Department; Robert M. Maloney, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Baltimore, Maryland; Hank C. Clemmensen, Palatine Rural Fire Protection District; and public witnesses.

## INTERNATIONAL PATENT ISSUES: PROMOTING A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR AMERICAN INDUSTRY ABROAD

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “International Patent Issues: Promoting a Level Playing Field for American Industry Abroad”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AMENDMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing entitled “Victims’ Rights Amendment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## INCREASED ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Increased Electricity Costs for American Families and Small Businesses: The Potential Impacts of the Chu Memorandum”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 4381, the “Planning for American Energy Act”; H.R. 4382, the “Providing Leasing Certainty for American Energy Act”; H.R. 4383, the “Streamlining Permitting of American Energy Act”; H.R. 4402, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012”; H.R. 1192, the “Soda Ash Royalty Extension, Job Creation, and Export Enhancement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2176, the “Clean Energy Promotion Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Amodei and Lummis; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup to amend title 5, United States Code, to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013; H.R. 2008, the “Keeping Politics Out of Federal Contracting Act of 2011”; H.R. 3609, the “Taxpayers Right to Know Act”; H.R. 4078, the “Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act”; and H.R. 4607, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on midnight rules during a President’s final days in office, and for other purposes. The following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2008; H.R. 4607; and S. 1302. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4078; H.R. 3609; and recommendations to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

## NASA AERONAUTICS RESEARCH MISSION DIRECTORATE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the NASA Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”. Testimony was heard from Jalwon Shin, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Marion Blakey, Chair, Aeronautics Committee, NASA Advisory Council; and public witnesses.

## SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATORS: ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF ENERGY SOLUTIONS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Small Business Innovators: On the Cutting Edge of

Energy Solutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**REGULATION OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY: ENSURING U.S. JOB GROWTH WHILE IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL AND WORKER SAFETY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Regulation of the Maritime Industry: Ensuring U.S. Job Growth While Improving Environmental and Worker Safety”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, United States Coast Guard; James Hanlon, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

**EXPIRING TAX PROVISIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Expiring Tax Provisions”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Brady (TX); Jenkins, Davis (KY); Herger; Schock; Welch; Bilbray; Black (TN); Pierluisi; Bass (NH); Campbell; Braley (IA); McGovern; Grimm; King (IA); Costa; McDermott; Latham; Christensen; Herrera Beutler; Deutch; Reed; Blumenauer; Pompeo; Boren; and Riechert.

***Joint Meetings***

**GAS PRICES IN THE NORTHEAST**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine gas prices in the Northeast, focusing on the potential impact on the American consumer due to loss of refining capacity, after receiving testimony from Diana L. Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Bob Greco, American Petroleum Institute (API), and Michael Greenstone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas D. O’Malley, PBF Energy, Parsippany, New Jersey.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 4094, the “Preserving Access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act”; and a hearing entitled “Access Denied: Turning Away Visitors to National Parks”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* Full Committee, markup of the following measures: H.R. 4072, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2012”; H.R. 4114, the “Veterans” Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”; H.R. 4482, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent home loan guaranty programs for veterans regarding adjustable rate mortgages and hybrid adjustable rate mortgages; H.R. 4201, the “Servicemember Family Protection Act”; and H.R. 3670, to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, 9:45 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Medicare Premium Support Proposals”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Monday, April 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, April 27

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. 43, Adjournment Resolution. And if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012.

House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the Rules: 1) H.R. 2096—Cybersecurity Enhancement Act, as amended and 2) H.R. 3834—Advancing America's Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2012. Consideration of H.R. 4628—Interest Rate Reduction Act (Subject to a Rule).

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