Burwell, Atlantic Council, and Nicolas Veron, Peterson Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.; and Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

RISING PRISON COSTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rising prison costs, focusing on restricting budgets and crime prevention options, after receiving testimony from Edward F. Davis, Boston Police Commissioner, Boston, Massachusetts; Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, Keswick Advisors, LLC, Richmond, Virginia; and Brett Tolman, Ray Quinney & Nebeker, Salt Lake City, Utah.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 6244–6271; and 5 resolutions, H.Res. 750–754 were introduced. **Pages H5628–29**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5630**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Laura Richardson (H. Rept. 112–642);

H.R. 3158, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (H. Rept. 112–643); and

H. Res. 752, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6233) to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal year 2012 with the costs of such assistance offset by changes to certain conservation programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–644). **Page H5628**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5527**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Geoff Davis, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Fourth Congressional District of Kentucky, effective at close of business on July 31, 2012. **Page H5527**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. Davis, the whole number of the House is 431. **Page H5527**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H5534–35**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Michael Catt, Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. **Page H5535**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Guinta, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H5538**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Guinta, wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget. **Page H5538**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Guinta, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H5538**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 751, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H5538**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1627: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. Con. Res. 55, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1627. **Page H5552**

Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 135, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in recognition of her leadership and perseverance in the struggle for freedom and democracy in Burma. **Page H5552**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, August 2nd. **Page H5552**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1905, with an amendment: H. Res. 750, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to

H.R. 1905, with an amendment, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 546; **Pages H5552–78, H5597–98**

Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012: H.R. 4273, amended, to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation; **Pages H5602–04**

Residential and Commuter Toll Fairness Act: H.R. 897, to provide authority and sanction for the granting and issuance of programs for residential and commuter toll, user fee and fare discounts by States, municipalities, other localities, and all related agencies and departments; **Pages H5604–06**

Mille Lacs Lake Freedom To Fish Act of 2012: H.R. 5797, amended, to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to Mille Lacs Lake, Minnesota; **Pages H5606–08**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To exempt the owners and operators of vessels operating on Mille Lacs Lake, Minnesota, from certain Federal requirements." **Page H5608**

Farmers Undertake Environmental Land Stewardship Act: H.R. 3158, amended, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms; **Pages H5608–09**

Marine Debris Act Amendments of 2012: H.R. 1171, amended, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; **Pages H5609–12**

RESPA Home Warranty Clarification Act: H.R. 2446, amended, to clarify the treatment of homeowner warranties under current law; **Pages H5612–13**

March of Dimes Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3187, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation; and **Pages H5613–16**

Pro Football Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 4104, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. **Pages H5616–18**

Job Protection and Recession Prevention Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 8, to extend certain tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003, by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 545. **Pages H5538–52, H5578–97**

Rejected the DeFazio motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 544. **Pages H5594–97**

Rejected:

Levin amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–641) that sought to extend for one year certain expired or expiring tax provisions that apply to middle-income taxpayers with income below $250,000 for married couples filing jointly, and below $200,000 for single filers, including, but not limited to, marginal rate reductions, capital gains and dividend rate preferences, alternative minimum tax relief, marriage penalty relief, and expanded tax relief for working families with children and college students (by a yea-and-nay vote of 170 yeas to 257 nays, Roll No. 543). **Pages H5588–94**

H. Res. 747, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6169) and (H.R. 8), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 542. **Pages H5538–52**

Agreed to the Scott (SC) amendment to the rule by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 541, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 540. **Pages H5549–51**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, July 31st:

Amending title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies: H.R. 4365, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 6 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 547; **Page H5598**

Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act: S. 300, amended, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards; **Page H5599**

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado: H.R. 4073, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875; **Page H5599**

Creating the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands: H.R. 3706,

amended, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands; **Page H5618**

La Pine Land Conveyance Act: S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon; **Page H5618**

Wallowa Forest Service Compound Conveyance Act: S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon; **Page H5618**

Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2012: H.R. 3796, amended, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006; **Pages H5618–19**

Enacting title 54, United States Code, "National Park System", as positive law: H.R. 1950, amended, to enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park System", as positive law; **Page H5619**

Student Visa Reform Act: H.R. 3120, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require accreditation of certain educational institutions for purposes of a nonimmigrant student visa; **Page H5619**

Foreign and Economic Espionage Penalty Enhancement Act of 2012: H.R. 6029, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased penalties for foreign and economic espionage; **Page H5619**

Child Protection Act of 2012: H.R. 6063, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to child pornography and child exploitation offenses; **Page H5619**

STOP Identity Theft Act of 2012: H.R. 4362, to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts; **Page H5619**

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2012: H.R. 6062, to reauthorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program through fiscal year 2017; and **Page H5619**

Federal Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Act: H.R. 1550, amended, to establish programs in the Department of Justice and in the Department of Homeland Security to help States that have high rates of homicide and other violent crime. **Page H5619**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To establish a program in the Department of Justice to improve recruitment, assignment, and retention of Federal law enforcement officers in States, territories, and jurisdictions that have a high rate of homicide or other violent crime.". **Page H5619**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived: H. Con. Res. 127, to express the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived. **Pages H5599–H5602**

Providing for the use of National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin surcharges: The House agreed by unanimous consent to pass S. 3363, to provide for the use of National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin surcharges. **Page H5613**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5552.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 55 was held at the desk. **Page H5552**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5550, H5550–51, H5551–52, H5594, H5596–97, H5597, H5597–98, and H5598. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

FINAL REPORT OF THE WILLIAM H. WEBSTER COMMISSION ON THE FBI, COUNTERTERRORISM INTELLIGENCE, AND THE EVENTS AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS ON NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Final Report of the William H. Webster Commission on the FBI, Counterterrorism Intelligence, and the Events at Fort Hood, Texas on November 5, 2009. Testimony was heard from Mark F. Giuliano, Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch, and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SEQUESTRATION IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS AND THE EFFECTS ON NATIONAL DEFENSE: ADMINISTRATION PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Sequestration Implementation Options and the Effects on National Defense: Administration Perspectives. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Zients, Acting Director, Office of Management and