Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7 to 3, an open rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. Under the Rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, until the adoption of a conference report on the budget resolution, the allocations of spending authority printed in Tables 11 and 12 of the Budget Committee report accompanying the House-passed budget resolution shall be considered to be the allocations under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Finally, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported on May 10, 2012, providing for consideration or disposition of any measure reported by the Committee on the Budget relating to section 201 of House Concurrent Resolution 112. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf and Fattah.

# *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing on the Defense Clandestine Service in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR–232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine expanding refinancing opportunities to improve the housing market, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark J. Mazur, of New Jersey, and Matthew S. Rutherford, of Illinois, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Meredith M. Broadbent, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference:* meeting of conferees on H.R. 4348, 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, and for other purposes, 3 p.m., SH–216.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

### Week of May 8 through May 11, 2012

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday,* at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2343, Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed at 12 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 9, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD–138.

May 9, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Central Command and Africa Command Programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC–217.

May 9, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine expanding broadband access, promoting innovation, and protecting consumers in a communications revolution, focusing on fiscal year 2013 resource needs for the Federal Communications Commission, 3:30 p.m., SD–138.

May 10, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Pacific Command Programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Armed Services:* May 8, to receive a closed briefing on the Defense Clandestine Service in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

May 8, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR–232A.

May 10, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine current readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization request

for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR–232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* May 8, to hold hearings to examine expanding refinancing opportunities to improve the housing market, 10 a.m., SD–538.

May 9, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on the need for long-term reauthorization and reform, 10 a.m., SD–538.

May 9, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine limiting Federal support for financial institutions, 2 p.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* May 9, to hold hearings to examine the need for privacy protections, focusing on perspectives from the Administration and the Federal Trade Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

May 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia K. Falcone, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Marietta S. Robinson, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, and Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., of Maryland, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* May 10, to hold hearings to examine S. 2374, to amend the Helium Act to ensure the expedient and responsible draw-down of the Federal Helium Reserve in a manner that protects the interests of private industry, the scientific, medical, and industrial communities, commercial users, and Federal agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Finance:* May 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark J. Mazur, of New Jersey, and Matthew S. Rutherford, of Illinois, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Meredith M. Broadbent, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 10 a.m., SD–215.

May 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Medicare physician payments, focusing on understanding the past so we can envision the future, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 10, to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on Chicago and beyond, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* May 10, to hold hearings to examine helping the middle class balance work and family, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* May 9, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph G. Jordan, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SD–342.

May 9, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine building and maintaining an effective human resource workforce in the Federal government, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 9, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, 10 a.m., SD–226.

May 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Paul William Grimm, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, John E. Dowdell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Mark E. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

May 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2276, to permit Federal officers to remove cases involving crimes of violence to Federal court, S. 2554, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2017, and the nominations of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman, James Xavier Dempsey, of California, Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* May 8, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

May 9, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture:* May 8, Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture, hearing entitled ''Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Specialty Crop and Nutrition Programs'', 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 10, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit, hearing entitled ''Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Credit Programs'', 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 8, Subcommittee on Defense, markup of Defense Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 10 a.m. This is a closed hearing.

May 8, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, markup of Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 11:30 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

May 9, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, markup of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 10:15 a.m., H–140, Capitol.

May 9, Subcommittee State and Foreign Operations, markup of State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 11 a.m., H–140, Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* May 9, Full Committee, 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 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* May 8, Subcommittee on Health, markup of legislation to reauthorize under fee programs for prescription drugs and medical devices, established under fee programs for generic drugs and biosimilars, and reform FDA programs, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 4273, the ''Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012''; and Discussion Draft of the ''Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012'', 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled ''Budget and Spending Concerns at HHS'', 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* May 8, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled ''Improving the Federal Reserve System: Examining Legislation to Reform the Fed and Other Alternatives'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled ''Rising Regulatory Compliance Costs and Their Impact on the Health of Small Financial Institutions'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration's Reverse Mortgage Program for Seniors'', 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled ''The Costs and Consequences of Dodd-Frank Section 1502: Impacts on America and the Congo'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* May 9, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled ''Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in the Middle East'', 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* May 8, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled ''Measuring Border Security: U.S. Border Patrol's New Strategic Plan and the Path Forward'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 8, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled ''Building Secure Partnerships in Travel, Commerce, and Trade with the Asia-Pacific Region'', 12:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 9, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 3857, the ''Public Transit Security and Local Law Enforcement Support Act''; H.R. 4005, the ''Gauging American Port Security Act''; H.R. 3173, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for the enrollment, activation, issuance, and renewal of a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) to require, in total, not more than one in-person visit to a designated enrollment center; and H. R. 2356, the ''WMD Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2011'', 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 9, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology, joint hearing entitled ''First Responder Technologies: Ensuring a Prioritized Approach for Homeland Security Research and Development'', 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 8, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 4970, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2012; H.R. 4377, the ''Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2012''; and the ''Divisional Realignment Act of 2012'', 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 9, Full Committee, hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 4369, the ''Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012'', 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* May 8, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3210, the ''Retailers and Entertainers Lacey Implementation and Enforcement Fairness Act''; and H.R. 4171, the ''Freedom from Over-Criminalization and Unjust Seizures Act of 2012'', 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Evaluating President Obama's Offshore Drilling Plan and Impacts on Our Future'', 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* May 9, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, joint hearing entitled ''TSA Oversight Part IV: Is TSA Effectively Procuring, Deploying, and Storing Aviation Security Equipment and Technology?'', 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Where Are All the Watchdogs? Addressing Inspector General Vacancies'', 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* May 8, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled ''The Science Behind Green Building Rating Systems'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled ''Ensuring the Best Stewardship of American Taxpayer Dollars at the National Science Foundation'', 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Running on Empty: The Effects of High Gasoline Prices on Small Businesses'', 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled ''Supporting American Jobs and the Economy through Expanded Energy Production: Challenges and Opportunities of Unconventional Resources Technology'', 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* May 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''VA Mental Health Care Staffing: Ensuring Quality and Quantity'', 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means:* May 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled ''Identity Theft and Tax Fraud'', 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Competitive Bidding Program'', 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled ''The State of Social Security's Information Technology'', 2 p.m., B–318 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* May 10, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This is a closed hearing.

## Joint Meetings

*Conference:* May 8, meeting of conferees on H.R. 4348, 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, and for other purposes, 3 p.m., SH–216.

# 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 April 30, 2012

| | *Senate* | *House* | *Total* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Days in session | 52 | 55 | .. |
| Time in session | 323 hrs., 48′ | 258 hrs., 46′ | .. |
| Congressional Record: | | | |
| Pages of proceedings | 2890 | 2289 | .. |
| Extensions of Remarks | .. | 701 | .. |
| Public bills enacted into law | 3 | 13 | 16 |
| Private bills enacted into law | .. | .. | .. |
| Bills in conference | 1 | 1 | .. |
| Measures passed, total | 114 | 112 | 226 |
| Senate bills | 12 | 3 | .. |
| House bills | 25 | 64 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House joint resolutions | .. | 1 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | 5 | 4 | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | 3 | 5 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 69 | 35 | .. |
| Measures reported, total | *87 | *98 | 185 |
| Senate bills | 61 | 6 | .. |
| House bills | 15 | 68 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House joint resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | .. | 1 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 11 | 23 | .. |
| Special reports | 2 | 1 | .. |
| Conference reports | .. | 2 | .. |
| Measures pending on calendar | 273 | 42 | .. |
| Measures introduced, total | 587 | 1,729 | 2,316 |
| Bills | 476 | 1,559 | .. |
| Joint resolutions | 6 | 10 | .. |
| Concurrent resolutions | 10 | 26 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 95 | 134 | .. |
| Quorum calls | .. | 1 | .. |
| Yea-and-nay votes | 87 | 82 | .. |
| Recorded votes | .. | 112 | .. |
| Bills vetoed | .. | .. | .. |
| Vetoes overridden | .. | .. | .. |

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 62 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 101 reports have been filed in the House.

## DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through April 30, 2012

| | |
|---|---|
| Civilian nominations totaling 296, (including 188 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 107 |
| Unconfirmed | 180 |
| Withdrawn | 9 |
| Other Civilian nominations totaling 920 (including 167 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 441 |
| Unconfirmed | 476 |
| Withdrawn | 3 |
| Air Force nominations, totaling 4,368, (including 295 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 1,901 |
| Unconfirmed | 2,467 |
| Army nominations, totaling 3,446 (including 16 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 3,430 |
| Unconfirmed | 16 |
| Navy nominations, totaling 184 (including 1 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 93 |
| Unconfirmed | 91 |
| Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,305, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 124 |
| Unconfirmed | 1,181 |

*Summary*

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|---|---|
| Total nominations carried over from the First Session | 667 |
| Total nominations received this Session | 9,852 |
| Total confirmed | 6,096 |
| Total unconfirmed | 4,411 |
| Total withdrawn | 12 |
| Total returned to the White House | 0 |